



Violence Free West Allis Newsletter

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Thank you to all the stakeholders of West Allis and West Milwaukee who are passionate about being engaged and involved in the Cardiff Model translation. The purpose of this newsletter is to continue to update you on our progress.

Next Meeting April 18, 2019!

The next meeting of the Violence Free West Allis Collaborative (VFWAC) will be held on **Thursday, April 18**. The meeting will be held in the Constitution Room of the West Allis Public Library, 7421 W. National Avenue, West Allis, WI. The meeting will begin promptly at 1:00 pm and last approximately two hours. At this meeting, we will review the results of assault-related data for February-April; continue to discuss the Cardiff Model translation in the City of West Allis, and work on the development of an action plan for the project moving forward.

The VFWAC met on February 15, 2019 to discuss patterns of assault in West Allis during December 2018 and January 2019. Following the view of the data, the group used Haddon's Matrix to discuss ways to influence violence through the lens of the victim, the perpetrator and the environment. From there, the group broke our ideas into pre-event, event, and post-event actions. These ideas were gathered and added to our strategic action plan framework using individual, relationship, community and societal levels. Below is the current draft of the VFWAC strategic planning tool for the Domestic Violence Lens. As the collaborative investigates other realms of violence this tool will continue to expand.

Violence Free West Allis Strategic Planning- Domestic Violence Lens	
Purpose	
Promote a safe and healthy community through data collection, education, leveraging of resources and policy advocacy	
Key Objectives	
Use of timely, comprehensive data to prioritize prevention efforts Reduce the incidence of violence through prevention efforts Foster safe and strong neighborhoods	
Individual	Performance Measure Indicators
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Botvin Life Skills. Offers scaled lessons on the following topics from grades 3-12: self-esteem, decision-making, smoking information, advertising, dealing with stress, communication skills, social skills, assertiveness • GAIN-SS screening tool to be used with students who have violence related offenses at school using the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rates of DV by demographics • ED data • # of reported child/elder abuse • # receiving services • # and type of referrals for

<p>SBIRT model protocol</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An after-school program that provides tutoring to increase academic performance • Programming for Offenders • Handle with Care Policy across school district 	<p>services</p>
Relationship	Performance Measure Indicators
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthy Relationship Middle School Educators Toolkit and Healthy Relationship High School Educators Toolkit from loveisrespect.org, a project of the National Domestic Violence Hotline and Break the Cycle • Men of Strength (MOST) Project: to identify concrete steps to take in the future to build individual strength in men and working to end men's violence against women. Consists of 19 sessions (13 required and 6 elective). • Positive Parenting Classes and Support Groups • Relationship workshops where couples work with other couples on respectful communication strategies 	
Community	Performance Measure Indicators
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rapid Rehousing • Increasing Community Awareness • Mobile Advocacy • Online access to resources • Support groups • Substance Dependence Treatment and Support Groups • Legal Advocacy/Legal Assistance • Handle with Care Program • Social isolation and distrust • Domestic Violence Workplace Policies • Guidelines for Implementing Workplace Policies to Protect Survivors • Policy to prevent /address bullying behavior • A citywide policy that changes the planning procedures for the layout of new communities • Residents organize and make physical improvements to their neighborhoods • Faith based communities – first safety link (create toolkit) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Warning signs ○ Safe Place ○ Role model/mentor ○ Education/Sermon ○ counseling • DV / Trauma informed therapist that are affordable for DV victims • Drug and Alcohol Treatment Options • Peer/Street Mediators • Promote Safe at Home Program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number and types of DV prevention programs • Program evaluations • # participating in community ed. • # and types of partnerships • \$ amount of funding invested in DV
Societal	Performance Measure Indicators

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding! • Change the norm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Gender inequities ○ Culture of violence ○ Ignore family matters ○ Cultural beliefs • Community sanctions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Weak legal sanctions against DV ○ Lack of moral and social pressure. • Harmful media and marketing • Media campaign including TV, radio, newspaper, and Internet methods of communication to create awareness and change the way people think about violence • High alcohol density and availability • Housing insecurity • Economic Insecurity • Land use policy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Impacts of DV • Number and types of local and state policies implemented • Unemployment numbers • Average income/household • Average housing costs • Number of vacant units
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Violence and the Opioid Epidemic

Moving on from domestic violence action planning, the collaborative will begin exploring the connections between drug abuse and violence in our community. On April 18th, 2019, the collaborative will review violence and opioid data made available through EMS reporting. This review will kick off our discussion of addressing these issues concurrently.

Partner Organizations

- Antigua Mexican and Latin Restaurant
- Apostle Presbyterian Church
- Aurora St. Luke's Hospital
- Aurora West Allis Memorial Hospital
- Children's Hospital of Wisconsin
- Community Advocates Public Policy Institute
- Downtown West Allis Business Improvement District (BID)
- Froedtert Hospital & the Medical College of Wisconsin
- Comprehensive Injury Center
- Mayor's Office of West Allis
- Milwaukee County Office of Emergency Management
- Milwaukee Police Department
- Rogers Behavioral Health
- Safe and Sound
- Tavern League of Wisconsin
- University of Wisconsin- Milwaukee
- West Allis Information Technology
- West Allis Fire Department
- West Allis Health Department

- West Allis Police Department
- West Allis-West Milwaukee Community Coalition
- West Allis-West Milwaukee Family Resource Center
- West Allis-West Milwaukee School District
- West Milwaukee Police Department



Next Steps

We will continue working to improve data procedures and quality in our four partnering hospitals. These important activities will hopefully increase the usefulness of the data for you, our stakeholders. We will look at some additional ways to breakdown the data based on partner feedback and will begin to look at some additional data sets to add to the maps. We plan to continue to meet every other month to discuss assault-related information collected at and violence prevention initiatives in detail.

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