



THE CONNECTICUT

HVIP COLLABORATIVE

Report to the Commission on Community Gun Violence
Intervention and Prevention
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The CT Hospital Violence Intervention Collaborative (CT HVIP)

In 2019, just before the Pandemic hit, after a legislative forum on community violence led by Hartford Communities that Care, the Connecticut Hospital Violence Collaborative was born. This round table includes the Hartford HVIP Partnership between Hartford Communities that Care and Trinity Saint Francis hospital, Yale New Haven Hospital and their HVIP partner the Urban Community Alliance, as well as hospital partners Connecticut Children's Medical Center and Hartford Hospital, emerging VIP partners in Bridgeport and Waterbury and the Connecticut Hospital Association in addition to other stakeholders. The CT HVIP Collaborative is staffed by a Director, Johanna Schubert and based at Hartford Communities that Care in the North End of Hartford. The CT HVIP Collaborative also gets staff support from Mr. Andrew Woods, the founder and Executive Director of Hartford Communities that Care.

The mission of the CT HVIP is to strengthen and expand the HVIP safety net across the state through access to training, research, sharing of best practices and collaboration. It's vitally important to the work of the collaborative to work with intentionality to have a diverse set of voices at the table, those with frontline experience, hospital professionals, and others with complementary skill sets to ensure a holistic mandate.

The CT HVIP Collaborative is the convening body for those working in Hospital Based Violence Intervention. The Collaborative stands on three pillars;

1. **Providing** access to training and technical assistance to those interested in Hospital Based or Hospital Linked Violence Intervention best practices
2. **Striving** for continuity and benchmarks in research and data evaluation across the state
3. **Building** relationships across the spectrum of stakeholders to expand the knowledge of and advocacy for HVIP practices.

Looking ahead to 2023, the short term goals of the CT HVIP complement and align with those of this Commission. We plan to Work closely with the CHA and other stakeholders to reach out to those hospital systems not yet aware of the Collaborative

and provide access to education and resources along with the opportunity to join the CT HVIP.

We are also working on Development of standards and benchmarks, mirroring those at the HAVI for data collection and evaluation. Allowing for continuity across the state. Lastly, we are working with existing partners to build and expand our network of stakeholders to better cover the state of Connecticut with the HVIP safety net.

Looking ahead, our long term objectives include, Continuing to work closely with this Commission and the legislature to guide and inform state policy on community violence reduction. Continuing to help Connecticut stay a national leader in violence reduction strategies and Streamlining data collection within institutions that work with victims of violence to better identify and address trends.

The work of the Connecticut HVIP Collaborative is dynamic and ongoing. We continue to affect change by building connections, with this committee and outside of it, strengthening the reach of evidence based strategies and best practices. Our partners work to identify those programs who are doing the work in communities, but have not historically had the resources or access to grow. The CT HVIP has proven itself to be an effective vehicle for change and a fierce advocate for victims of violence in Connecticut.

Respectful submitted by

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