APPENDIX H

The State of Evaluation in Youth Violence Prevention

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Panel Goals

- To examine the many research recommendations that have already been made
- To determine which are most pressing in light of prior and current research
- Discuss research needs focusing on interventions to reduce youth violence

Panel Recommendation

- Studies of youth violence interventions
- Support for preliminary work to develop interventions prior to large scale testing.

Research on the Development of Interventions for Youth Violence

RFA for exploratory/developmental research grant applications (R21) exploring the translation of ideas from basic behavioral and social science into novel interventions for children and youth demonstrating or at risk for violent behavior:
- Process evaluation and model testing
- Methodology development and validation
- Piloting of an intervention prior to large scale testing

Trans-NIH Support

- NIH Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research
- National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism
- National Institute of Child Health and Human Development
- National Institute on Drug Abuse
- National Institute of Mental Health

Intervention Development Studies

- Target specific factors and test hypothesized mediational models of the impact of the intervention on a range of antisocial behaviors
- Target larger units of intervention beyond the individual
- Study the mechanisms of intervention at multiple levels of analysis such as individual, family, peer, community and neighborhood
- Based on findings from youth violence risk factor research, as well as studies on such topics as motivation, decision-making, group formation
Pilot Tests
- Test the feasibility of conducting larger scale evaluations of promising strategies.
- Focus on evaluations of procedures for obtaining and maintaining community cooperation, training and supervising staff, ensuring implementation fidelity, recruiting and retaining a representative sample of the target population, recruiting staff representative of and rooted in the community...

Grants Awarded
- 12 Grants ($3 million/year) funded under this RFA
  - Engagement in Parenting Programs for Young Children (Dumas)
  - Violence Prevention Through Legal Socialization (Fagan)
  - Outpatient Treatment of Juvenile Sexual Offenders (Fletcher)
  - Making Choices: A Social Development Program

Follow-up Studies
- A Family-based Prevention for Early Conduct Problems (Shaw)
- Using Media to Prevent Violence Among Rural Youth (Swaim)

Tailored Interventions to Specific Populations
- Studies that lead to the development of strategies for tailoring interventions to different high risk or understudied groups of aggressive children or youth and their caregivers
- A Culture Based Model for Youth Violence Risk Reduction (Hines)
- Preventing Abuse in Adolescent Dating Relationships (Jourles)
- Reducing Violence by Joining Education and Prevention (Kellam)
- Moral Disengagement: Measurement and Modification (McAlister)
- Trauma Focused Interventions Targeting Risk for Violence (Rivard)
NIH-State of the Science Conference on Preventing Violence and Related Health Risking Social Behaviors in Adolescents
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"To provide health care providers, patients, and the general public with a responsible assessment of currently available data on preventing violence and health-risking social behavior in adolescents"