

WeL.I.V.E.

Washtenaw embraces Life Is Valuable Everyday
Violence Intervention and Prevention

WeLIVE is the first hybrid Violence Prevention/Intervention model in the State of Michigan. The model is built on two national evidence based best practices. DLIVE which is Hospital Based and Cure Violence which is neighborhood based. These have been proven as the most successful public health approaches to community violence in the country, WeLIVE is focused on addressing the cycle of violence in our community.

How it works:

WeLIVE reaches young adults ages 13-30 years old in the hospital after an acute trauma injury, engaging them in the hospital at the bedside during a time known as the “teachable moment”. This golden hour opportunity is often the perfect time for appropriate transformative intervention to occur. If the circumstances of their injury and lifestyle suggest susceptibility to future injury, they are given the opportunity to participate in WeLIVE.

Highly trained Violence Intervention Specialists/Outreach Workers are the uniquely qualified transformative agents that provide the crucial crisis intervention, and retaliation prevention. We intentionally focus on : trust-building, engagement, safety and supportive services all linked through the Sheriff’s office and Hospital.

In Washtenaw County, we do a great job solving crimes, arresting suspects, and medically repairing physical wounds. WeLIVE adds a component that helps heal the mental wounds that come with being the victim of interpersonal violence. By doing so, the likelihood of the victim becoming a future suspect is significantly diminished.

WeLIVE Goals:

- Eradicate the future morbidity and mortality predicted by the initial injury
- Prevent retaliatory violence
- Prevent the future incarceration often associated with individuals who have been victims of traumatic violence
- Actively facilitate a pathway towards success and prosperity
- Active community engagement
- Reduce the Community Toxic Stress associated with community violence

Violence is a disease:

Violence is a Predictable Pathological disease that results in premature injury and death and has thus become a Public Health epidemic. Fortunately, it is PREVENTABLE. The 5 Ps of violence:

1. Premature
2. Predictable
3. Pathologic

4. Public Health (Community) Problem
5. Prevent

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