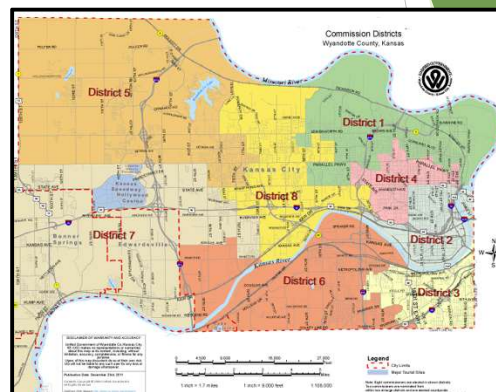


Preventing Sexual Violence at the Community Level

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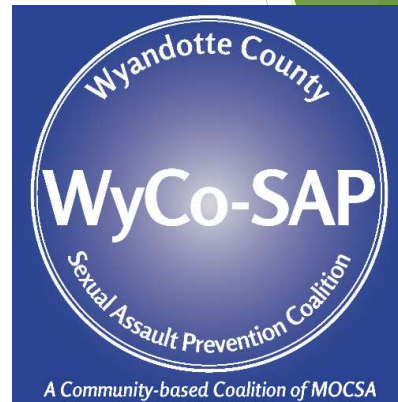
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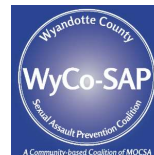
History

- ▶ Coalition has existed for over a decade and was formerly called the *Wyandotte County Advisory Committee*
- ▶ Coalition goals changed in January 2014 to shift from individual level education to community level primary prevention
- ▶ Coalition rebranded to Wyandotte County Sexual Assault Prevention Coalition (WyCo-SAP)



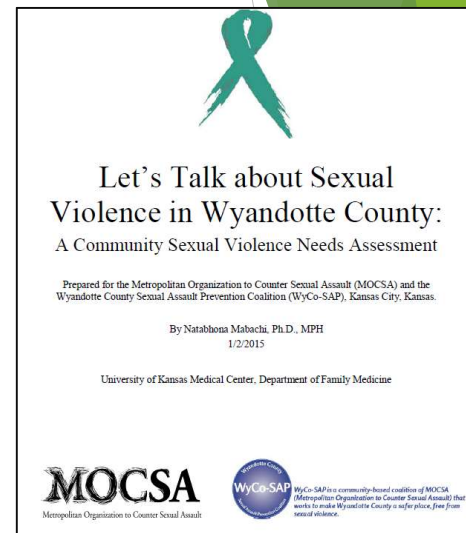
Wyandotte County Sexual Assault Prevention Coalition

- ▶ **Mission:** WyCo-SAP exists to mobilize the community toward the prevention of sexual violence by changing the norms, beliefs, and policies that allow sexual violence perpetration to continue.
- ▶ **Vision:** WyCo-SAP envisions a community free from sexual violence.
- ▶ **Current Sub-committees:** CPTED and Violence Prevention Plan
- ▶ **Current Members:** School District; Law Enforcement; Health Department; Legal Services; Local DV Program; 20/20/20; Community Health Council; Livable Neighborhoods; University



Needs Assessment

- ▶ Drafted as a coalition with our evaluator.
- ▶ Coalition members helped to conduct the needs assessment.
- ▶ Included surveys, focus groups, and key informant interviews.
- ▶ Final Report includes three parts:
 1. Major findings,
 2. Prevention recommendations, and
 3. Target audiences.



Needs Assessment - Major Findings

Participants...

- ▶ Drew on dominant meta-cultural models to explain sexual violence.
- ▶ Were aware of how other cultural and social contexts impact sexual violence.
- ▶ Recognized sexual violence as a continuum of behaviors and consent as a continuum of coercion.
- ▶ Engaged in “othering.”
- ▶ Expressed rape myth views and engaged in victim blaming.
- ▶ Understood the role of community in preventing sexual violence, but with a sense of hopelessness.

Strategic Action Planning

- ▶ Used the needs assessment to determine a community level strategy.
- ▶ Held a Consensus Workshop to develop the strategy.
- ▶ Held an Action Planning Workshop to further develop the strategy.
 - ▶ Determined coalition would focus on shared protective factor of *Community Connectedness* and CPTED as a strategy.



WyCo-SAP Readiness Assessment

- ▶ **Goal:** Determine the degree to which Wyandotte County community members are ready to address violence through encouraging community connectedness/support and addressing environmental factors that lead to violence.



Readiness Assessment Findings



Coalition Community Level Strategies

- ▶ **CPTED**
 - ▶ Determined through the needs assessment, action planning, and readiness assessment
- ▶ **Community Violence Prevention Plan**
 - ▶ Determined through community meetings that the city did not have any plan and community partners identified the coalition as group to start that process.

Violence Prevention Plan

- ▶ Goals & Objectives were determined from the needs assessment, readiness assessment, and community dialogues
- ▶ **Goals & Objectives**
 - ▶ Foster safer/violence free neighborhoods
 - ▶ Improve neighborhood perception of safety through CPTED implementation
 - ▶ Empower residents to take leadership roles in addressing neighborhood violence
 - ▶ Promote/Foster Community Connectedness and Support
 - ▶ Create neighborhood environments that support engagement among neighbors
 - ▶ Increase understanding, awareness and access of residents of community or county programs and services
 - ▶ Improve relationships and communication among residents and the police.
 - ▶ Address cultural norms that support/promote violence
 - ▶ Promote programming that addresses violence norms, gender and racial stereotypes, and encourages bystander intervention.

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Why Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design?

It's practical. Basic CPTED strategies are cost effective and as simple as trimming trees or turning on your porch light.

It's effective. CPTED has proven to lower crime by over 50% and contributes to overall community connectedness.

It's our solution. Wyandotte County deserves a safe community. CPTED gives us the power to create it.

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Benefits of CPTED

- ▶ Opportunities to play meaningful roles in community crime prevention
- ▶ Improved sense of security and quality of life through reduced fear of crime
- ▶ Fewer crimes committed in neighborhoods, fewer victimizations of residents
- ▶ Increased interaction among residents and stronger neighborhood bonds
- ▶ New crime prevention and problem-solving skills and enhanced knowledge of city government agencies and other resources

Challenges/Opportunities

Challenges

- ▶ Community level work takes time
- ▶ Building trust and credibility take time
- ▶ Educating people on community level prevention and primary prevention versus intervention and individual level education
- ▶ Not a clear road map for success

Opportunities

- ▶ Increased opportunities for violence prevention work in the city
- ▶ Unique partnerships that may not have been formed otherwise
 - ▶ Violence being included in our community CHIP now
- ▶ Leveraging resources to have a greater impact

Key Resources

- ▶ **Training & Technical Assistance has advanced our work:**
 - ▶ CPTED training (40-hour course through NICP)
 - ▶ TOPs training (meeting facilitation)
 - ▶ Reverse site visits
 - ▶ Phone calls with researchers
- ▶ **Expertise of an evaluator:**
 - ▶ Public health expert
 - ▶ Implements and evaluates other kinds of health initiatives

