

A Public Health Approach

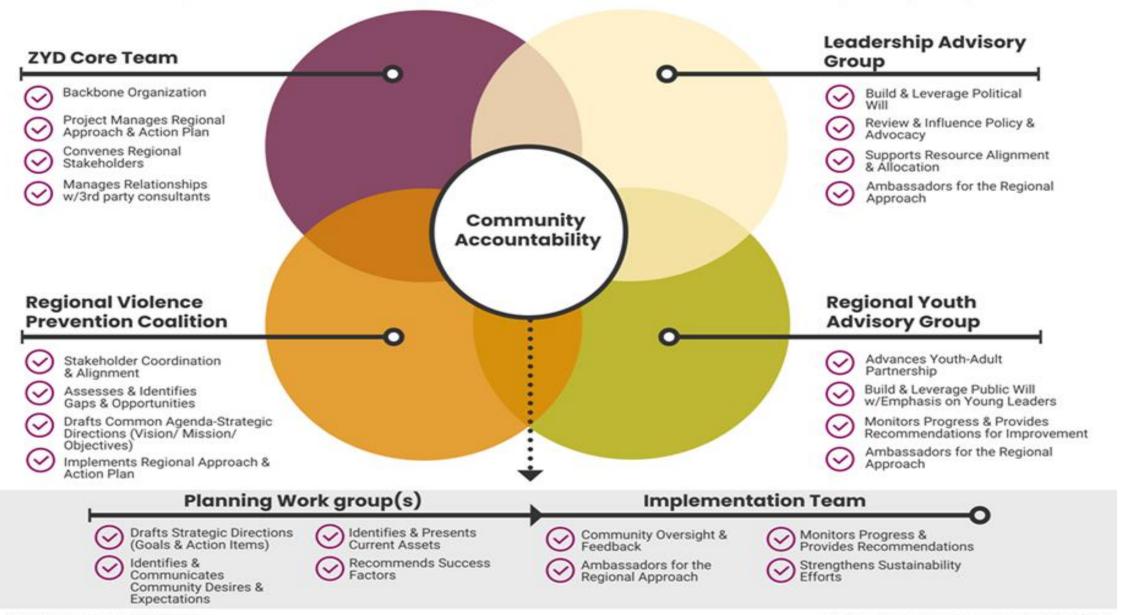
Since early 2021, Public Health- Seattle & King County has been leading an inclusive Community Safety and Well-being Planning process, that calls for a public health approach to ending gun violence.

The two-pronged strategy includes:

Groups that blend community and systems partners to identify solutions and provide recommendations in the domains of Juvenile Justice, Education, Workforce Development, Community-Led Safety and Health & Human Services.

Immediate Response: The Regional Peacekeepers Collective is an overarching umbrella that supports a multi-initiative/multi-organization network to provide Intervention, Prevention and Restoration services including critical incident and hospital-based response, intensive engagement and wrap-around life affirming care and resources to youth and families most impacted by gun violence and unjust systems

Admin Structure for Community Safety & Well-Being Plan



Background & Problem Statement

Gun violence is on the rise in Seattle & King County, with approximately 50% of the victims being African-American/Black men and boys. This violence also inflicts trauma on entire families, neighborhoods, and communities.

Homicides are the leading cause of death for young Black/African American men and boys. While the true cost can never be calculated, the CDC estimates that homicides cost the US economy \$26.4 billion every year in medical expenses and work loss costs alone.



According to the 2021 year-end incident report from the King County Prosecutor's Office, the total number of shots fired incidents in 2021 (1405) was up around 54% and the number of overall shooting victims (460) was up 70% over the four year average for 2017-2020.

More specifically, the number of fatal shooting victims (88) was up 54% while the number of nonfatal shooting victims (372) was up 75% over the four-year average..





RPKC Objectives



High-intensity Engagement and Support for Youth and Families



Critical Incident Response System with Hospital and Community Based



Support



Wrap Around Care for High-Risk Youth via a Care Team



Support and Connection for Families & Younger Siblings



Decreased Negative Law Enforcement Contact



Additional Community Capacity for Restorative Justice Programs

Community Outreach, Public Awareness and Restorative Events

Theory of Change

- Place-based social services, offered by culturally reflective providers, help connect young
 people at greatest risk to the services and support they need to develop lasting selfefficacy and positive community attachment.
- Our community-led public health approach uses data driven strategies to ensure intensive support and wrap services for youth and families most directly involved in incidents of gun violence. Place-based strategies reduce violence by addressing important environmental and social contexts, such as economic and educational opportunity gaps, greening of vacant lots and remediating of active "hot-spots".
- Compassion-based care is trauma-informed, and emphasizes solution-focused positive youth development, by connecting young people locally to mentorship, skill development, emotional well-being and growth opportunities.

Priority Population Served

As reported by Harborview Medical Center Emergency Room Admission data, 100-150 young people between the ages of 16-24 years of age are seen in the emergency room for gun related injury each year. By zeroing in on these high-risk young people, we can reduce shootings and fatalities by significant numbers.

According to the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, there are 50-80 young people per year who emerge in court cases as being at highest risk for gun violence involvement.

100-150 Highly Targeted Highest Risk Youth

The regional approach focuses efforts on those at highest risk, tailoring services to the needs of individual youth and families 2.3 M
King County
Population

18.3 K King County Incarcerated



Shared Methods of Practice



Community Leadership

 Multi-partner approach, with centralized management, coordination and reporting.

Rigorous Training & Professional Development

 To strengthen and build community capacity, all RPKC partners complete required trainings and teams are supported and managed via weekly meetings, on-going training and organizational level staff supervision and professional development

Coordinated Service Delivery

 Violence interruption, hospital-based intervention, client services, and family restoration services ensuring highest quality of care and support for youth and families.

Program Model

Our Intervention, Prevention and Restoration (IPR) framework is focused on rigorous intervention, targeted prevention, and follow-up support for community restoration.

INTERVENTION

Critical incident response and violence interruption based on real time notifications and strategic engagement based on data from shots fired reports.

Hospital Based Intervention

Hot spot remediation and direct community support.

PREVENTION

Connect highest risk youth with credible outreach workers to build resiliency and decrease negative law enforcement contact

Support safe schools through SCSI initiative

Provide access to services and group programs, also for families and siblings.

RESTORATION

Provide intensive support:

- Care Team- Outreach/ Case Managers
- /Service Navigators
- Client Services
- Restoration Services
- Family/Sibling Support

Community events, with grief and mental health resources.

RPKC Strategy **Data Collection** & Analysis Community Weekly Restoration & **Shots Fired Healing Activities** Reviews and action planning Keeping the Peace Family & Sibling **Protocol Driven** Critical Incident Services Notification, Violence Interruption & Hospital Response Trauma Informed Strategic School -based Outreach Life Coaching & safe passage, Community Case Management Engagement/Hotspot Remediation **Enrollment with RPKC** Care Team

Intervention

Violence interruption and immediate connection to services for youth and families directly impacted.

Critical Incident Managers & Leads:

Respond to violent incidents. Provide community safety monitoring, hotspot remediation and strategic community engagement.

Violence Interrupters: Provide on-scene violence interruption at scenes of shootings/violence, hospitals and in known community hotspots.

Hospital Based Interventionists: Help connect families to services, prevent retaliatory violence, and ensure follow up care.

Client Services Managers: Support services referral and case coordination. Connect youth at highest risk for gun involvement with relevant services and supports, including harm/risk reduction services and supports.

Prevention

Safety planning, risk assessment and service referrals for young people and their siblings to prevent future violent incidents. Group mentoring and connection to caring adults.

Outreach Workers: Build rapid rapport and trust and bridge young people to services and care to reduce crisis/risk and connect to positive opportunities.



Provide support for families directly impacted by gun violence (younger sibling ages 12-16).

Peacekeepers Programming: Provide support services and group programs for directly impacted youth, younger siblings and peers who witness/are impacted by incidents of gun violence, specifically conflict resolution.



Restoration

Intensive engagement and connection to a web of support and opportunity. Healing activities, events and service connections to ensure connection to care.

Case Managers: Partners with youth and outreach worker to assess risks, create and maintain safety and individual service plans.

Restoration Services Coordinator:

Provide connection to Client Services Manager for support/referral for younger siblings and families.

Family Support Specialists: Support youth transition home from hospital, follow up care appointments and victim assistance resources. Support family with safety and care planning, and with any vigils, funerals and memorials.

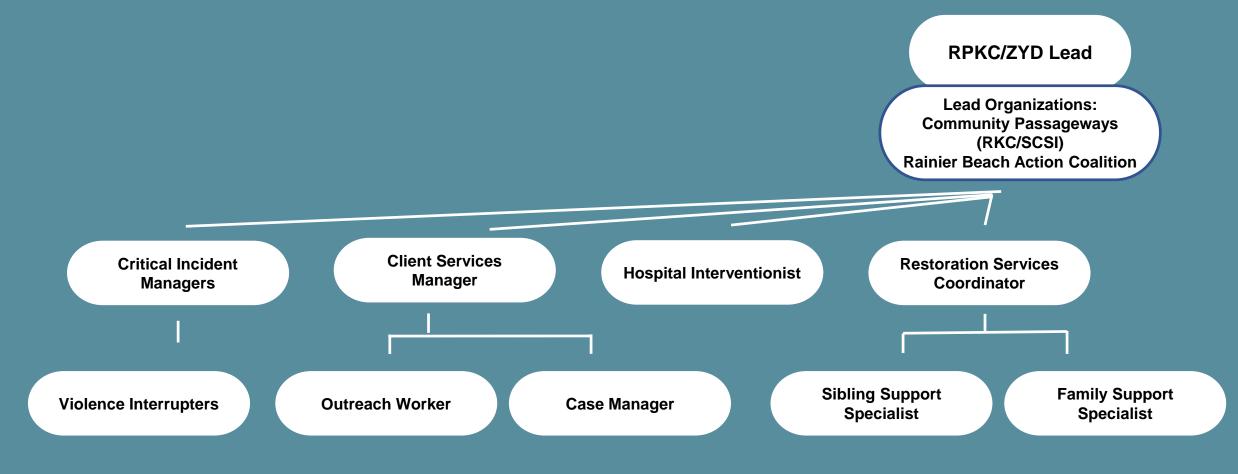
Culturally Responsive Mental Health Provider Network: Support in accessing mental health services, grief counseling and restorative activities. Work with families to support vigils, funerals and memorials.







RPKC a Public Health Approach Service Model





Regional Peacekeepers Collective Providers Seattle/South King County Network















Seattle Community Safety Initiative (SCSI)









Rainier Beach Action Coalition (RBAC) Restorative Solutions









