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Section B

A Model for Understanding Juvenile Violence
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Individual predisposition to violence → Situation predisposing to violence → Triggering event → Violence

Adapted by CTLT from Reiss & Roth, 2001.

Source: Reiss & Roth, 2001
A Model for Juvenile Violence

Macro-level Environment
- Gun control legislation
- Media violence

Community

Family

School

Peers

Individual
A Model for Juvenile Violence

Macro-level Environment

Community
- Poverty, unemployment, high crime rate
- No safe places for youth
- Access to drugs, alcohol, weapons
- Lack of adult role-models

Family

School

Peers

Individual
A Model for Juvenile Violence

- Macro-level Environment
- Community
- Family
  - Violence (witness or experience)
  - Authoritarian parenting
  - Severe physical punishment
  - Poverty
  - Access to weapons in the home
  - Inability to discuss problems with parents
  - Family suicide
  - Parent expectations
  - Parental presence
  - Parenting skills
- School
- Peers
- Individual
A Model for Juvenile Violence

Macro-level Environment

Community

Family

School
- Large/crowded schools
- School failure
- School disarray
- School expulsion, retention, suspension
- Lack of connectedness
- Perceived prejudice
- Learning problems
- Skipped school

Peers

Individual
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- **Individual**
  - Age: peak 18-25 yrs
  - Continuation of childhood aggression
  - Poverty
  - Male
  - Attention deficit, verbal processing deficits
  - Irritable, oppositional, temperament
  - Having experienced racism
  - Sexual abuse/physical abuse
  - Substance abuse
  - Religiosity
  - Suicidality
  - Emotional distress
  - Early onset vs. late onset offenders
  - Early puberty
  - Low intelligence

- **Macro-level Environment**

- **Community**

- **Family**

- **School**

- **Peers**
Probability of Violence

- Each risk factor, in itself, has very low predictive probability that an adolescent will be violent