

THE ISSUE: Teen Violence

Teen violence related issues were among the top 10 public safety problems identified by recipients of the 2011 COPS Hiring Program. When identifying a public safety problem it is important to think about the nature of similar incidents (e.g., teen gang activity, assaults among youth, and teen date rape). While doing this, it can be helpful to consider all aspects of the problem, including the likely offenders, the suitable targets/victims, and how they all come together to create the situation.

An important component in achieving the COPS Office's mission is to provide quality knowledge resources that address key public safety issues. Featured here is a sample of resources that can be used to directly support your efforts—they can be shared with staff, your community, or used for training purposes. Please visit the COPS Office website to order and download a complete listing of our knowledge resources.

Knowledge Resources



Disorderly Youth in Public Places (2011)

This guide discusses one of the most common problems facing police agencies and reviews factors contributing to disorderly youth. The guide also identifies questions for police to ask when dealing with this problem, proposes responses, and identifies ways to measure the effectiveness of those responses.



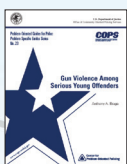
Because Things Happen Every Day: Responding to Teenage Victims of Crime/Discussion Guide and CD-ROM (2005)

Designed to foster a greater understanding of the impact of crime and violence on teens and the obstacles teens face in seeking help, this video and guide features two innovative programs that have been effective in reaching and responding to teen victims through the use of peer leadership, in-school support groups, one-on-one counseling, and hotlines.



Teen Action Toolkit Building a Youth-led Response to Teen Victimization (2007)

This toolkit is a hands-on implementation guide for the Teen Action Partnership (TAP) for Teen Victims program. TAP for Teen Victims is a program that marshals the strengths of youth as leaders to transform their communities' response to teenage victims of crime, while building the resilience of the youth participants at the same time.



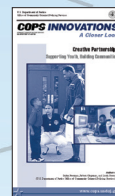
Gun Violence Among Serious Young Offenders (2010)

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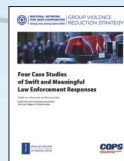
Vital Partners: Mayors and Police Chiefs Working Together for America's Children and Youth (2007)

The National League of Cities (NLC) and the COPS Office released a report highlighting effective collaborations between mayors and law enforcement officials to protect the safety of children and youth. Topics addressed in the report include prevention of gang violence, bullying, and substance abuse; creating safe places for recreation; effective neighborhood policing programs; and partnerships with diverse stakeholders.



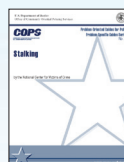
Creative Partnerships: Supporting Youth, Building Communities (2002)

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Group Violence Reduction Strategy: Four Case Studies of Swift and Meaningful Law Enforcement Responses (2011)

The National Network for Safe Communities' group violence reduction strategy provides four case studies to show that violent crime can be dramatically reduced when law enforcement, community members, and social services providers join together to directly engage with violent street groups and gangs.



Stalking (2006)

Stalking creates uncertainty, instills fear, and can completely disrupt lives. This guide reviews the problem of stalking and the factors that contribute to it. It identifies a series of questions to help law enforcement analyze their local problem and create responses that work.

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