

# Minneapolis Blueprint for Action to Prevent Youth Violence

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# National Forum on Youth Violence Prevention

The National Forum on Youth Violence Prevention is a network of communities and federal agencies that work together, share information and build local capacity to prevent and reduce youth violence.

- 2010 - Established by President Obama
- 2012 - Minneapolis invited to join 9 other cities in the Forum
- 2013 – Minneapolis refreshed the existing Blueprint for Action to Prevent Youth Violence.



# Refreshing the Blueprint:

- Oversight by Youth Violence Prevention Executive Committee
  - Results Minneapolis
  - Blueprint evaluation conducted by Andy Luger
  - Stakeholder groups
  - Community forums

# Community Engagement



## Vision:

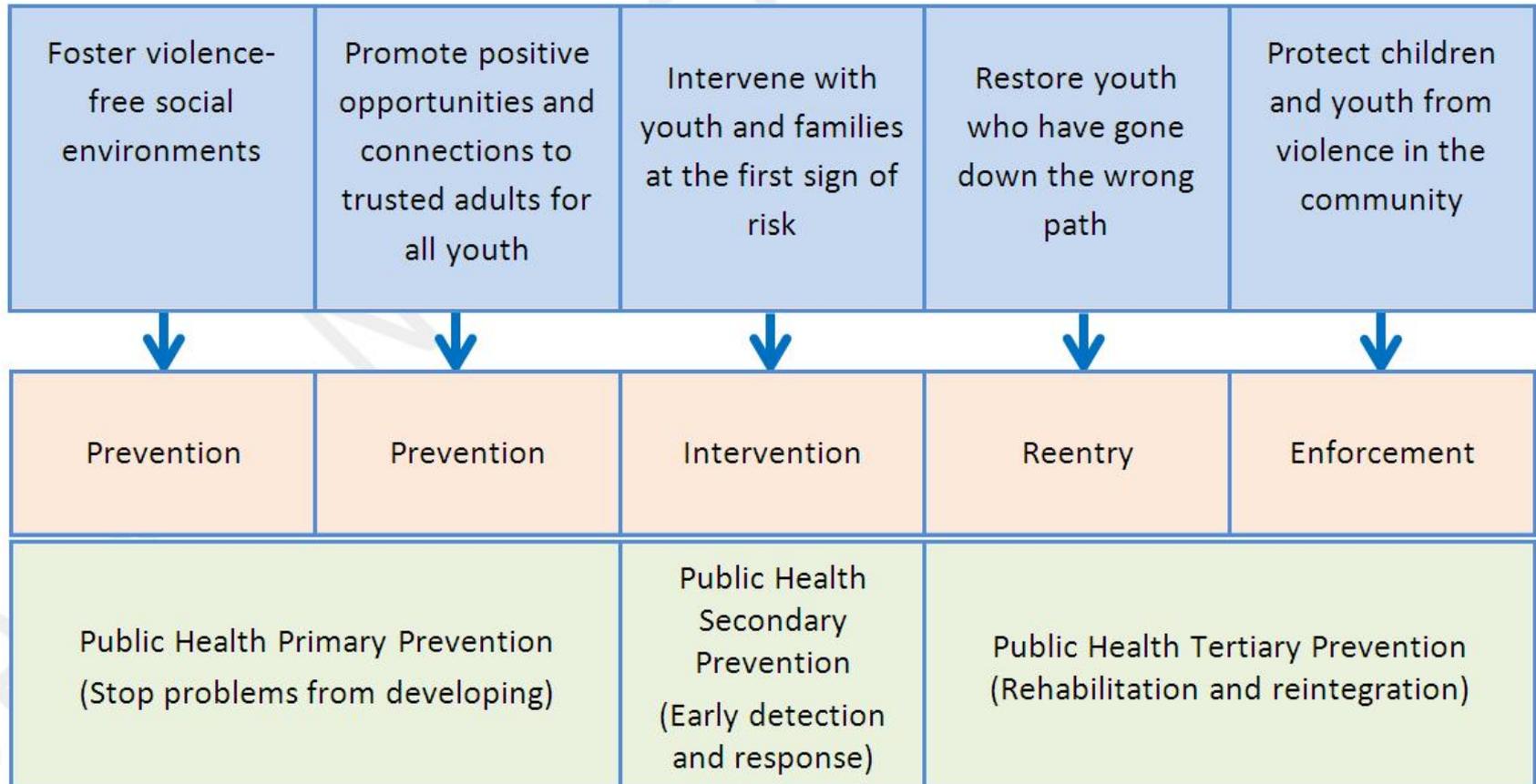
A unified city where all youth can be safe and thrive

## Mission:

To prevent youth violence through comprehensive approaches that support the development and success of youth and families in their communities, encourage strong partnerships among organizations, and are culturally-grounded and asset-based.

# Refreshing the Blueprint:

## The Alignment of the 5 Minneapolis Blueprint Goals with the National Forum Strategies and the Continuum of Public Health Services





Refreshed Goals:

## Foster Violence Free Social Environments

- Increase awareness of efforts to prevent youth violence on a local, regional and national level
- Improve institutional climates to promote welcoming and safe environments
- Enhance neighborhood conditions to improve community perceptions of safety
- Advocate for policy change to support youth violence prevention and juvenile justice reform



Refreshed Goals:

# Promote Positive Opportunities and Connections to Trusted Adults for All Youth

- Enhance and improve out-of-school time opportunities through citywide Out-of-School Times system
- Maintain employment opportunities and work readiness training for youth and young adults
- Increase quality and availability of mentoring relationships between youth and adults
- Promote health and well-being of youth and their families



Refreshed Goals:

# Intervene with Youth and Families at the First Sign of Risk

- Reduce number of curfew, truancy, and low-level offenders
- Screen and respond to youth victims of family and/or sexual abuse
- Develop tailored intervention programs for youth who have been victims of street/community violence or who are at risk of being victimized
- Provide outreach and community-based programming for disconnected youth



Refreshed Goals:

# Restore Youth Who Have Gone Down the Wrong Path

- Provide supports and services to youth engaged with the juvenile justice system to reduce further involvement
- Address the physical and mental health of youth involved with the juvenile justice system



Refreshed Goals:

# Protect Children and Youth from Violence in the Community

- Promote positive contacts between youth, the community and police
- Ensure a timely coordinated response to youth crime
- Decrease youth access to guns

# Oversight structure

- Youth Violence Prevention Executive Committee
  - Three co-chairs (Mayor, COO United Way, President of Youthprise)
  - 17 members appointed by Mayor and City Council
  - Oversee policy direction, prioritization and accountability for results
- Multijurisdictional Operational Team
  - Led by Youth Violence Prevention Coordinator
  - Coordinate planning, implementation and evaluation



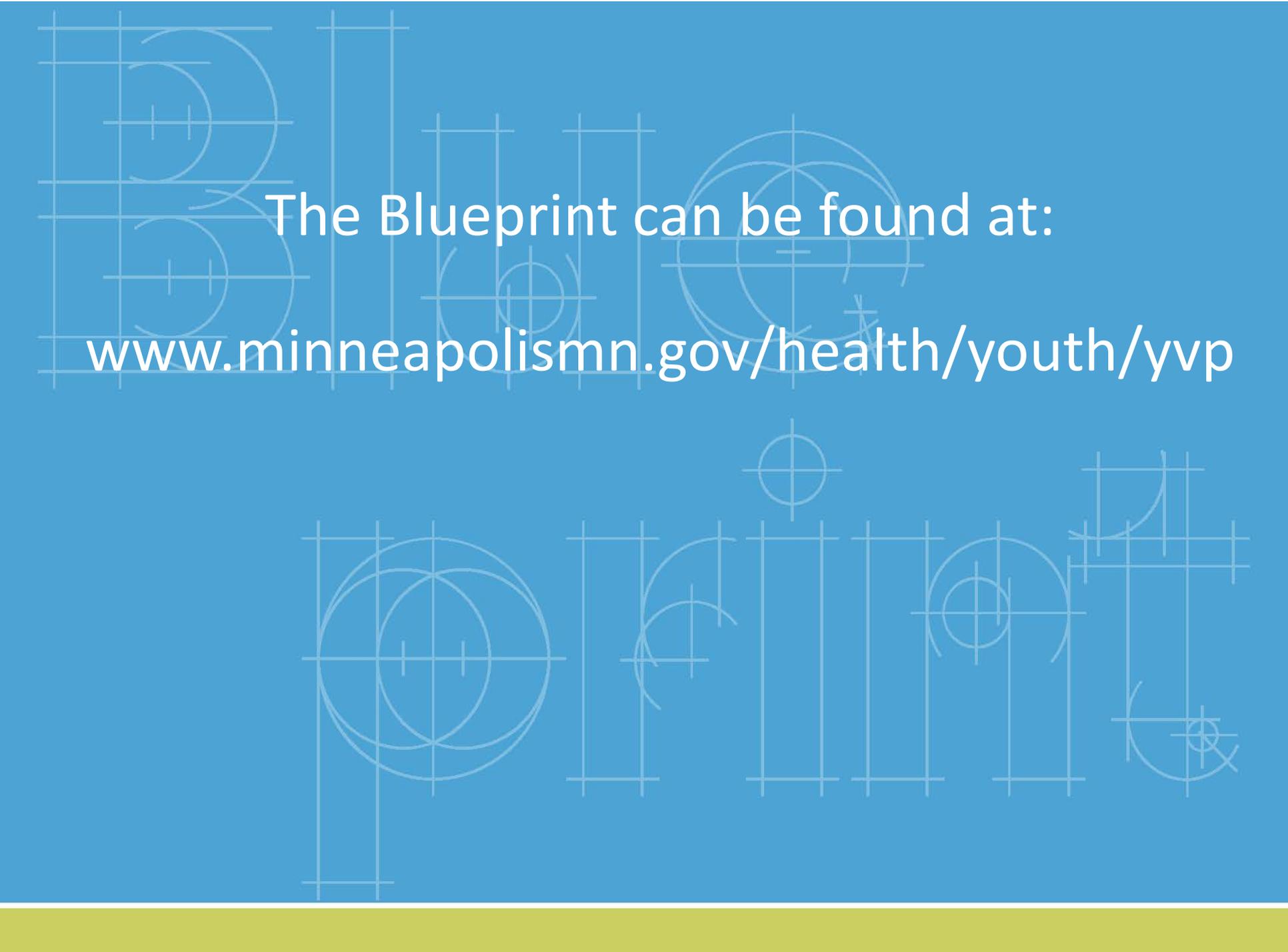
# Measuring Progress (Page 31)

Overarching Indicators:  
Youth Homicides

Youth involved in violent Crime

Assault -related injuries among youth

Performance measures identified for each goal



The Blueprint can be found at:

[www.minneapolismn.gov/health/youth/yvp](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/health/youth/yvp)