

Children
Exposed to
Violence (CEV)

The REACH Team

Supporting children and families exposed to violence









REALITY - Guns and Violence Cause Trauma

Trauma therapy is not routinely offered to children who see, hear, or know of violence

Only if they are the DIRECT victim (shot) will they receive that type of support



Violence is...

Any Gun Violence

Homicide

Gang violence

Robbery

Suicide

Domestic Violence/Intimate Partner Violence

Assault



Respond Educate Advocate Community Healing for Kids

Respond	Respond to scene when LAPD calls us to do crisis counseling with kids
Make	Make contact with the family in the first 24 hours of the incident (reports)
Care	Care packages, crisis counseling, assess for needs and explain our program
Follow up	Follow up to do intake for short term support. We provide up to 6 counseling sessions – no paperwork, only consent
Long-term	If very traumatic or complex, fast track into long- term support
Link	Link to other services, housing, legal, job training, VOC, and internal Cii programs.
Help	Help families get basic needs met until they are stable, food, clothing, hotel, diapers, etc
Refer	Refer adults to counseling with other agencies

Why this program is needed?



Change trajectory of a child keep them out of the criminal justice system



Educate Parents, Schools, Law Enforcement about Children Exposed to Violence and Trauma



Truancy – keep them in school



Change narrative of police and community interactions





Kids Are Exposed

- DIRECTLY
- Present
- Threatened
- Injured

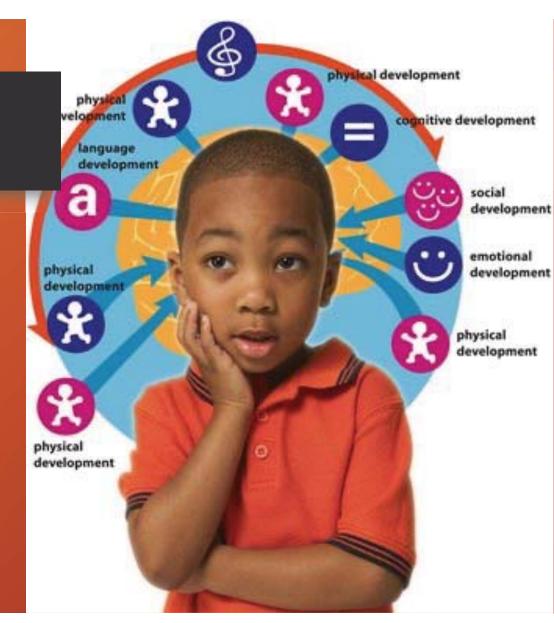


INDIRECTLY

- Hear shots fired
- See or hear violence
- Hear stories about violence
- Know a person shot, killed or injured
- Violence is near a place the child frequents (school, park, store, place of worship)

It is important to treat trauma early because...

- Trauma has been shown to have a negative effect on the child's developing brain
 - Especially if not treated while brain is still developing
- There are clear links between exposure to violence and emotional and behavioral health issues such as:
 - Learning Disabilities
 - Low School Attendance/Dropping out
 - Health Problems (asthma and more)
 - Suicide Attempts
 - Criminal Behavior
 - Alcohol and Drug Problems
 - Intergenerational Violence



How The **REACH** Team supports the **South Los Angeles Community**

FREE SERVICES GRANT FUNDED



Crisis response within first 24 hours

Contact & engage with children exposed to the trauma

Provide care package and resources for family

Offer crisis counseling for children 4-6 sessions and/or linkages to support services through Cii or other partners

Follow up with family with case management and possible long-term support

1-800-984-2404

WORKING TOGETHER TO HELP KIDS!

- Los Angeles City Attorney
- LAPD
- CII (Children's Institute)
- Community Partners (Tessie Cleveland (adult mental health referrals) Community Resource Coalition My Stuff Bags, Inc. and more







