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#### Section C

Modeling Juvenile Violence

## Predicted Probability of Violence Perpetration

What is the predicted probability of violence perpetration given the presence of key risk and protective factors?

## Predicted Probability of Violence Perpetration

# Predicted Probabilities of Violence Perpetration Among Teens in Two-Parent Families Not on Welfare (Controlling for Age)

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				Boys		Girls	
No. of Protective Factors	Family Connectedness	Connectedness to Other Adults/ Religiosity*	GPA	No Risk	All Risks**	No Risk	All Risks**
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<sup>\*</sup> Protective factor: Boys: Connectedness to other adults; Girls: Religiosity

<sup>\*\*</sup> Risk factors: Friend/family suicide, substance use, easy access to firearm in home.

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No. of Protectiv e Factors	Family Connectedness	Connectedness to Other Adults/ Religiosity*	GPA	No Risk	All Risks**	No Risk	All Risks**											
0	Low	Low	Low	23.2%	52.7%	11.4%	31.6%											
1	High	Low	Low	19.1%	46.5%	9.1%	26.6%											
1	Low	High	Low	19.1%	46.7%	10.1%	29.0%											
1	Low	Low	High	11.9%	33.4%	5.0%	15.9%											
2	Low	High	High	9.6%	28.2%	4.4%	14.2%											
2	High	Low	High	9.6%	28.1%	3.9%	12.9%											
2	High	High	Low	15.6 %	40.6%	8.1%	24.2%											
3	High	High	High	7.7%	23.5%	3.5%	11.5%											

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# Interventions

Interventions that reduce violence

## Individual-Level Interventions

- Psychotherapy (-)
- Behavior modifications (±)
- Scare/fear based (-)
- Cognitive-behavioral (+)
- Self-esteem building (-,-)
- Anger management (-)
- Drug treatment (+)

#### Parent-Level Interventions

- Positive parenting (+)
- Home visitation programs (+)
- Multi-systemic therapy (MST) (+)

#### School-Level Interventions

- Bullying prevention (+)
  - Dan Olweus, University of Bergen, Norway
  - Delbert Elliott, University of Colorado, Center for Violence Prevention
- Classroom management (+)

## Community-Level Interventions

- Community rebuilding (+)
- Community policing (+)
- Gang reduction (-)
- Mentoring (+)
- School/community/parent interventions (+)

# **Programs**

- 1. Family-based multilevel interventions appear to be most promising
- 2. Comprehensive and practical programs
- 3. Start prevention early
- 4. Effective programs understand the contexts in which violence occurs
- 5. Focus on high crime neighborhoods & schools
- 6. All stakeholders need to be committed
- Careful replications and implementation of effective programs is critical
- 8. Popular programs ≠ successful programs