

# Youth Violence Prevention



Fathers and Sons Program

# What is Youth **Violence**?

Harmful behaviors that can start early and continue into adulthood

Harmful behaviors such as:

- © Bullying
- © Gang-Related Violence
- © Slapping
- © Hitting
- © Robbery
- © Assault

# Some Facts on Violence

© In the United States, violence kills more than 13 young people everyday<sup>2</sup>

© Homicide is the #1 reason why young black people die<sup>3</sup>

© Most die from gun violence



The New York Times | U.S.

# A Weekend in Chicago

Three days, 64 people shot, six of them dead:  
Memorial Day on the streets, and the violence  
that has engulfed families and neighborhoods.

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## Chicago's 'Out of Control' Violence Produces 762 Homicides in 2016

By J.J. GALLAGHER and EMILY SHAPIRO · Jan 3, 2017, 1:16 AM ET

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Crosses, each bearing the name of a murder victim, sit on the sidewalk along Michigan Avenue before the start of a Dec. 31 march to call attention to Chicago's rising murder rate. (Photo: Scott Olson/Getty Images)

Violence in the Chicago Area



## CHICAGO GUN VIOLENCE SINCE 2012



TOTAL  
SHOOTING VICTIMS  
**9,228**



TOTAL  
SHOOTING DEATHS  
**1,347**



MURDER VICTIMS  
<24 YEARS OF AGE  
**659**

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# Youth Violence



"Last year there were 443 murders with a firearm on the streets of this city, and 65 of those victims were 18 and under. So that's the equivalent of a Newtown every four months."  
-President Obama



**34%**

In 2011, the percentage of teens who said they could get a handgun if they really wanted to.



**44%**

In 2012, the percentage of teens who said they could get a handgun if they really wanted to.

## Youth Homicides in Chicago

So far in 2013, 15 homicide victims out of 52 were between the ages of 13 and 19.



In 2012, 20 percent of the 506 homicides were between the ages of 13 and 19.



Chicago Public Schools analysis

## Student Victims of Shootings



**91%**

Shooting victims were male



**53%**

Shooting victims had below-average grades



**80%**

Shooting victims were African-American



**19%**

Shooting victims were Latinos

**Teenagers represent nearly 30 percent of Chicago homicide victims**

## Resources:

RedEye Homicide Tracker, The Chicago Community Trust, UCAN's 2012 National Teen Gun Survey



Our Boys – Real Talk



What can make a  
person **violent**?



# Not Knowing how to Express Anger

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# Alcohol and Drug use





# Involvement in Gangs or Having Violent Friends

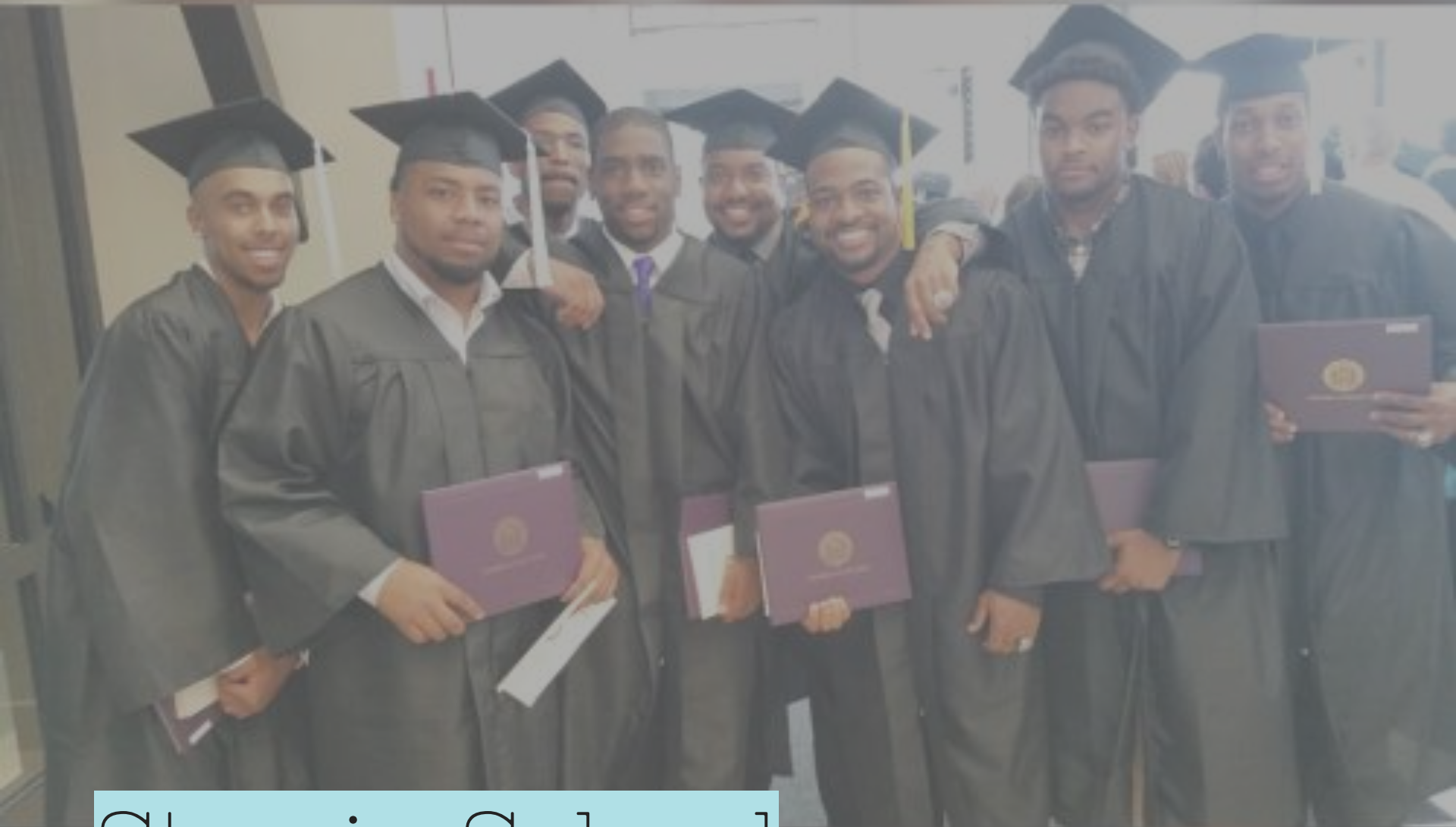


What can  
YOU do  
about  
**violence?**



Respect yourself and the  
lives of others.

Stay away from weapons.



Stay in School



# Get Involved in After School Activities



Honor those who have paved the way...





Know your cultural roots...

Learn from the past to build for the future



Surround Yourself with  
Positive Role Models



Build Strong Family Ties



Know yourself and your spirit



# Get Involved

# YMCA Urban Warriors



# One Summer Chicago and One Summer Chicago Plus



Your Chance to Change the Game

Technology | Sports | Academics | Arts | Leadership



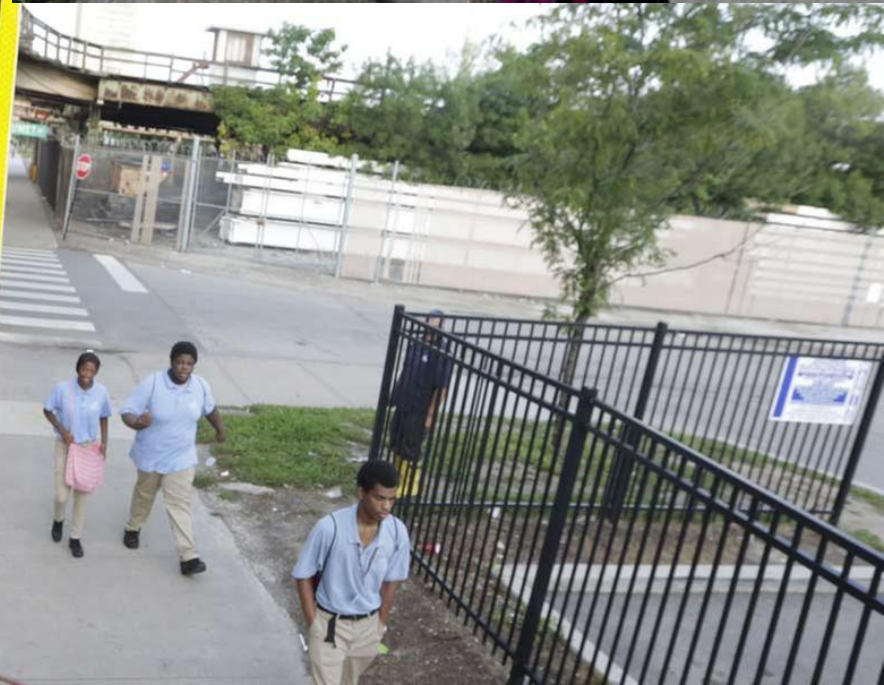
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# One Summer Chicago



# Safe Passage





# Becoming a Man (B.A.M.)



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Violence Prevention Night

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# the INTERRUPTERS

February 14, 2012

An intimate journey across the violent landscape of our cities through the eyes of those fighting to sow peace and security.



The Interrupters (Graphic Language)

The Interrupters (Broadcast Version)

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I Am For Peace



Striving to Reduce Youth  
Violence Everywhere



Striving to Reduce

Youth Violence

Everywhere



1,000 Lives  
1,000 Reasons

STOP




VIOLENCE

Illinois Campaign to


Prevent Gun Violence


# Black Family Pledge

by Maya Angelou

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- ♥ Because we have forgotten our ancestors our children no longer give us honor
  - ♥ Because we have lost the path our ancestors cleared, kneeling in perilous undergrowth, our children cannot find their way
  - ♥ Because we have banished the God of our ancestors, our children cannot pray



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- ♥ Because the long wails of our ancestors have faded beyond our hearing, our children cannot hear us crying
  - ♥ Because we have abandoned our wisdom of mothering and fathering, our befuddled children give birth to children they neither want nor understand
  - ♥ Because we have forgotten how to love, the adversary is within our gates, and holds up to the mirror of the world, shouting, Regard the loveless.



♥ Therefore, we pledge to bind ourselves again to  
one another;

To embrace our lowliest,

To keep company with our loneliest,


To educate our illiterate,

To feed our starving,

To clothe our ragged,

To do all good things knowing that we are more than  
keepers of our brothers and sisters.

We are our brothers and sisters.



♥ In honor of those who toiled and implored God with golden tongues, and in gratitude to the same God who brought us out of hopeless desolation,

**WE MAKE THIS PLEDGE!!**

## Questions to Think About....

© What would you say to someone who wanted you to look at a gun?

© When would you fight someone if you were having an argument?

© How can you avoid hitting someone who makes you mad?

© Are you ever a coward if you walk away from a fight?

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