



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 February 15, 2019!

The next meeting of the Violence Free West Allis Collaborative (VFWAC) will be held on **Thursday, February 15th**. The meeting will be held in the Constitution Room of the West Allis Public Library, 7421 W. National Avenue, West Allis, WI. The construction on National Avenue is complete and access should be much easier! 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 October and November; 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.

December Meeting Presentations and Discussion

At the December meeting Sara Kohlbeck, MCW, provided an overview of the Patterns of Assault in West Allis for October and November 2018 including information specific to domestic violence. Below is a summary of the key points from the most recent data grab.

- Recently there has been an increase in violent cases in and around school environments.
- The highest density of violence continues to be heightened on the eastern side of the city.
- Domestic-Related Assaults
 - 73 of 111 cases in WAPD for October and November
 - 65.8% of cases
 - Age span of victims in domestic-related assaults:
 - Ages 18 through 71
 - Average age of victim = 34.9 years
 - Victims are mostly female (73% of DV victims are female)
 - Offenders are mostly male (82% of DV offenders are male)

Holli Stephens a victims advocate from the West Allis Police Department provided an overview of the domestic violence prevention and assistance programs available through the police department, as well as a discussion of current challenges and future action steps.

Sabley Sabin a social worker from the West Allis West Milwaukee School District shared information

about new programs offered by the school district to aid in violence prevention efforts. She shared that the data made available through this group helped bring these programs to the district. Below is a list of violence prevention school district programs.

- 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
- 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
- GAIN-SS screening tool to be used with students who have violence related offenses at school using the SBIRT model protocol
- 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). See attachment for more detail.

Homework for February Meeting!

At the December meeting we had an amazing discussion around the topic of domestic violence, however we were not able to get through all the items on the agenda. As homework from the February meeting, we ask that members complete the Violence Free West Allis Strategic Planning form distributed at the meeting, and included with this newsletter.

Please take some time prior to the February meeting to brainstorm some initiatives you think would be valuable to address individual, relationship, community, and societal factors associated with violence. See examples of these factors below.

<p>Individual Factors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low self-esteem • Low income • Aggressive or delinquent behavior as a youth • Heavy alcohol and drug use • Depression • Anger and hostility • Desire for power and control in relationships • Being a victim of physical or psychological abuse <p>Relationship Factors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marital conflict-fights, tension, and other struggles • Marital instability-divorces or separations • Dominance and control of the relationship by one partner over the other • Economic stress 	<p>Relationship Factors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marital conflict-fights, tension, and other struggles • Marital instability-divorces or separations • Dominance and control of the relationship by one partner over the other • Economic stress • Unhealthy family relationships and interactions <p>Community Factors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poverty and associated factors (e.g., overcrowding) • Housing • Low social capital-lack of institutions, relationships, and norms that shape a community’s social interactions • Weak community sanctions against IPV
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unhealthy family relationships and interactions <p>Societal Factors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traditional gender norms (e.g., women should stay at home, not enter workforce, and be submissive; men support the family and make the decisions) • Media – ads, porn, products 	<p>(e.g., unwillingness of neighbors to intervene in situations where they witness violence)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alcohol Density
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Record your suggestions on the Violence Free West Allis Strategic Planning form and send it to Sally Nusslock, snusslock@westalliswi.gov, prior to the February meeting. This information will be used to kick off discussions at planning at the next meeting.

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
- Milwaukee Behavioral Health
- Milwaukee Community Foundation
- Milwaukee 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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