
Violence Prevention Action Plan Draft

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Violence Prevention Council**

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A work in progress



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Executive Summary

This report presents the Action Plan for Violence Prevention in Santa Clara County, drafted by the members of the Violence Prevention Council (VPC). The recommendations are made with the full recognition that violence is complex and that there are many root causes and contributing factors, thereby requiring a comprehensive, multidimensional prevention strategy with both short and long term objectives.

The Council has identified three priority areas with which to begin confronting the challenges we face: Promoting Violence Free Relationships, Reducing Access to Alcohol and Other Drugs, and Preventing Firearm-Related Deaths and Injuries.

These priority areas were addressed and considered by four different committees: Policy, Community Assessment & Data, Community Based Initiatives, and Public Awareness & Education.

The following matrix summarizes briefly how the committees' recommendations intersect with the VPC goals and priority areas.