



Mayor's Goal 1: "Philadelphia becomes one of the safest cities in America"

Topic:

Youth Violence Prevention Collaborative

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Executive Summary

Major Accomplishments:

- Established Extensive Collaborative
- Department of Justice's National Forum on Youth Violence Prevention
- Philadelphia Ceasefire

Key Challenges:

- Defining the "it"
- Data collection and information sharing
- Coordination and communication among community organizations, government entities, and citizens





Who We Are

- ◆ Youth Violence in Philadelphia
- ◆ Background on National Forum and Community-Based Violence Prevention
- ◆ Mission
- ◆ Structure

Youth Violence In Philadelphia

- In 2012, 331 people were murdered in Philadelphia.
- Nearly 40% of those murder victims were youth aged 24 years old and younger.
- 22nd Police District accounted for more than 13.7% of all youth shootings in the City.

HOMICIDES IN PHILADELPHIA



**Overwhelmingly, most youth do not participate in violence;
but in the 22nd District, most are at-risk.**

National Forum on Youth Violence Prevention



At the direction of President Obama, the Forum was established in 2010 to build a national conversation concerning youth and gang violence to increase awareness, drive action, and build local capacity to more effectively address youth violence through comprehensive planning.



Philadelphia's Youth Violence Prevention Collaborative

PHILADELPHIA'S STRATEGIC PLAN TO PREVENT YOUTH VIOLENCE

Philadelphia's Youth Violence Prevention Collaborative (YVPC) was created at the end of 2012 when the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) selected Philadelphia to be among the ten cities participating in the National Forum on Youth Violence Prevention.



Philadelphia's Youth Violence Prevention Collaborative

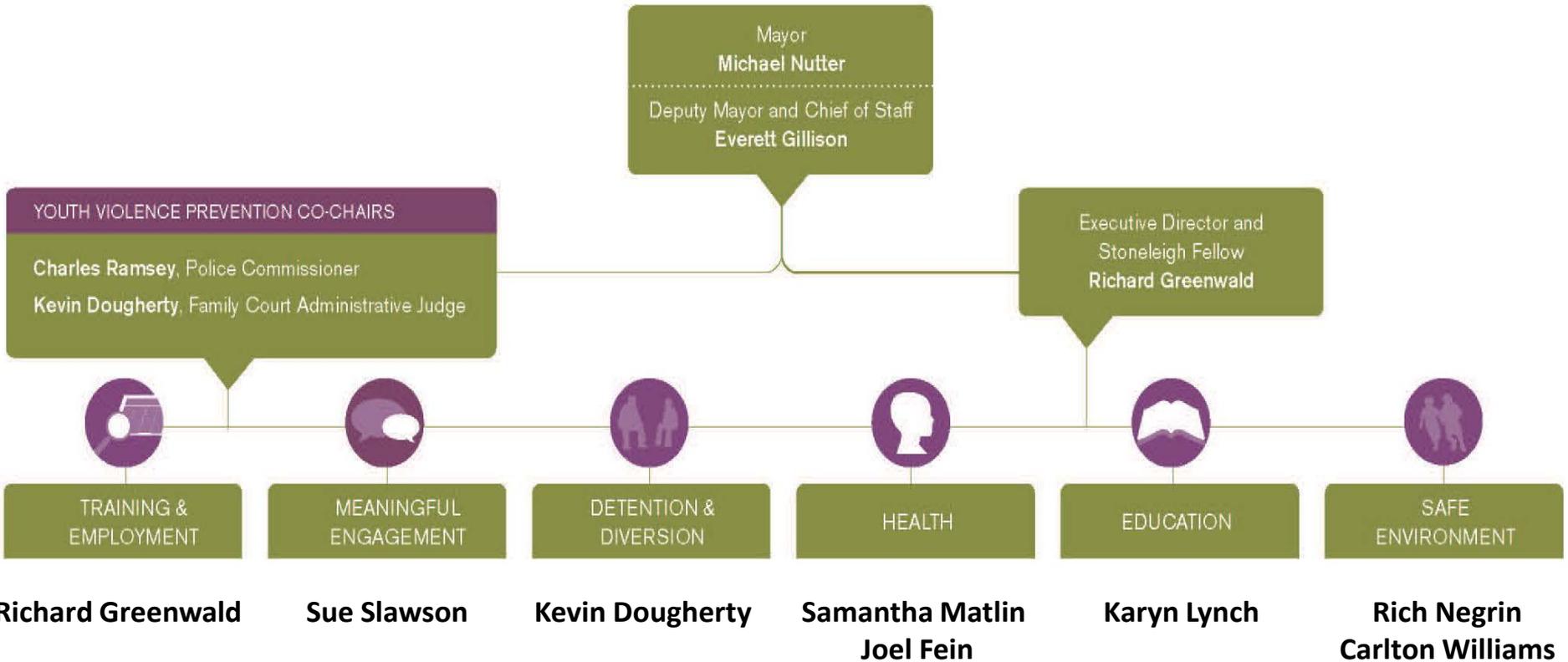
GUIDING PRINCIPLE

If there were a Bill of Rights for Philadelphia's children, the first and most important would be the right to be safe: at home, at school, and on the streets.

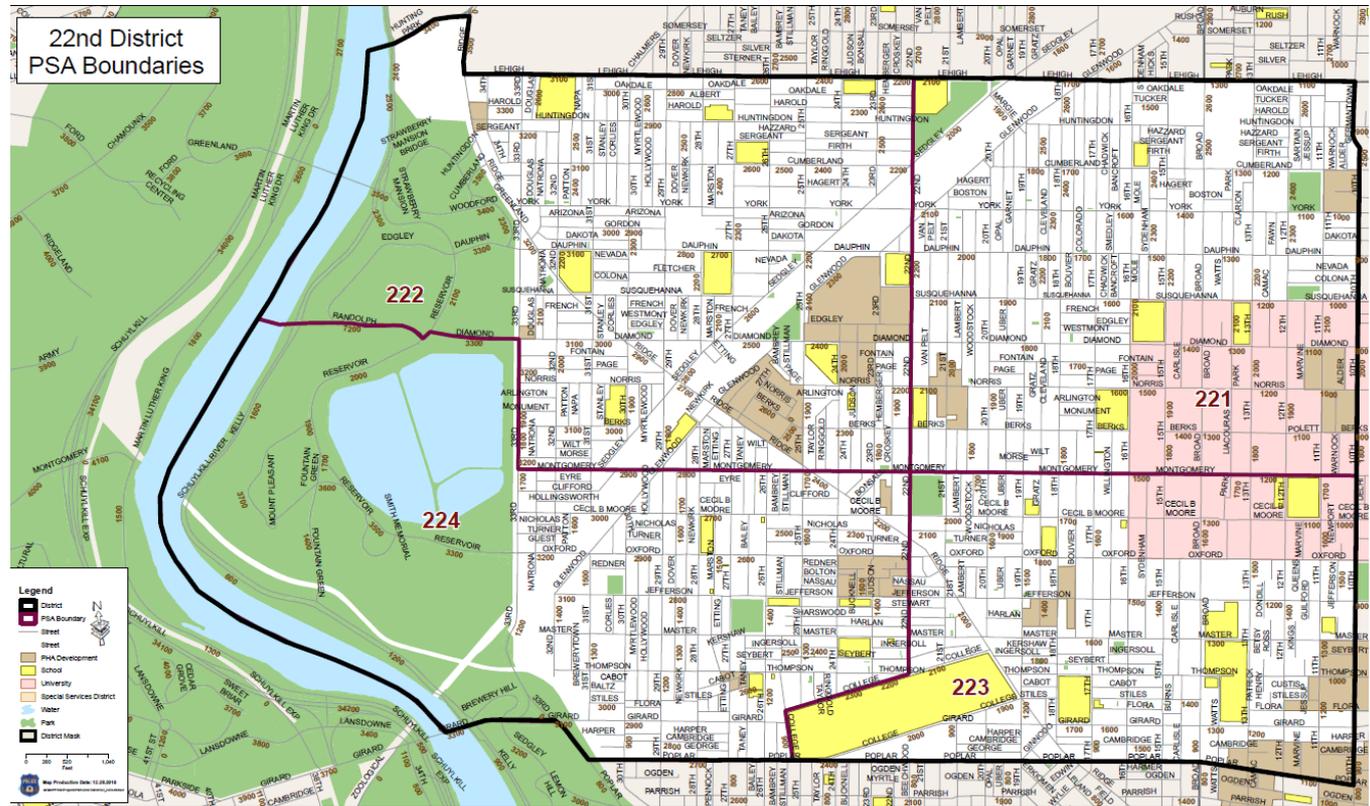
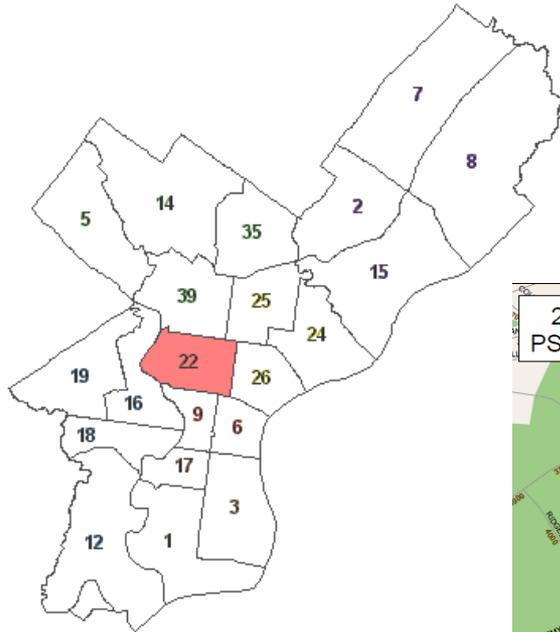
MISSION

To prevent youth violence in Philadelphia by creating a safe environment that supports the development of healthy, thriving, productive citizens through a citywide multi-disciplinary approach to youth violence, aligning prevention, intervention, enforcement, reentry, and data & evaluation efforts.

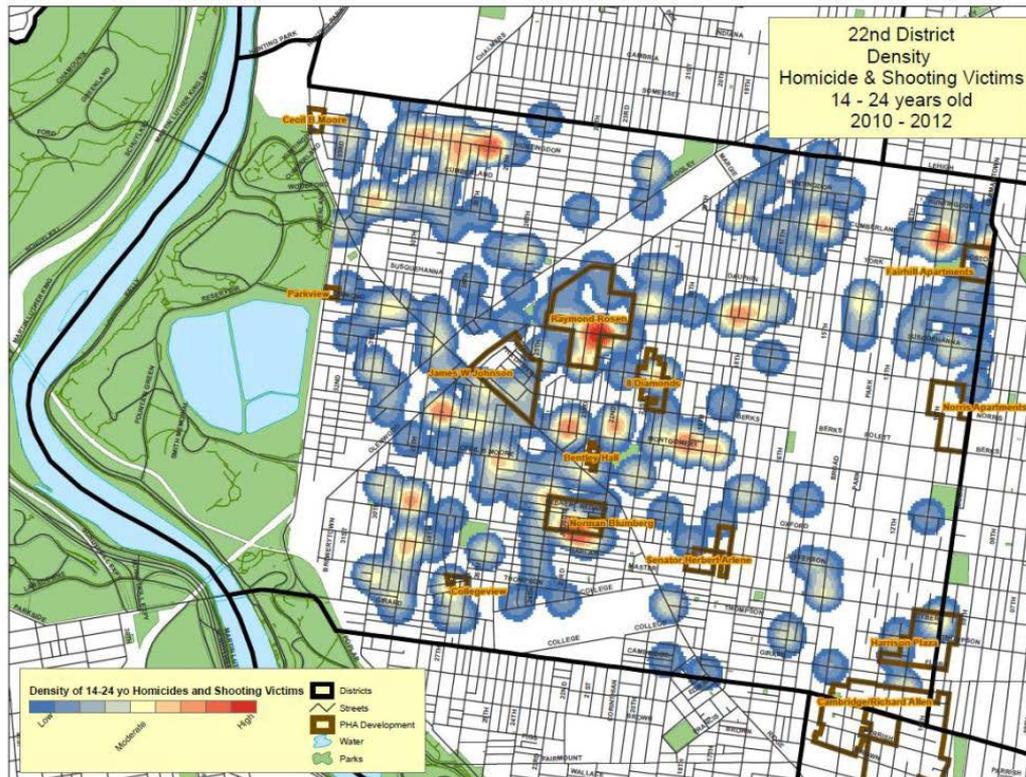
Structure of the Youth Violence Prevention Collaborative



Where We Operate: 22nd District – North Central Philadelphia



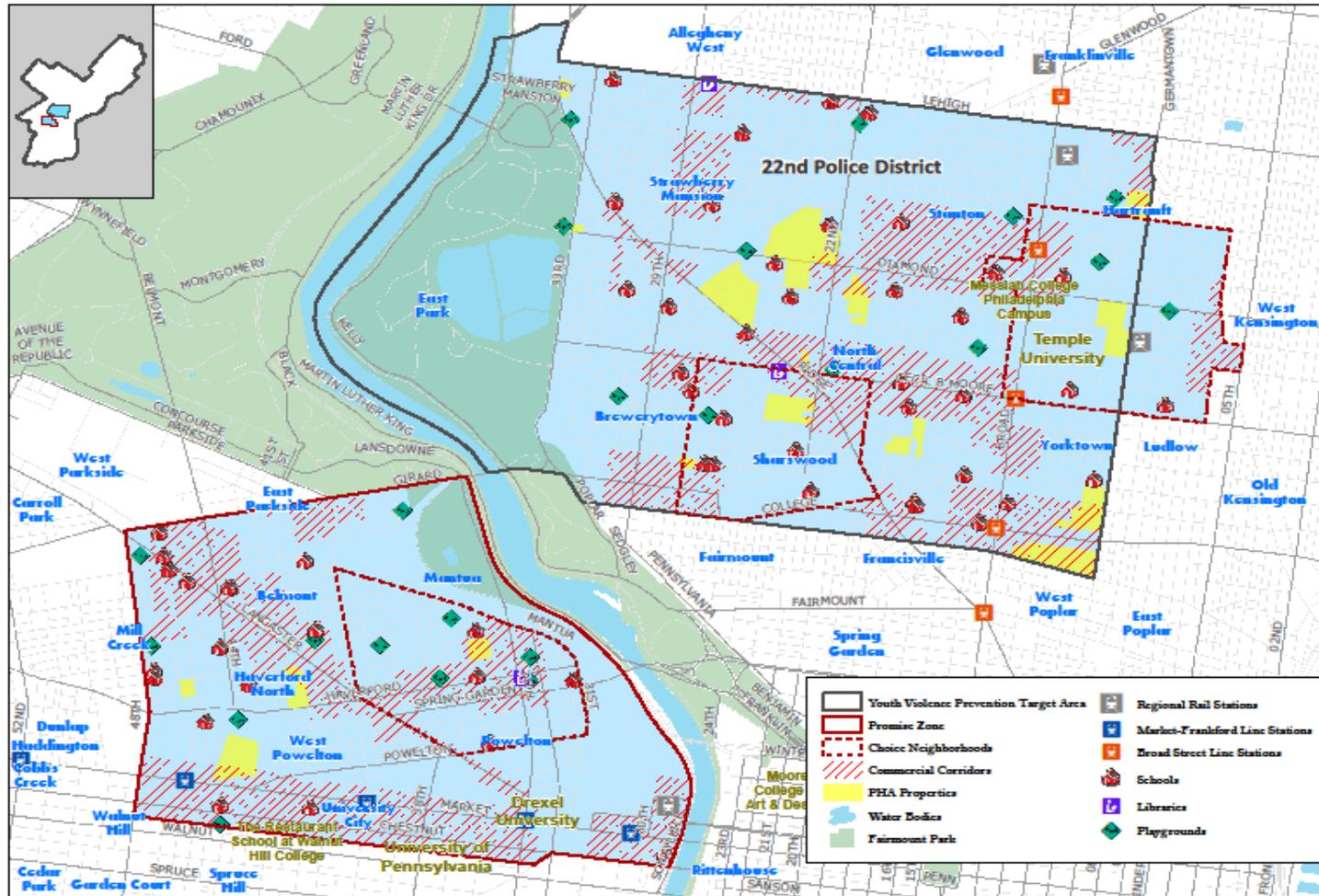
Why We Are Focused Here: 22nd District – North Central Philadelphia



- Highest incidence of shooting victims citywide between the ages of 14-24 years old
- 53% of the population are under 24 years old
- Area with less than 2% of the city's population that spans only 4.31 square miles
- 42% of the population live below the poverty level
- City owns 50% of the property

Map of Federal Grant Funding in Philadelphia/22nd District

Grant Application Target Areas





What We Do

◆ Goal

◆ Strategy

Overarching Goal:

25% reduction in shootings and homicides for ages 14-24 in the 22nd Police District by addressing the root causes of violence

Strategic Overview



What We're Doing: *Detention and Diversion Committee*

Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI) – reduce the inappropriate or unnecessary use of secure detention



Use of accurate data



Objective admissions instruments



Special detention cases



Reducing racial disparities

What We're Doing: *Detention and Diversion Committee*

Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI) – Initiatives:

1

Evening Reporting Centers

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The Global Positioning System (GPS):

- 71% program completion
- Daily cost savings--\$800 to incarcerate vs. \$6.75 to use GPS

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Police School Diversion Program:

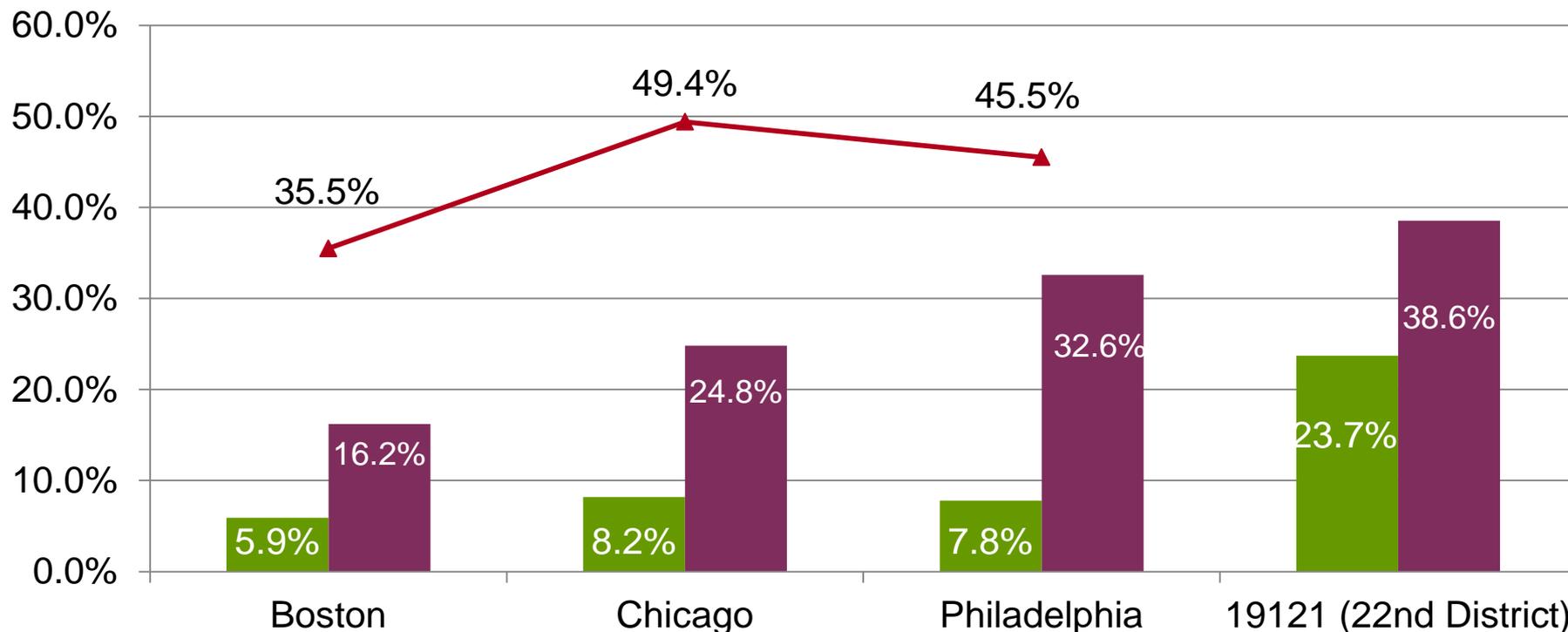
- Goal to reduce arrests by 50% from 1,600

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Philadelphia Youth Sports Collaborative – Sports for Juvenile Justice

Unemployment in the 22nd District

■ Total Unemployment Rate
 ■ Unemployment Rate Ages 16-24
 ▲ Unemployment Rate African American Males 16-24



**16- 24 year olds in Philadelphia have a higher than average unemployment rate.
 In the 22nd Police District, the problem is even more dramatic.**

What We're Doing: *Training and Employment Committee*

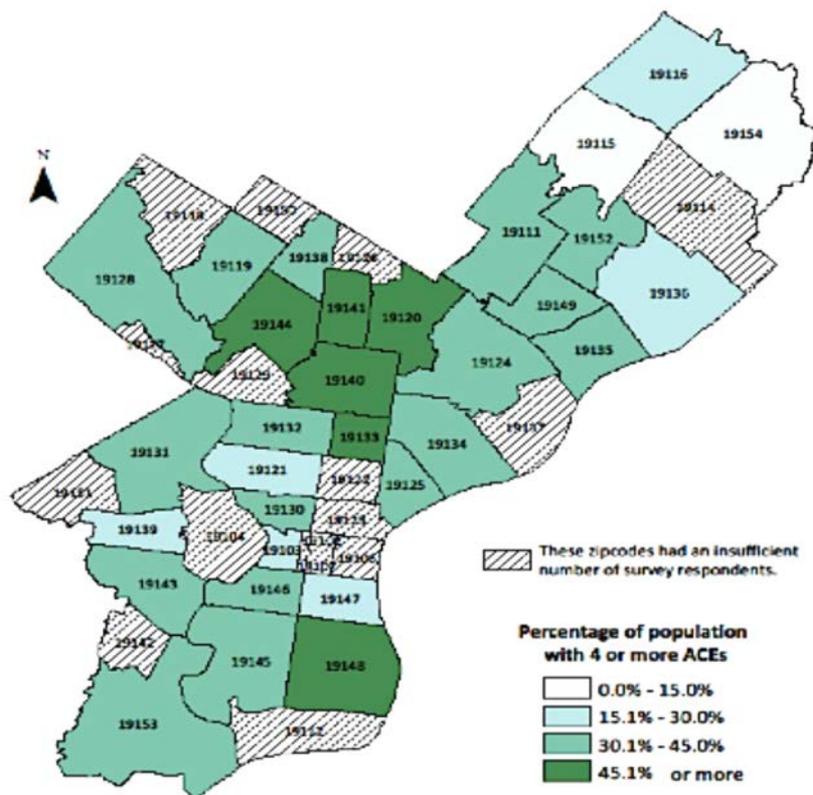
Focus on youth 21-24 years old and those coming out of detention & incarceration



Examples of activities include the Summer Jobs program, Year Round Jobs, and Transitional Jobs.

Health: Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)

Figure 3. Percentage of Population with Four or More ACEs by Zipcode, Philadelphia Urban ACE Survey, 2013



ACEs in Philadelphia

Among those with >4 ACEs, increased number of:

- multiple sexual partners
- suicide attempts
- substance abuse

>4 reported ACEs also correlated to poor health outcomes which include higher rates of

- Cancer
- Diabetes
- Severe Obesity
- Asthma



What We're Doing: *Health Committee*

Becoming a Trauma-Informed City

How can a health system take a public health approach?

3 domains:



Establishing a broad understanding of trauma

What We're Doing: *Health Committee*

- **Strategy:**

- ❖ Engage and collaborate with community, healthcare, and cross-system partners (e.g., education, criminal justice, child welfare) to reduce the incidence and impact of youth violence

- **Objectives:**

- ❖ Increase recognition, assessment, referral and support for youth and families who experience violence and other potentially traumatic events

What We're Doing: *Health Committee*

3 Focus Areas:

- 1) Access to trauma informed training, including **Mental Health First Aid (MFHA)**
 - 265 individuals, who live or work in the 22nd District, became MHFA Aiders
 - 14 trainings held in the 22nd district, 9 in surrounding neighborhoods

- 2) Access to **hospital-based violence intervention programs (HVIPs)**
 - 3 hospitals (2 children's, 1 general)
 - Over 2,000 individuals screened

- 3) Access to **evidence-based trauma-informed and trauma specific treatment**
 - Coordinated provider network
 - Over 1,000 children and youth screened and assessed for trauma

What We're Doing: *Education Committee*

The School District of Philadelphia supports collaborative partnerships with various other systems in Philadelphia, including the Department of Behavioral Health, the Department of Human Services, and the Juvenile Justice System.

Youth Violence Prevention Collaborative efforts include:



- Trauma-informed training and practices in schools
- Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) in four schools in the 22nd Police District, funded by the National Forum on Youth Violence Prevention
- WalkSafePHL

Community-Based Violence Prevention Program (CBVP)

- Targeted communities
- Evidence-based approaches to enhance existing work

Ceasefire - Cure Violence Model Demonstration Project:

- 65 responses to shootings
- 125 conflicts mediated
- 1,071 home visits
- 3,400 community members attended meetings
- 19,500 sets of materials distributed in the community



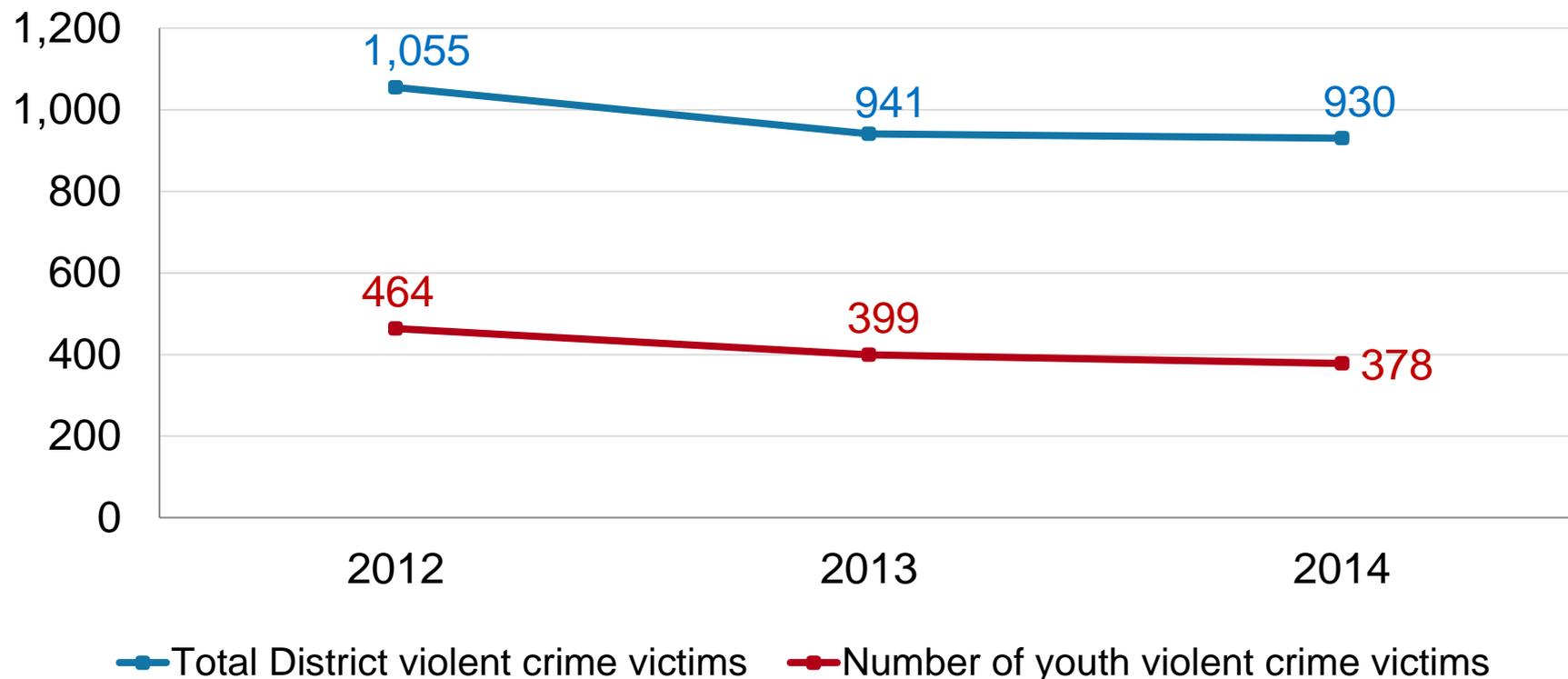
Sustainability of Collaborative Work

- Funding fellows and hosting symposiums
- Organizing additional funders, interested in public safety, to partner with the City
- Establishing an on-going affinity group



22nd District Violent Crime Victims, 2012 - 2014

(1/1 through 8/31 Annual Comparison)



Violent crimes are going down in total

Youth Violence in the 22nd District

(1/1 through 8/31 Annual Comparison)

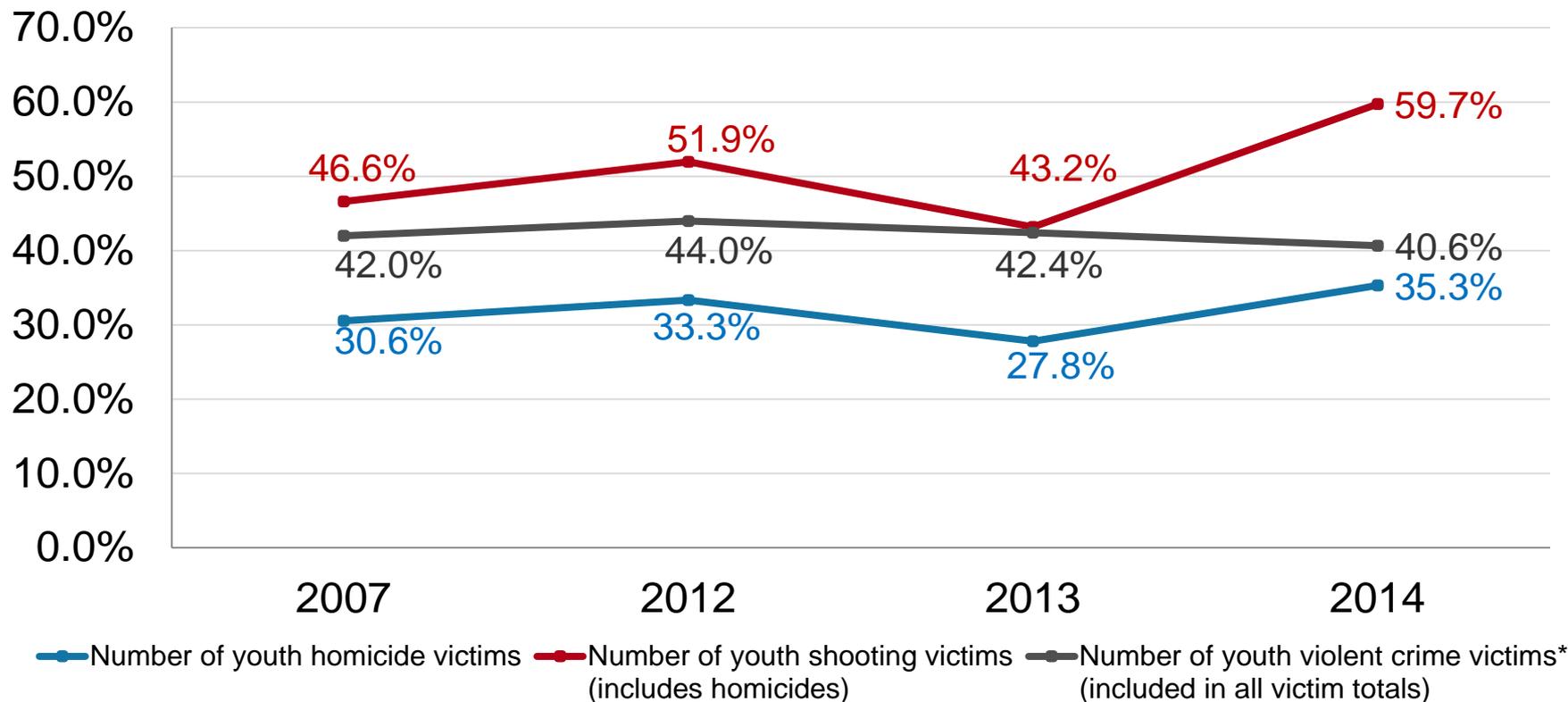
22ND DISTRICT VIOLENT CRIME VICTIMS	14 - 17 Years Old				18 - 24 Years Old			
	2012	2013	2014	% Change '14 vs '13	2012	2013	2014	% Change '14 vs '13
Number of youth homicide victims	0	0	0	-	9	5	6	-
Number of youth shooting victims (includes homicides)	9	4	6	50.0%	58	34	37	8.8%
Number of reported youth Robbery victims (included in shootings)	24	36	28	-22.2%	149	114	137	20.2%
Number of reported youth Agg-Assault victims (included in shootings)	70	68	56	-17.6%	165	128	111	-13.3%
Number of youth violent crime victims* (included in all victim totals)	116	138	112	-18.8%	348	261	266	1.9%

* Violent Crime=Murder, Rape, Robbery, & Agg. Assault
Source: Thor, Shooting database, & Homicide db, Crime Index

The majority of Youth Violence victims are 18-24 years old

Youth Violence as Percentage of Total District Violence

(1/1 through 8/31 Annual Comparison)



The number of homicide and shooting victims in the 22nd have decreased; however, the proportion of the those victims in our target group has increased.

Collaborative Strengths

- Placed-based investments, resources, and focus
- Linking previously independent organizations to leverage resources
- Fulfilling the Mayor's vision of embedding this new way of doing business into City culture



Collaborative Challenges

- **Information Systems**– develop accurate, relevant data collection and sharing systems, as permitted, to effectively and efficiently serve youth impacted by violence and chronic trauma and evaluate the impact of programs and policies
- **Communication** – across the collaborative, community, and with funders regarding structure, performance, and value
- **Time** – how to embed this work in government and the community, so that future administrations may build off violence reduction work



What's on the Horizon

- ◆ **Current Initiatives**

- ◆ **Primary Longer-Term Initiatives**

Current Initiatives include:

- Jobs (summer, year -round, and transitional jobs)
- Trauma Informed community
- Communication Plan
- Community and private funder engagement
- Community Umbrella Agencies support
- Resource manual

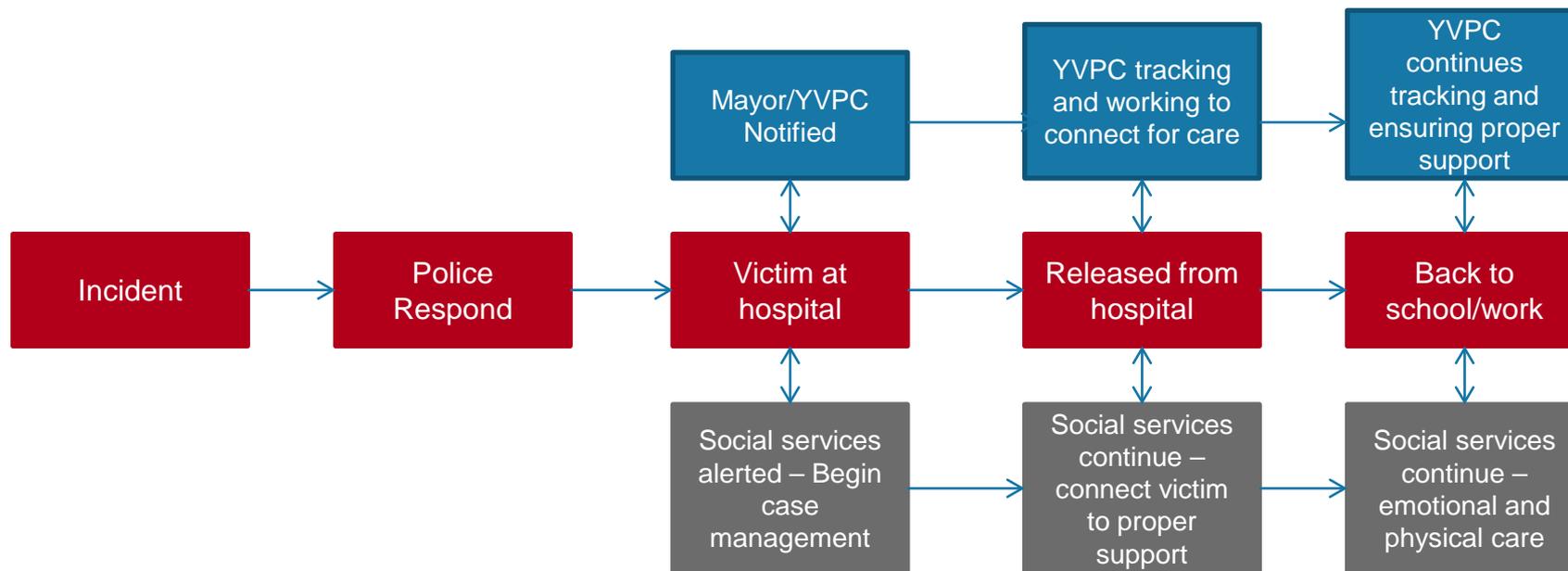
Primary Longer-Term Initiatives:

- 1) Develop an impactful wrap-around protocol for victims of youth violence and their families, including information sharing, interventions and services.
 - Understand gaps in service
 - Own case management
 - Create a mutually desired collaboration among stakeholders

- 2) Research and understand how victims of youth violence and their families have, or have not, interacted with City systems, to get at an understanding the root causes of violence and to assess the effectiveness and accessibility of social service programming in the City.

An example of envisioned future state:

Shooting Victim (Youth) Continuum of Care



Programs for victim support: CUAs, YVRP, Cure Violence, Healing Hurt People, Community Clergy

Case Management needed to connect victims to proper social services, community support, and physical and mental care

Overarching Issues: Notification, collaboration among groups/City agencies, getting maximum benefit out of existing programs/CUAs, addressing gaps in care

Recap

Collaborating to address the root causes of violence

- Place-Based
- National Forum on Youth Violence Prevention & Ceasefire
- Focusing on: Jobs; Trauma-Informed Communities; Injury Review and Intervention; Communication Tools



Additional Public Resources

- <http://www.phila.gov/Newsletters/Youth-Violence-ExecutiveSummary%20Sept%202013.pdf>
- http://www.phila.gov/Newsletters/Youth_Violence_Strategic_Plan_%20FINAL%20September%202013.pdf
- <http://www.phila.gov/Newsletters/PhillyNationalForumMayoralPresentation9-25-2013.pdf>
- <http://www.findyouthinfo.gov/collaboration-profiles/national-forum-youth-violence-prevention>