Disrupting Youth Trajectories towards Gang Activity: A Collective Impact Model

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Public Health Approach

Violence is treated as an epidemic, with careful diagnostics of those infected, targeted interventions to interrupt transmission, and preventative measures to keep those at risk from infection.
Place Based Strategy

- Primary
- Secondary
- Tertiary

Law Enforcement
Secondary Prevention and Structured Family Counseling

SCALE A: Antisocial Tendencies
SCALE B: Weak Parental Supervision
SCALE C: Critical Life Events
SCALE DE: Impulsive Risk Taking
SCALE F: Guilt Neutralization
SCALE G: Negative Peer Influence
SCALE IJ: Self reported delinquency
SCALE T: Family gang
SCALE H: Peer delinquency

All interventions are conducted through a family systems theory and practice lens.
The Youth Service Eligibility Tool (YSET) risk factors and associated behaviors become embedded in, and are reinforced by a family’s relational dynamics. If behaviors associated with the risk factors are identified and used as a lever to engage members in changing those behaviors, relational sequences are improved and risk factors and associated behaviors are reduced.
Honduras: Year 1 Intervention Risk Factor Reduction
n=446

- **Antisocial Tendencies**: 23.3% (67.5%) YSET-I, 65.5% YSET-R1
- **Weak Parental Supervision**: 21.3% (47.5%) YSET-I, 55.2% YSET-R1
- **Critical Life Events**: 27.1% (58.3%) YSET-I, 53.5% YSET-R1
- **Impulsive Risk Taking**: 19.5% (65.0%) YSET-I, 70.0% YSET-R1
- **Neutralization of Guilt**: 26.5% (71.1%) YSET-I, 62.7% YSET-R1
- **Negative Peer Influence**: 17.3% (38.1%) YSET-I, 54.6% YSET-R1
- **Peer Delinquency**: 30.7% (54.0%) YSET-I, 54.0% YSET-R1
- **Crime and Substance Abuse**: 30.7% (56.1%) YSET-I, 45.3% YSET-R1
- **Influence of Gangs in the Family**: 24.4% (39.7%) YSET-I, 38.5% YSET-R1
Lessons around Collective Impact

1. Common Agenda and Narrative
   a) The thermometer does NOT equal the medicine.
   b) We don’t talk about violence or gangs or the “delinquent” youth; we talk about supporting families.
   c) Paradigm shift requires patience and strategic communication.
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