



Gaps in Programming and Policy

- Collect data and ensure transparency to guide action steps
- Shift perception and engage community in finding solutions
- Focus on family violence
- Support evidence-based violence-reduction program:



Group violence intervention: A coordinated, proactive strategy addressing gun violence through collaboration between law enforcement and the community via a three-pronged anti-violence message of accountability, hope, and consequences



Juvenile deflection: Provides young people with an individually tailored treatment plan (in lieu of arrest) in an effort to avoid the negative downstream effect of formal system involvement



Prevention of retaliatory violence: Initiatives like a trauma recovery center or hospital-based intervention program that provide resources to victims of crime to reduce the chances of retaliation



Collaborative management program: A program that brings together agencies and services for at-risk, high-systems-use youth and families



Restorative justice: An alternative approach to the traditional criminal or juvenile justice system focused on repairing harm and restoring relationships

Tacoma stands to benefit significantly from investing in and leveraging its current successes and should also look to new solutions. Economic and environmental root causes should be considered. The City of Tacoma government cannot do this work alone. A thoughtful and community-centered approach is necessary, with the city providing the vision, leading the charge, and supporting the work with time, resources, and policies, when appropriate.

Organizations Represented in Interviews

- Tacoma City Council
- Pierce County Council
- Pierce County Juvenile Court
- Pierce County Family Council
- Tacoma-Pierce County—Eastside Family Resource Center
- The Big Homie Program
- Imagine Justice Project
- Metro Parks Tacoma
- Tacoma Neighborhood and Community Services
- Pierce County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office
- Tacoma Police Department
- Tacoma Fire Department
- Tacoma Public Schools

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