

Cross-Department Alignment for Addressing Violence

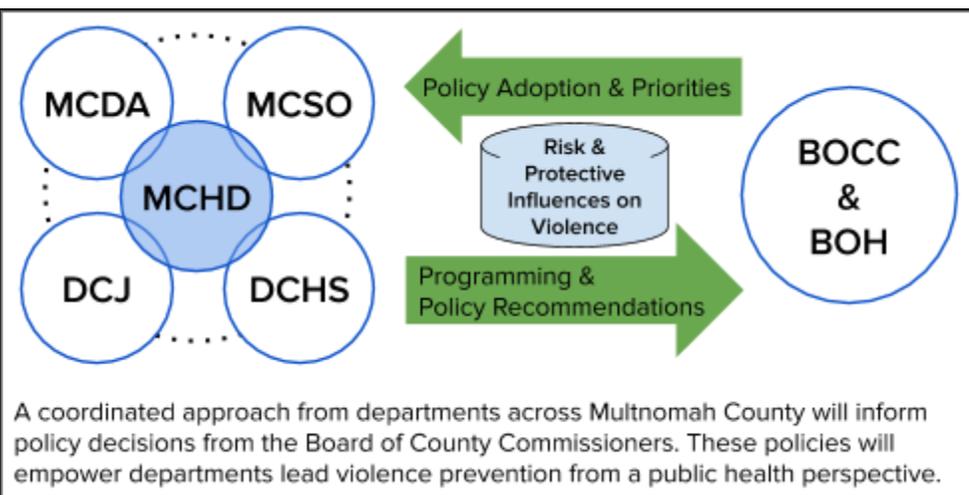
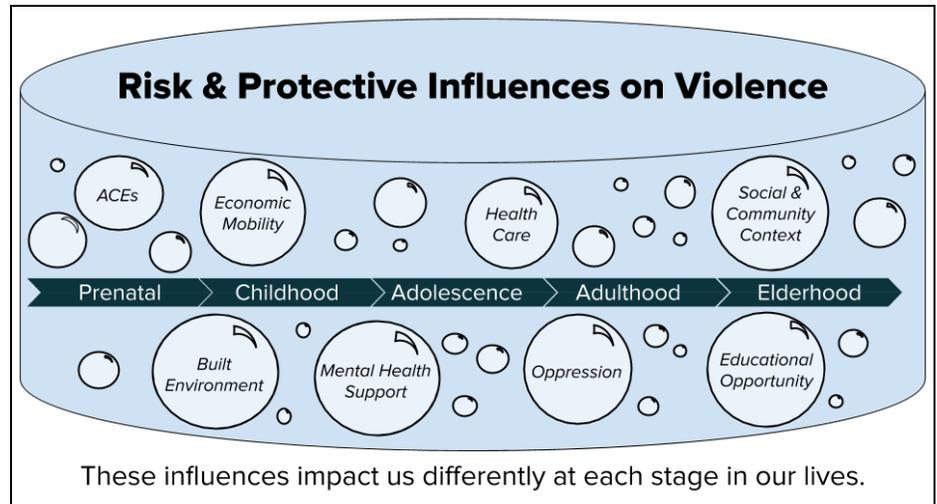
A life course approach to violence prevention and intervention

We have found that survivors experience multiple forms of violence that are connected, but often treated as singular incidents in our systems of care. Our research shows that once someone experiences one type of violence, they are more likely to experience multiple forms of violence. This is particularly true for children and youth.

We know that violence takes place on many levels: between people and within families, shaped by the socioeconomic barriers put on communities, and through historic and current systems of oppression.

By developing a framework to align policies, practices and relationships, together we can get to the root of violence experienced by people in our communities and our systems.

Our Strategy is to use a life course model to develop a policy framework that tips the scales of risk and protective influences to support thriving communities, prioritizing racial justice. Our findings show that many forms of violence are caused by the



same risk factors and prevented by the same protective factors, and Multnomah County can focus investment in these areas to create the greatest change. *Investing in communities prevents violence.*

We need to bring champions, ideas, and innovation together in service to people impacted by violence. Each team's experience is crucial to serving our community better.

Guide to Acronyms	BOCC: Board of County Commissioners	BOH: Board of Health
MCHD: Multnomah County Health Department	DCJ: Department of Community Justice	MCSO: Multnomah County Sheriff's Office
	DCHS: Department of County Human Services	MCDA: Multnomah County District Attorney

Timeline

September 2019

Assessment

- DCHS convened workgroup analysis and recommendations from Multnomah County staff
- Compilation of previous community engagement and planning efforts across departments

December 2019 - March 2020

Framework Planning

- Meetings with internal stakeholders
- Alignment with developing BOH policy framework development

April 2020 - September 2020

Framework Development

- Focused technical assistance from the Prevention Institute
- Larger workgroup convening(s) and meetings with internal stakeholders GATHER EXPERTISE/FEEDBACK WITH PARTNERS
- Alignment with developing BOH policy framework

Background

Over the course of 2018 & 2019, an internal “Violence Intersections” workgroup was convened, requested by Commissioner Stegmann, to analyze how Multnomah County prevents and intervenes in multiple forms of violence across departments, and how our primary investments are distributed.

Recommendations approved by the Violence Intersections Work Group in September 2019

- The County should adopt a shared violence policy framework that aligns our work across the spectrum of prevention, intervention, and suppression.
- A small, nimble cross-departmental committee should be established. The committee should be led by a subject matter expert in Public Health, and will work to develop a policy framework to be adopted across departments. The policy framework should integrate Commissioner Stegmann’s Office’s Economic Mobility Blueprint initiative.
- This committee should engage in a model policy review while building alignment and connection across departments.
- The policy framework should support and inform the Board of Health policy focus on upstream violence prevention, social determinants of health, and life-course.

Current Project Contributors

- Board Teams
- Health Department
- Human Services
- District Attorney’s Office
- Sheriff’s Office
- Community Justice
- Prevention Institute