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Director's Update

Welcome to the second edition of National ACE Program News. I would like to thank all of you who participated in and contributed to making the reverse site visit in Riverside so successful. The evaluations reflected an overwhelming positive meeting. Special thanks go to Dr. Nancy Guerra, Dr. Kirk Williams, Roxie Alcaraz, and the rest of the faculty, staff, and students at the Southern California Academic Center of Excellence on Youth Violence Prevention.

In addition, the meeting's planning committee and our CDC partners made major contributions. Michele Hoover did a wonderful job facilitating and moderating the process and meeting. It was truly an inspiration to have the meeting at one of our ACE sites.

At the recent Society for Prevention Research (SPR) annual meeting in Washington, D.C., four ACEs, the CC, and CDC presented a collaborative poster forum. The posters and

the oral presentations received excellent evaluations. We hope that next year's SPR meeting in San Francisco will be more successful with even broader ACE participation and a larger program role. The Program Chair for next year's meeting will be ACE PI Deborah Gorman-Smith from University of Illinois, Chicago.

The Coordinating Center will be giving an oral presentation, "National Academic Centers of Excellence on Youth Violence Prevention" at the upcoming American Public Health Association (APHA) meeting in Washington, D.C. The Coordinating Center will also be organizing a special ACE session during this meeting.

Through national conferences, collaborations with partners (UNITY, Maryland Public Schools, Latino Health Access and Kailua High School's Safe School's Task Force), and the National ACE Program strategic plan; the Coordinating Center and ACEs are working diligently

to make a difference. We are also developing a two year plan to educate our policy makers on the local, state and federal levels.

This newsletter is an important part of the CC function to disseminate ACE-specific and cross-ACE activities and products necessary in youth violence research and practices. In this issue, we have highlighted the significant work of the John Hopkins Center for the Prevention of Youth Violence in its efforts to reduce violence in Baltimore, Maryland along with a snapshot of the many other great efforts and activities of the ACEs in youth violence prevention. We hope that you find the newsletter to be an important tool to further communication and collaboration among the ACEs and their partners.

Aloha,
Greg Mark



Highlighting the ACEs: Johns Hopkins University

This is the second in a series of newsletters that will highlight the National Academic Centers of Excellence on Youth Violence Prevention (ACEs), funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Currently, the ten National Academic Centers of Excellence are: Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Columbia University,

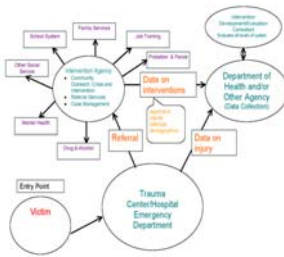
Harvard University, Johns Hopkins University, Meharry Medical College, University of California at Riverside, University of California at Berkeley, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, University of Illinois at Chicago, and Virginia Commonwealth University.

The Johns Hopkins Center for the Prevention of Youth Violence (JHCPYV), led by prin-

cipal investigator Philip Leaf, Ph.D. and Associate Directors Daniel Webster, Sc.D. and Catherine Bradshaw, Ph.D., is working with State, City, and community partners to Wage Peace in Baltimore, the second most dangerous city in the country, with 64 murders as of March, 2007.

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Surveillance: PIRIS Project



PIRIS Flow Chart

As part of the efforts to link with citywide community violence prevention programs, the Philadelphia Collaborative Violence Prevention Center (Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia U-PACE) has utilized a unique pilot surveillance system, PIRIS, the Pennsylvania Injury Reporting and Intervention System.

PIRIS was developed by the Pennsylvania Department of Health, in collaboration with hospital partners and the Firearm and Injury Center at Penn (FICAP), the Philadelphia Anti-

Drug/Anti-Violence Network (PAAN), the Pennsylvania Trauma Systems Foundation (PTSF), Center for Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics (CCBE/DBE), the Philadelphia Department of Public Health, and the Philadelphia Health Management Corporation.

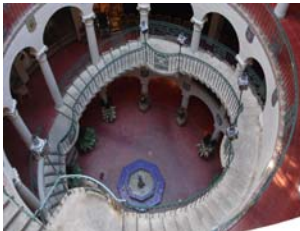
This public health data-driven system combines surveillance and intervention services to directly control and prevent the impact of gun violence on youth. Two key components are: 1) collection of data for youth aged 15-24 with

interpersonal or self-inflicted gunshot wounds, and 2) development of a multi-system intervention for victims and their families including referrals to community services, job training, education programs, mental health treatment, and other specialized programs.

PIRIS is currently implemented at three trauma centers, Hospital of University of Pennsylvania, Temple University Hospital, and Albert Einstein Medical Center. Nearly 40% of all Pennsylvania fire-

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2007 National ACE Meeting: Riverside, CA



From top to bottom: Sunset in Laguna Beach; the Historic Mission Inn; and Dr. Rodney Hammond, Director of CDC’s Division of Violence Prevention

The 2007 National ACE Meeting took place February 5th-7th in Riverside, California. The meeting was graciously hosted by the University of California at Riverside Southern California Academic Center of Excellence on Youth Violence Prevention (ACE-UCR).

The meeting participants, which numbered over 70 individuals, included representatives from academia as well as from the community from each of the ten ACEs, as well as the ACE Coordinating Center staff, and staff from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Held in the historic Mission Inn Hotel, the meeting opened with New Center Orientation for the ACE Coordinating Center, the Philadelphia Collaborative Violence Prevention Center (PCVPC), and the Nashville Urban Partnership, Academic Center of Excellence (NUPACE). Facilitated by Michele Hoover, ACE Lead Project Officer for CDC, the new Cen-

ters received an informative introduction on their place within the CDC organizational structure.

Later in the evening, meeting attendees were treated to a delicious Mexican and Italian dinner hosted by Dr. Nancy Guerra, P.I. for ACE-UCR, along with a beautiful balcony view of the Southern California sunset.

The next morning, the conference kicked off with a working breakfast hosted by the Coordinating Center, with a warm welcome by Dr. Janet Saul, Branch Chief, Prevention Development and Evaluation Branch, along with Dr. Rodney Hammond, Director of the Division of Violence Prevention.

Principal Investigators for the new UPACEs and the Coordinating Center gave brief introductions and overviews of the community and academic activities of their respective Centers.

Participants then choose

between two large concurrent breakout sessions for the rest of the morning. “Community Mobilization: Problem Solving and Lessons Learned” was facilitated by Dr. Isami Arifuku from UC Berkeley and Dr. Janet Saul from CDC. The second group, “Methodological and Research Design Issues: Problem Solving and Lessons Learned” was facilitated by Dr. David Henry from the University of Illinois at Chicago and Dr. Tamara Haegerich from CDC.

Participants regrouped to discuss “Moving from Research to Practice: Using Community-Based Participatory (CBPR) Research,” facilitated by Dr. David Mayeda from the University of Hawai’i and Dr. Joanne Klevens from CDC. Participants passed around the microphone, offering feedback and ideas.

Following the discussion, Nancy Stroupe gave an overview of CDC’s evaluation of CBPR and Community Mobilization.

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The JHCPYV consists of a coalition of researchers, faculty, students, and staff from the Johns Hopkins Schools of Public Health, Medicine, Nursing, Education, and Arts and Sciences and partners, including State and local officials, Baltimore- and Maryland-based agencies and organizations, schools, parents, local residents, and youth.

The mission of the Center is to prevent youth violence and promote positive youth development by creating academic-community collaborations that extend, evaluate, and improve efforts to: 1) monitor and detect youth violence, 2) conduct research identifying malleable factors related to youth violence and research on interventions that reduce youth violence and associated morbidity and mortality, and 3) create policies and practices that prevent youth violence.

Faculty from the Center staffed the City's development of a comprehensive plan to reduce gang violence, a plan already affecting the dissemination of resources by the Mayor's Office, the U.S. Attor-

ney's Office and the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention. Professor Leaf also is co-chairing the Baltimore City's Steering Committee for the Creation of Safe and Supportive Learning Environments, a committee consisting of the CEO of the Baltimore Public School System, the Mayor's Office, the State's Attorney, the Police and Health Commissioners, the Director of the Department of Social Services, the Area Director for the Maryland Department of Juvenile Services, and representatives from other agencies, service providers, advocacy groups, the faith community, parents and family members.

Although all of the Center's activities aim to reduce violence against or by children and youth, these activities range from: 1) the implementation of more effective home visiting programs for mothers and their families living in high risk neighborhoods, 2) school-wide efforts to create positive learning environments, 3) training of students in social emotional learning and behavioral management, 4) the creation of a community and

family center for youth involved with the juvenile justice system, 5) Baltimore Child Development-Community Policing (CD-DP), a 24/7 trauma response program which targets children and youth who are exposed to violence, and 6) collaborations with ex-offenders attempting to break the cycle of violence.

An innovative TV series *Teen Perspective*, developed by Dr. Leaf, the Urban Leadership Institute and WMAR TV affords teens the opportunity to voice their opinions on topics such as gang violence and substance use. Middle and High school students from public and private schools are selected to participate in a televised forum discussing video clips produced by high school students working with staff from WMAR.

For more information on the JHCPYV and their programs and activities, link to www.jhsph.edu/preventyouthviolence. For information and links to the other ACE websites, see www.nacecc.org.



Philip Leaf, Ph.D.
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Johns Hopkins Center
for the Prevention of
Youth Violence

Voices from the Community: PCVPC

Prior to attending the annual meeting in Riverside, CA, I was impressed by the lessons learned and relationships formed from the joint accomplishments and the various challenges resulting from our commitment to apply the principles of community-based participatory research (CBPR) at the Philadelphia Collaborative Violence Prevention Center (PCVPC).

This sentiment was further

enhanced during the national meeting in February 2007. The presentations, focused small group discussions, peer networking, and CDC advisory were extremely informative and thought provoking for the Philadelphia team. I can summarize much of what we brought back as the need to have a **CRISP** outlook moving forward.

Community involvement is critical for the development, implementation, evaluation and

positive impact of an applicable intervention.

Research design should be rigorous and should take into consideration many variables impacting the effectiveness of a youth violence prevention initiative.

Information gathering, sharing, and reporting across all centers are coordinated efforts that will further develop the proficiency and output of the

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“The great benefit of this meeting was that both researchers and community representatives . . . were given the same information and opportunity to network with the entire National ACE on Youth Violence Prevention family.”

Community Members and Outreach Workgroup



Participants for the Community Members/ Outreach Workgroup met in the historic Mission Inn Hotel's Spanish Art Gallery in Riverside, California

The Community Members and Outreach Workgroup convened on February 6th at the 2007 National ACE Annual Meeting in Riverside. Michele Hoover (CDC), Candice Jackson (CDC), and Dr. Gregory Mark (Coordinating Center) facilitated the session, where all ten ACEs were represented.

The purpose of the workgroup was defined to be an opportunity for networking among community partners of the different ACEs, as well as to determine effective ways in which to share ideas.

A number of different challenges were brought about during the workgroup session. A major theme was the establishment of a strong and trusting community-university partnership. A representative from Harvard expressed the importance of all parties viewing the community and the Center as equal partners. A representative from Hawai'i also shared that the Center approached her organization with mutual respect, and that communication was key every step of the way.

The next steps for this

workgroup will be to improve communication among the ACEs. Several suggestions were made, including increasing the number of venues available for communication, such as conference calls and the creation of a web board. A Riverside representative suggested that ACEs post challenges on a discussion board where other Centers could view them and respond. The common theme from the session was that of learning from other Centers' successes and strategies.

Community Mobilization Special Issue



The problem of youth violence in the United States has reached such a level that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has declared it a threat to public health. In response to the growing problem, the CDC's Academic Centers of Excellence (ACEs) study the problem of youth violence in different regions and different ethnicities across the country.

To highlight the different ACEs' efforts, the *American*

Journal of Preventive Medicine (AJPM) in collaboration with Dr. Gregory Y. Mark, Co-Principal Investigator of the Asian/Pacific Islander Youth Violence Prevention Center (APIYVPC) and Principal Investigator of the ACE Coordinating Center, will be putting out a special issue on youth violence and the community mobilization efforts of different ACEs to prevent the growing problem.

This special issue will focus on the best practices and lessons learned from all the ACEs throughout the country. Many of the ACEs are taking a multi-level and multi-organization collaborative effort to stem the problem of youth violence in different communities. This issue is scheduled to be published by the *AJPM* in 2007.

For more information please contact the Coordinating Center at nacecc@dop.hawaii.edu or (808) 945-1517.

Legislative Updates



The appropriations process for FY 2008 is underway. The House Appropriations Subcommittee that determines CDC's funding passed a bill that included a \$1.5 million increase for the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control.

This increase included funds for an additional injury control research center that would conduct research on injury and injury prevention related to children and adolescents.

The Senate Full Appropria-

tions Committee has passed their bill. It includes an increase of \$4.9 million for the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control.

This increase includes a \$1.98 million increase for youth violence prevention activities to address "the increasing level of youth violence in schools and in cities around the Nation." Many steps of the process still remain to determine final funding levels for FY 2008.

For more up to date legislative updates on these and other related bills, visit our website at www.nacecc.org. If you would like to share information about your local or state legislative updates or efforts, please contact the Coordinating Center at nacecc@dop.hawaii.edu or (808) 945-1517.

2007 Society for Prevention Research Meeting

The National Academic Centers of Excellence on Youth Violence Prevention presented a collaborative poster symposium at the 15th Annual Society for Prevention Research (SPR) Meeting in Washington, D.C. on May 31st.

Symposium participants included the Southern California Academic Center of Excellence on Youth Violence Prevention (University of California at Riverside), Center on Culture, Immigration, and Violence Prevention (University of California at Berkeley), Asian/Pacific Islander Youth Violence Prevention Center (University of Hawai'i at Mānoa), and the Clark-Hill Institute for Positive Youth Development (Virginia Commonwealth University) as well as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

This unique poster forum showcased the work of the ACEs using a Community-Based Participatory Research (CBPR) model in youth violence prevention. In this interactive format, the audience was presented with a brief summary overview of each poster by the author, and circulated among the individual posters to ask

questions and obtain more detailed information.

Several key areas that were highlighted included the challenges and successes of partnerships in CBPR and the impact on youth violence prevention efforts. The session concluded with a larger group dialogue among the poster panelists and the entire audience discussing the need for continuing further collaborations among the Centers as well as with other youth violence prevention researchers and programs.

The following posters were presented at the session entitled "The Challenges and Successes of University-Community Collaboration and its Impact of Community Based Participatory Research to Reduce Youth Violence":

- CDC's National Academic Centers of Excellence on Youth Violence Prevention Program: Using a Community Based Participatory Research Model to Advance Youth Violence Prevention (David-Ferdon & Hoover)
- Community Based Participatory Research to Reduce Youth Violence: Formative Research Results from the

National Academic Centers of Excellence on Youth Violence Prevention (Stroupe & David-Ferdon)

- Building University and Public School Partnerships to Prevent Youth Violence (Chung et al)
- Lessons Learned from Community Participatory Research with Communities Serving Immigrant and Ethnic Minority Population on Youth Violence Prevention (Le et al)
- The Diffusion of Student-Led Participatory Research in Urban Schools: the role of the prevention support system in implementation and sustainability (Ozer et al)
- University-Community Collaboration to Address Youth Violence in Richmond, Virginia (Farrell et al)
- Community Participatory Research and Practice in Latino Communities (Alcaraz et al)

Posters are available for download at www.nacecc.org/meetings-and-conferences.asp.



From top to bottom: ACE poster symposium participants; poster panelists answer questions at the concluding discussion of the poster session; ACE luncheon at a local DC restaurant

Training: promoting junior researchers at SPR

One of the important core activities of the Academic Centers of Excellence on Youth Violence Prevention includes training and mentoring for junior researchers. At the recent Society for Prevention Research Meeting in Washington, D.C., two of the seven posters in the ACE poster symposium were presented by 'junior' prevention researchers, Jane Chung, a graduate student in Public Health at the



University of Hawai'i at Mānoa and Nancy Stroupe (above), M.A., fellow at the CDC.

Ms. Stroupe said "The experience at SPR was very rewarding. The plenary and

breakout sessions I attended addressed a variety of important prevention topics and had knowledgeable and engaging speakers. Presenting during the poster symposium was a new and exciting experience for me. It was a great venue for early career professionals to disseminate information to others and to network with people with similar interests. I will definitely pursue presenting at the conference in the future."

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From top to bottom: Michele Hoover (CDC) at the hosted Monday dinner; Dr. Gregory Mark (Coordinating Center) remarks at the opening breakfast; Riverside community members are honored for their work at a dinner reception.

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zation. Program examples were given by Dr. Steve Leff and Nicole Thomas from Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and Dr. Thao Le and Gianna Tran from UC Berkeley.

The afternoon was followed by a discussion on "Responding to Community Events" with topics such as school shootings, increase in youth homicides, and school fights, lead by Dr. Phil Leaf from Johns Hopkins and Dr. Tamara Haegerich.

The evening was highlighted with a group dinner at local restaurant, Mexicali Bar and Grill to honor UCR Community Partners for their contributions in preventing youth violence within their communities. Dr. Nancy Guerra and Ms. Roxie Alcaraz recognized members from the City of Riverside, Latino Health Access in Santa Ana, CA, and the Perris Youth Crime Prevention Red Team in Perris, CA. Honorees were awarded with plaques and spoke spiritedly about their experiences and challenges working with the

community.

Attendees reconvened the next morning with a large group session on "Outreach and Training Core" facilitated by Dr. Bruce Link, from the ACE Planning Committee and Dr. Jennifer Wyatt Kaminski, from CDC. Great program examples were presented by Dr. Lourdes Hernandez-Cordero from Columbia, Dr. Deborah Azrael, Dr. Renee Johnson, and Ms. Tina Chery from Harvard, as well as Dr. Nancy Guerra from UC Riverside.

Participants once again broke out into smaller workgroup sessions. The "Adolescent IPV Cross-site Workgroup" was facilitated by Reshma Mahendra, from CDC, "Bullying Cross-site Workgroup" facilitated by Dr. Tamara Haegerich, and the "Acculturation Workgroup" was facilitated by Paul Smokowski from CDC.

Attendees regrouped to discuss "Measuring the Problem of Youth Violence: Surveillance", lead by Dr. Rob Parker

from UC Riverside and Dr. Jennifer Wyatt Kaminski. Program examples were also presented by Dr. Parker as well as a discussion lead by Dr. Paul Juarez from Meharry.

The final breakout networking session consisted of "Outreach and Training" hosted by Michele Hoover, "Surveillance" facilitated by Dr. Jennifer Wyatt, and "Research" facilitated by Dr. Tamara Haegerich.

The meeting closed with updates on the Steering Committee's next steps, the PI meeting, as well as reports from the cross-site workgroups.

Overall evaluations and feedback from participants found the meeting's presentations and discussions to be informative and useful. Responses by individuals from CDC and the Centers indicated the meeting to be a positive outcome from which to further strengthen the ACE program.

For more information, email nacecc@dop.hawaii.edu.

"We are pleased to announce the continuation of our partnership with . . . the Johns Hopkins University, Center for the Prevention of Youth Violence. . ."

Partnerships: Maryland's PBIS Initiative

In a recent letter to local superintendents of schools, Dr. Nancy Grasmick, State Superintendent of Maryland Public Schools, writes: "We are pleased to announce the continuation of our partnership with the Sheppard Pratt Health System and the Johns Hopkins University, Center for the Prevention of Youth Violence, in expanding and sustaining Maryland's Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Initiative. . ."

"As a proven model, PBIS is making a dramatic difference in the way many of our schools

address discipline and is highly successful in creating educational environments that are safe, drug free, and conducive to learning. Maryland is considered a National Exemplar in its PBIS implementation efforts, and we are extremely proud of the success experienced by the over 300 schools that are implementing the PBIS model. . ."

"Our PBIS Initiative has flourished since its inception in 1999. . . PBIS implementation has always required the ongoing development and commitment of local capacity to ensure that the model is sus-

tained with consistent fidelity."

"We believe that it is the state's responsibility to provide opportunities for expansion within each of the 24 local school systems. This will include New Team training, New Coaches Training and training in special topics that allow systems to build their PBIS initiative from universal implementation to secondary and tertiary interventions in order to support those students requiring additional assistance." For more information about PBIS Maryland, visit <http://www.pbismaryland.org/>.



Publications, Presentations & Products

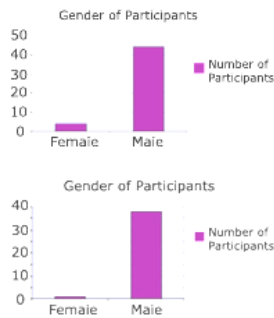
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Calendar of Events

MAY 2007	JUNE 2007	JULY 2007	AUGUST 2007	SEPTEMBER 2007	OCTOBER 2007
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 8-9 3rd Annual Eastern Regional Conference on After-School Baltimore, MD www.afterschoolinstitute.org/ • May 9-11 3rd International Conference Children Exposed to Domestic Violence Ontario, Canada www.lfcc.on.ca/ • May 17 Community Participation in Research (R01) PA-07-283 Application deadline grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-07-283.html • May 31-Jun 1 Society for Prevention Research 15th Annual Meeting Washington, DC www.preventionresearch.org/meeting.php 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 7-10 11th Biennial Conference of the Society for Community Research and Action Baltimore, MD biennial2007.scra27.org/ • June 8 Long Term Consequences of Childhood Maltreatment: Successful Prevention Strategies and Treatment Interventions Baltimore, MD www.hopkinscme.net • June 9-10 Walk to Prevent Suicide-Out of the Darkness Overnight New York City www.theovernight.org • June 18-20 National Center for Victims of Crime's 2nd National Conference: Advancing Practice, Policy, and Research www.ncvc.org/ncvc/main.aspx?dbID=DB_2005NationalConference571 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • July 9-13 NIH Summer Institute on Community-Based Participatory Research Chicago, IL obsr.od.nih.gov/summerinstitute2007/index.html • July 10 Robert Wood Johnson Local Initiatives Funding Application Deadline www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=19831 • July 20-23 Community-Campus Partnerships for Health 10th Summer Service-Learning Institute Cascade Mountains, Washington State depts.washington.edu/ccph/servicelearning.html • July 24-27 Generations United 14th International Conference Washington, DC www.gu.org/GU_Col2281388.asp 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aug 1 DHHS-CDC Coop Agreement to Apply Evidence-based Practices to Protect Health, Prevent Disease & Disability, and Promote Healthy Behaviors with & for Business Organizations Grant Application Deadline www.grants.gov/search/search.do?oppld=14385&mode=VIEW • Aug 6 Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning's (CASEL) Sustainable School-wide Social and Emotional Learning Implementation Workshop Chicago, IL www.casel.org • Aug 17/24 Society for Research on Adolescence Meeting poster and other formats abstract deadlines www.s-r-a.org 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sep 1 DHHS-NIH NCMHD CBPR Initiative in Reducing and Eliminating Health Disparities (R24) Grant Application Deadline www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=14126 • Sep 19-21 8th National Conference on Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation Prevention New Orleans, LA www.nationalcac.org/professionals/trainings/preventionconference.html • Sep 30-Oct 2 National Summit on your City's Families San Antonio, TX http://www.nlc.org/YEF/yefsummit.aspx 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oct 11-12 Forum for Change: Schoolwide PBIS Planning for Systems Change Rosemont, IL www.pbis.org/files/Forum_Web_forum07_main.htm • Oct 23-24 Office for Victims of Crime Specialized Training Workshop Responding to School Violence Raleigh, NC www.ovcttac.org/calendar/training.cfm • Oct 25-27 12th Annual Conference on Advancing School Mental Health http://csmha.umaryland.edu/conf_meet/AnnualConference/index.html • Oct 29-31 National Conference on Safe Schools and Communities Washington, DC gwired.gwu.edu/hamfish/Annual

For a more comprehensive and updated list of upcoming events, conferences, training opportunities, we recommend linking to <http://www.jhsph.edu/preventyouthviolence> and subscribing to the Johns Hopkins Center for the Prevention of Youth Violence Items of Interest newsletter.



PIRIS participant data:
May-August 2006 (top)
with 48 participants;
September-December
2006 (bottom) with 39
participants

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Nicole Thomas,
(PCVPC) presents at
the 2007 National
ACE Meeting

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arm-related hospitalizations among 15-24 year olds takes place at these three centers.

In addition to youth who are admitted as gunshot victims to the PIRIS hospitals, victims' families also receive a host of intervention services as well as individual plan development to prevent further violence.

Data collected are used to make recommendations for future anti-violence interventions.

Dr. Rose Cheney, Ph.D., Executive Director of FICAP, and also Administrative Core

Director for the Philadelphia Collaborative Violence Prevention Center is a co-author for a presentation on the PIRIS project that will be part of the Youth Violence Prevention and Intervention Session at the upcoming 2007 American Public Health Association Meeting and Exposition held in Washington, D.C. (www.apha.org)

The presentation entitled "Piloting a State-funded Reporting and Intervention System for Youth Firearm Injury: Pennsylvania Injury Reporting and Intervention System" discusses

how an injury tracking and intervention system can address youth violence as well as issues relevant to expanding this system statewide.

For more information on the PIRIS Project, visit www.piris-pa.org/index.html. For more information on the Philadelphia Collaborative Violence Prevention Center, visit stokes.chop.edu/programs/injury/our_research/violence_intervention.php.

Strategic Planning Efforts

The National Academic Centers of Excellence on Youth Violence Prevention are currently developing a strategic plan to focus the efforts of the ACEs to reach goals in youth violence prevention by the year 2010.

Dr. Robert Cohen, of the Coordinating Center, is spearheading the action plan process by coordinating multiple workgroups to address the objectives and timelines of

the strategic plan goals.

Part of the strategic plan goals includes enhancing awareness of problems and issues related to youth violence at the national level, developing and validating evidence-based tools for addressing positive youth development/violence prevention, add to the knowledge base, working collaboratively to disseminate and increase acceptance of evidence-based work and promising ap-

proaches to address youth violence prevention, and educating policy makers about the work of the ACEs.

A working draft document is expected to be generated by the late August or early September.

If you are interested in participating in the strategic planning process, please contact the Coordinating Center at nacecc@dop.hawaii.edu or (808) 945-1517.

Voices from the Community: *continued from Page 3*

National ACE on Youth Violence Prevention efforts.

Sustainable impact within the targeted community is the desired goal and an indication of a solid intervention.

Partnerships with key stakeholders, other centers, and CDC representatives will help to optimize the outcomes of a center's activities.

As a result of attending the annual meeting, the PCVPC team has: reviewed and further developed our community

mobilization efforts, instituted some modifications to our intervention design, enhanced methods to better coordinate and collect information for internal use and reporting, exchanged valuable discussion and ideas through cross-center work group participation, and expanded auxiliary advisory committees representing various stakeholders, as we continue to focus on impact and sustainability.

The great benefit of this

meeting was that both researchers and community representatives, under the counsel of CDC, were given the same information and opportunity to network with the entire National ACE on Youth Violence Prevention family.

Nicole Thomas
 Community Liaison
 Coordinator
 Philadelphia Collaborative
 Violence Prevention Center
 (PCVPC)

Inter-ACE Collaborations: Dating Violence

The Dating Violence Cross-Site workgroup met in Riverside while at the 2007 National ACE Meeting to discuss several key issues.

The ever increasing trend for adolescents to be savvy with technology prompted discussion of internet and cell phone use in dating violence. A review of the literature on cell phone text messaging and survey data on internet bullying were suggested as further areas to explore in connection with the use of technology in dating violence.

Other issues of focus involved different cultural groups, "Top 12" issues in teen dating

violence, qualitative vs. quantitative measures/data, IRB issues and sexual violence questions, and measurements for perpetrators.

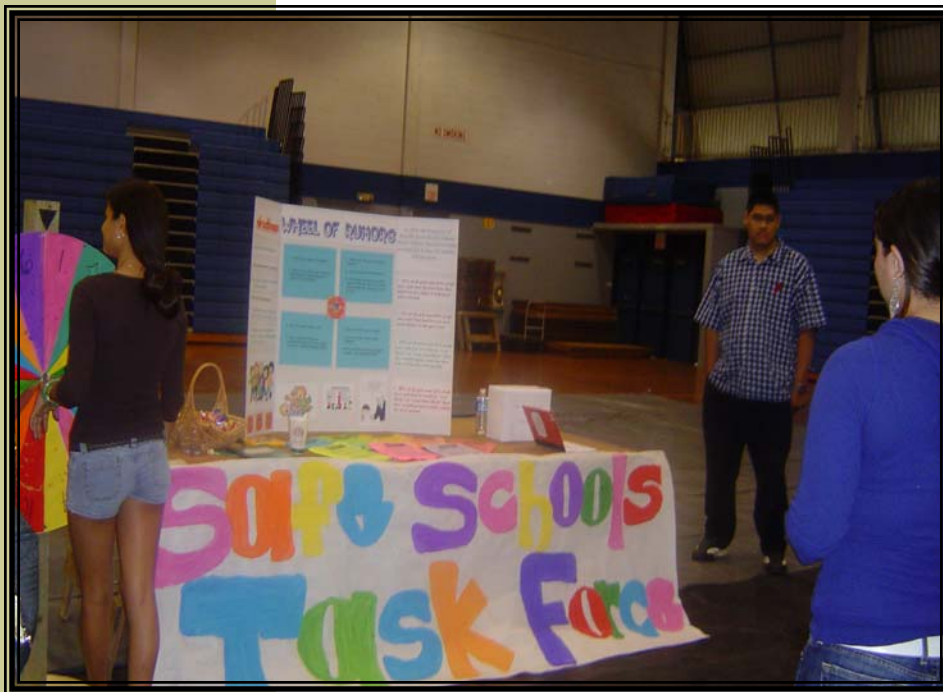
The group also discussed how to identify major risk factors for dating violence, such as exposure to domestic violence, as well as areas of prevention such as tip sheets, establishing healthy dating practices, and educational/awareness tools for schools and parents on how to talk about the issue. Resources are available at Choose Respect (www.chooserespect.org), a dating abuse prevention initiative for adolescents.

The collaborative efforts of

the dating violence workgroup have involved learning about the different research projects, sharing qualitative data, planning collaborative qualitative papers, and identifying common measures of dating violence to include emotional/physical/sexual abuse.

The dating violence workgroup consists of members from the Virginia Commonwealth University Clark-Hill Institute for Positive Youth Development, the Columbia Center for Youth Violence Prevention, and the Asian/Pacific Islander Youth Violence Prevention Center. For more information, email nacecc@dop.hawaii.edu.

IN FOCUS



Partnering with Kailua High School's Safe School's Task Force, the Asian Pacific Islander Youth Violence Prevention Center, hosted a booth entitled "Wheel of Rumors" during the Kailua High School Health Fair, where students were encouraged to brainstorm different strategies for rumor prevention.

The ACEs

Columbia Center for Youth Violence Prevention

Harvard Youth Violence Prevention Center

Johns Hopkins University Center for the Prevention of Youth Violence

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Asian/Pacific Islander Youth Violence Prevention Center

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Responding to Community Events

With the recent media coverage on incidents of violence on school campuses, it is worthwhile to mention some of the efforts of the ACEs in responding to community events. Although the National Academic Centers of Excellence are not directly funded to address college violence, many of the ACEs were called upon in various ways to address the shooting at Virginia Tech. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) provided a list of experts associated with the ACEs who could be contacted by various media outlets to address the many questions that arose in the aftermath of the incident.

Maury Nation, Ph.D., PI for the bullying core research project at the Nashville Urban Partnership Academic Center of Excellence (NUPACE) was

interviewed by CNN. Also, ABC news interviewed David Hemenway, Ph.D., Principal Investigator of the Harvard Youth Violence Prevention Center and Director of the Harvard Injury Control Research Center.

The CDC assembled a collection of resources on violence prevention to help parents, students, and school personnel cope with the aftermath of a traumatic event. These resources (available at www.cdc.gov/Features/SchoolViolence) include a video podcast "Coping with Traumatic Events" featuring Rodney Hammond, Ph.D., Director of CDC's Division of Violence Prevention, which was available on multiple websites including My Space to appeal to younger audiences.

In a report to the President,

it was recommended that HHS should collaborate with the Department of Education to improve school climate and prevent violence in schools by working through the ACEs and identify opportunities to expand CDC's "Choose Respect" initiative. The report is available at www.hhs.gov/vtreport.pdf.

In another example of community responses, the Asian/Pacific Islander Youth Violence Prevention Center has provided technical assistance to a local high school in the form of an incident diagnostic report (available at www.apivyvpc.org).

If you have been contacted to respond to the Virginia Tech event or have participated in any other community responses, please contact the Coordinating Center at nacecc@dop.hawaii.edu.