



# Chicago Violence Reduction Strategy

## OVERVIEW & IMPLEMENTATION

# WHY ARE WE HERE?



# VRS STRATEGY SUMMARY

- **NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED MODEL OPERATING SINCE 1995 (BOSTON MODEL)**
- **SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENTED IN DOZENS OF CITIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY (IMPLEMENTED IN CHICAGO IN 2010)**
- **STRONG PARTNERSHIPS AMONG LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES, ACADEMIA AND THE COMMUNITY**

# VRS TERMINOLOGY TO LEARN...

FOCUSED DETERRANCE

PULLING LEVERS

POLICE LEGITIMACY

PROCEDURAL JUSTICE

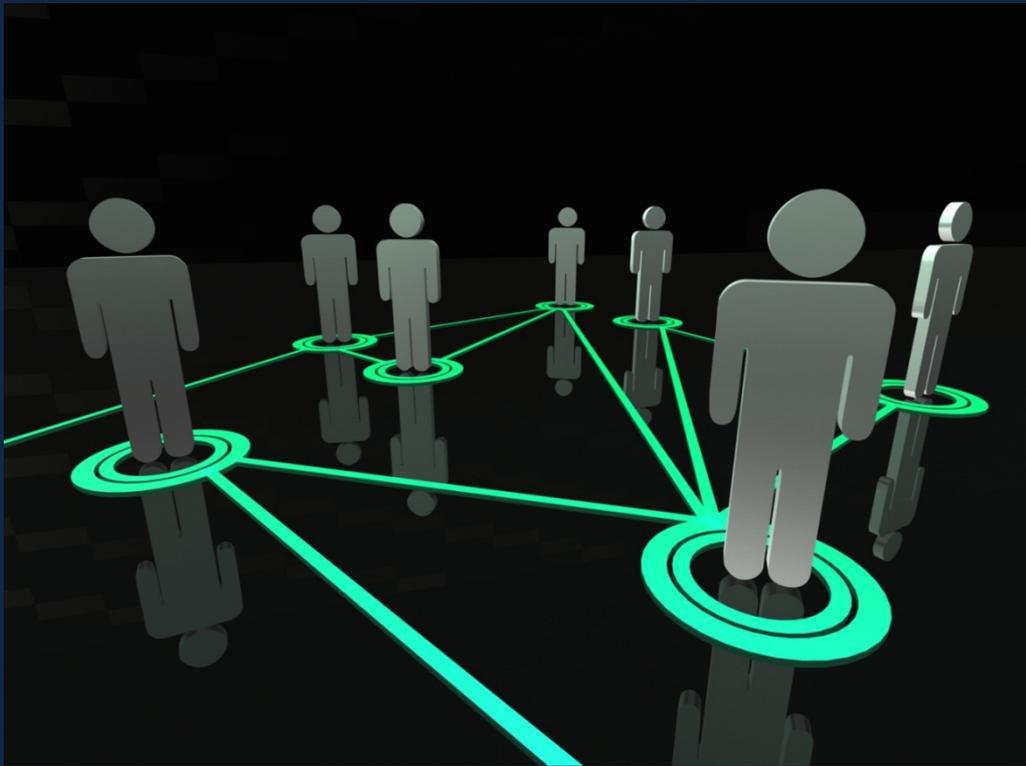
RACIAL RECONCILIATION

SOCIAL NETWORK ANALYSIS

COMMUNITY MORAL VOICE

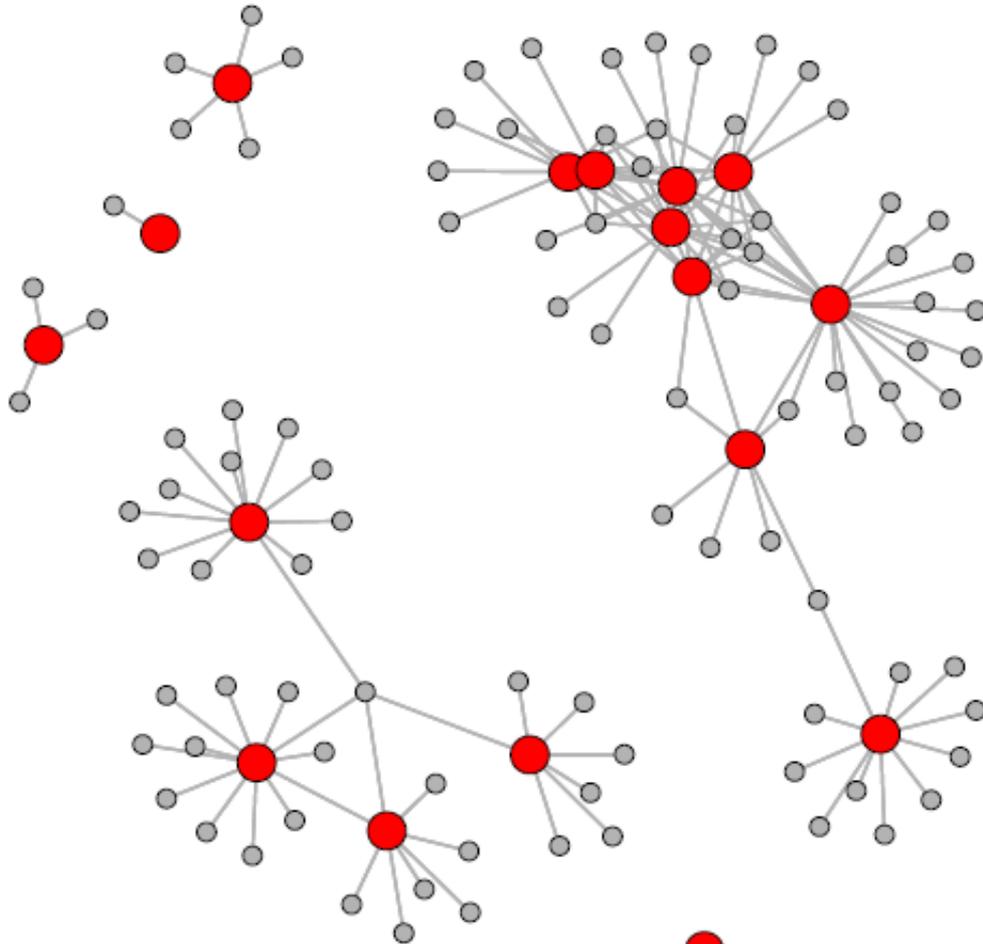
EVIDENCED BASED PRACTICES

# A NEW TOOL: SOCIAL NETWORK ANALYSIS



A growing science that studies the ways in which people are linked and how such interconnections affect behavior.

# ***(GROUP NAME)*** SOCIAL NETWORK



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The focus is on  
the whole  
group, not  
individual  
members

# VRS MISSION

*The Chicago Violence Reduction Strategy is a collaborative approach bringing law enforcement, community members and social service agencies together to reduce group/gang related shootings and homicides in the local community.*

# VRS OBJECTIVES

- TO REDUCE GROUP/GANG VIOLENCE BY CONVEYING A SINGLE MORAL VOICE DIRECTLY TO THE PERPETRATORS OF THE SHOOTINGS AND HOMICIDES.
- TO DELIVER THIS MESSAGE OF IMMEDIATE CHANGE, ONGOING SUPPORT AND SWIFT ACCOUNTABILITY VIA ALL STAKEHOLDERS.
- TO ENCOURAGE RECONCILIATION AND TRUST AMONGST ALL STAKEHOLDERS THAT FOSTERS COLLABORATION TOWARD THIS COMMON GOAL.

# VRS STAKEHOLDERS

- LAW ENFORCEMENT INCLUDES: LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL PARTNERS
  - CPD, IDOC AND CCAPD
  - US ATTORNEY AND FEDERAL AGENCIES
  - COOK COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
- COMMUNITY MORAL VOICE
  - CBO, FBA, COMMUNITY RESIDENTS
  - VOICES OF PAIN, ASPIRATION AND REDEMPTION
  - CUSTOM INTERVENTION TEAMS
- SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCIES
  - ONE CONTACT WITH ONE NUMBER (CASE MANAGER)
  - AGENCY PARTNER
    - ENCOURAGED TO USE EVIDENCED BASED PRACTICES
    - LEAD AGENCY CONNECTS PARTICIPANT WITH NETWORK OF PROVIDERS

# *VRS STRATEGY SUMMARY*

**ONE UNIFIED MESSAGE.....**

**“THE VIOLENCE IS UNACCEPTABLE AND  
WILL NOT BE TOLERATED ANYMORE.”**

# VRS STRATEGY SUMMARY

- **CALL IN GROUP/GANG MEMBERS TO DELIVER MESSAGE**
  - **LAW ENFORCEMENT SHARES** THE RESPONSE TO GUN VIOLENCE: SHOOTINGS BRING ATTENTION TO THE WHOLE GROUP/GANG
  - **COMMUNITY MEMBERS SHARE** THE PAIN THAT THE VIOLENCE CAUSES, THEIR ASPIRATIONS FOR THE COMMUNITY AND THE REDEMPTION THAT IS AVAILABLE THROUGH CHANGE
  - **SERVICE PROVIDERS OFFER** HELP TO ALL ATTENDEES AND THEIR ASSOCIATES
- **THIS IS...**
  - ...NOT A NEGOTIATION
  - ...NOT A DIALOG
  - ...NOT A CONSPIRACY CASE
  - ...NOT A ROUND UP

***WE WILL KEEP OUR PROMISES!***

# ***LAW ENFORCEMENT ROLE IN VRS STRATEGY***

- IDENTIFY GANG MEMBERS INVOLVED WITH VIOLENCE IN THE COMMUNITY.
- CONDUCT SOCIAL NETWORK ANALYSIS TO SHOW NETWORK OF ASSOCIATES.
- MANDATE OFFENDERS ON PROBATION/PAROLE TO ATTEND CALL IN.
- OUTREACH TO IDENTIFIED GANG MEMBERS NOT ON “PAPER” AND ENCOURAGE THEM TO ATTEND THE CALL IN VOLUNTARILY.
- CONDUCT ENFORCEMENT ACTION AFTER CALL-IN TO ASSURE PROMISE IS KEPT.
- COLLABORATE TO PROSECUTE ON LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL LEVELS TO ENSURE MAXIMUM ACCOUNTABILITY.

# **COMMUNITY MORAL VOICE ROLE IN VRS STRATEGY**

- SPEAK TO THE PAIN, ASPIRATION AND REDEMPTION ASSOCIATED WITH THE VIOLENCE FROM THE COMMUNITY PERSPECTIVE.
- WORK IN CONCERT WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT TO ASSURE THAT THE MORAL VOICE MESSAGE CONTINUES BEYOND THE CALL-IN.
- PARTICIPATE IN ONGOING COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES TO ENCOURAGE ALTERNATIVES TO THE VIOLENCE.

# ***SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES ROLE IN VRS STRATEGY***

- CLEAR AND AUTHENTIC OFFER OF HELP AND SUPPORT TO ADDRESS BARRIERS, INCREASE SKILLS AND MAKE CONNECTIONS TO A NETWORK OF SERVICE PROVIDERS IN THE COMMUNITY.
- ONE POINT OF CONTACT THAT LEADS TO THE LOCAL NETWORK OF PROVIDERS
- PRIORITY ATTENTION FOR ASSESSMENT AND SERVICE DELIVERY
- RESPONSE BASED ON NEEDS AND DESIRE TO CHANGE AND FOCUSED UPON EVIDENCED BASED PRACTICES

**HEAR THIS...**

**THE COMMUNITY WILL NOT TOLERATE THE VIOLENCE.**

**3 PROMISES:**

- 1. THE NEXT GANG THAT SHOOTS/KILLS SOMEONE IN THE TARGETED DISTRICT WILL GET THE SPOTLIGHT.**
- 2. THE MOST VIOLENT GANG WILL GET OUR FOCUSED ATTENTION.**
- 3. ANYONE WHO WANTS HELP TO CHANGE THEIR LIFE CAN GET IT.**

**SHARE THIS...**

# VRS CYCLE



# VRS OUTCOMES

- **JOHN JAY COLLEGE CENTER FOR CRIME PREVENTION AND CONTROL –** WORKS WITH THE COLLABORATION PARTNERS TO COORDINATE THE STRATEGY WITH THE INTENTION OF BUILDING IT INTO THE INFRASTRUCTURE OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.
- **ACADEMIC PARTNERS** FROM JOHN JAY COLLEGE, YALE LAW SCHOOL, YALE UNIVERSITY AND THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO ARE INVOLVED WITH STRATEGIC DESIGN, DATA ANALYSIS AND OUTCOME REPORTS.
- **CURRENT PROGRAM RESULTS INDICATE THE FOLLOWING:**
  - 30- 40% REDUCTIONS IN GROUP VIOLENCE IN TARGETED DISTRICTS
  - STRATEGY IS OPERATIONAL IN 5 DISTRICTS LOCALLY, AND 9 STATES AND MULTIPLE JURISDICTIONS NATIONALLY

# VRS OUTCOMES

Chicago VRS Call-In History							
<b>2010</b>							
District	Date	Location	Attendees	Social Services Sign up	Sign Up %	Social Services Active	New Violent Offense
11	8/17/2010	Garfield Park	5	1	20.00%	2	0
<b>2011</b>							
District	Date	Location	Attendees	Social Services Sign up	Sign Up %	Social Services Active	New Violent Offense
11	2/24/2011	A Safe Haven	28	10	35.71%	2	1
6	7/20/2011	Northern Trust	15	0	0.00%	0	0
6	11/16/2011	Northern Trust	25	4	16.00%	0	0
11 & 15	12/14/2011	Columbus Park	41	0	0.00%	2	1
<b>2012</b>							
District	Date	Location	Attendees	Social Services Sign up	Sign Up %	Social Services Active	New Violent Offense
7	3/28/2012	Kennedy King	26	8	30.77%	6	0
11	10/4/2012	JLM CC	8	1	12.50%	1	0
15	12/12/2012	Bethel New Life	38	15	39.47%	2	0
<b>2013</b>							
District	Date	Location	Attendees	Social Services Sign up	Sign Up %	Social Services Active	New Violent Offense
15	1/24/2013	Bethel New Life	41	9	21.95%	2	0
7	3/12/2013	Kennedy King	36	18	50.00%	9	0
6	3/19/2013	Urban Partnership	30	10	33.33%	3	1
25	4/1/2013	NLC Northwest	25	10	40.00%	1	0
7	5/22/2013	Kennedy King	44	13	29.55%	13	TBD
YTD			362	99	27.35%	43	3

## WHAT CAN YOU DO TO BE A PART OF THIS STRATEGY?

- DETERMINE IF YOU ARE ABLE TO ALIGN WITH THE STRATEGY AND VARIOUS STAKEHOLDERS (THIS IS CRITICAL!)
- IDENTIFY YOUR ROLE IN THE STRATEGY – WHERE DO YOU FIT? STAY IN YOUR LANE!
  - LAW ENFORCEMENT
  - COMMUNITY MORAL VOICE
  - SOCIAL SERVICES
- WORK TOGETHER AS A UNITED FRONT TO DRIVE THE ONE MESSAGE:  
“STOP THE SHOOTING AND KILLING!”