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- (ii) Enhance Client Services &
- (iii) Improve Program Outcomes



CVIPI
Community Based Violence Intervention
and Prevention Initiative

OJJDP Office of Juvenile Justice
and Delinquency Prevention

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of Justice
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Programs

- **Project HEAL (HVIP)** helps adults (18+ years old) in Monmouth and Ocean County who have **experienced interpersonal violence**
 - Served 600+ survivors of violence and over 3,000 trauma-informed counselling sessions since March 2021
 - Services include:
 - hospital bedside and emergency support
 - healthcare coordination
 - trauma-informed counseling
 - case management
 - referrals to social, housing and other direct services
- **Elevate (CBVI)** serves Monmouth County youth (12-20 years old) **at risk of violence** victimization or perpetration
 - 80+ referrals since February 2023 from community partners, e.g., police departments, probation, schools, care management organizations
 - Services include:
 - trauma-informed counseling
 - peer mentoring
 - case management
 - healthcare coordination
 - alternatives to violence

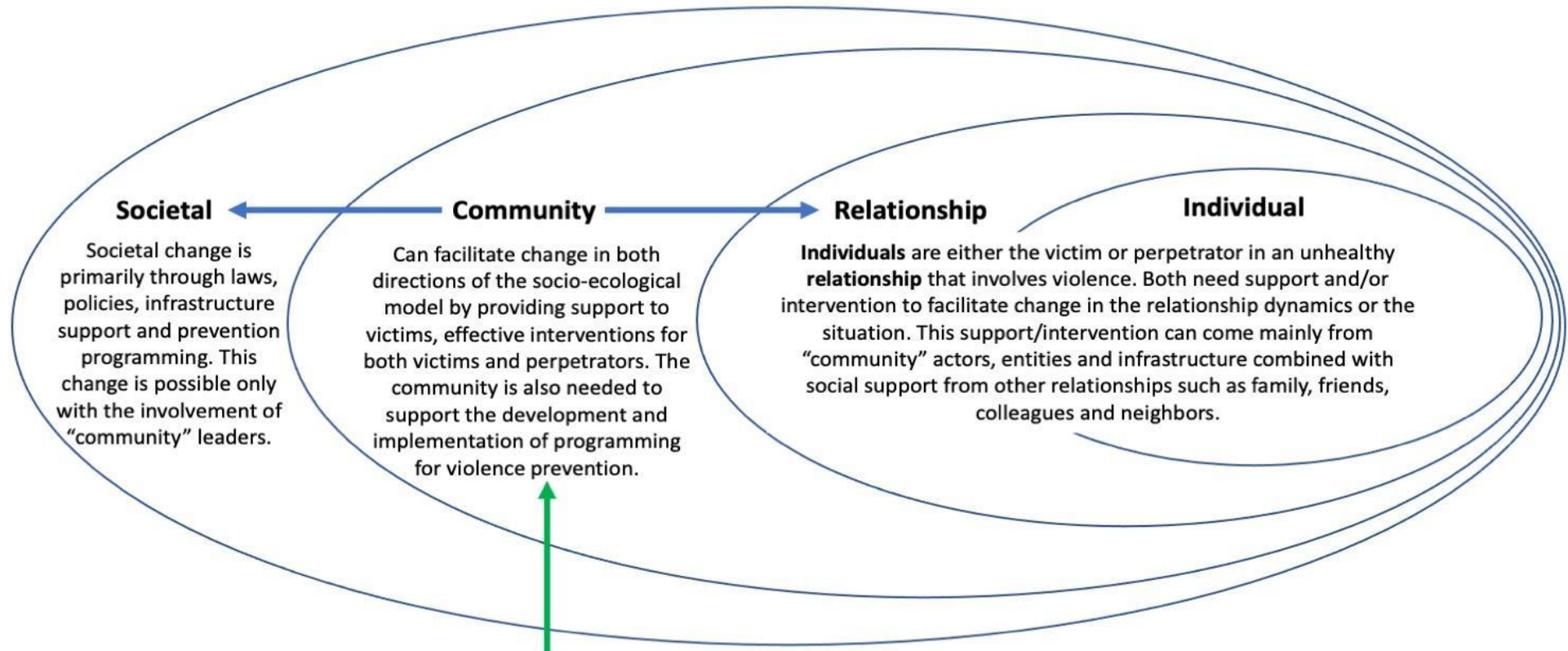


Coordinated Community Response

- **Coordinated by:** Healthcare Approaches to Justice Collaborative (MSU Team)
- **Entities:** Project HEAL & Elevate (PH&E), Community Stakeholders, Jersey Shore University Medical Center
- **Goal:** To develop a consortium of community stakeholders that commit to finding solutions that decrease community violence and promote an anti-racist, culturally-competent, equitable, healthy society.
- **Activities:**
 1. Conducting interagency cross-training,
 2. Identifying high-risk situations and engaging in collaborative problem-solving,
 3. Seeking feedback to ensure that PH&E's services align with and meet the community need
 4. Supporting the data collection and evaluations

Why Coordinated Community Response?

FIGURE-1: Proposing a Unified Framework for Coordinated Community Response



Therefore, we propose the use of “Community”, both in word and action, for any kind of prevention, intervention, law/policy, procedure, in response to violence at all levels of the socio-ecological model and at all levels of geography. This will help move the focus to ensuring that the response to violence is coordinated, efficient and effective.



Community-Engaged Research – Baseline

Using HAJC expertise to present a ‘lay of the land’ & ‘program data’ to the community

- UCR Findings
- Violence Risk Assessment – current state of knowledge
- Sheriff data
- SHAD
- PH&E referral data
- Media reports of violence - themes

Community-Engaged Research – Program Outcomes

Identifying Program Outcomes of Importance Locally

Stakeholder Outcomes *Survey*

- Hospital and community stakeholders, e.g., social workers, healthcare practitioners, law enforcement
- Two rating tasks:
 - ...**how important** is it for a violence intervention program to achieve the following outcome...?
 - ...**how often** did you (or your organization) serve victims of violent crime to achieve the following outcome...?

Community Members *Focus Groups*

- Assess the needs of the community in terms of strategies to reduce violence victimization
- Identify HVIP outcomes of importance to community members
- Refine Project HEAL by strategically allocating program resources and designing evaluations to measure success in meeting community-specified outcomes

PH&E Clients *Focus Groups*

- Assess the needs of victims and families in terms of strategies to reduce violence victimization
- Identify HVIP outcomes of importance to victims and family members
- Refine Project HEAL by strategically allocating program resources and designing evaluations to measure success in meeting stakeholder, community member and client specified outcomes



Applying Results from Community-Engaged Research

- Refine programs by strategically allocating resources
- Design evaluations to measure success in meeting stakeholder and community and client-specified outcomes

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