S.A.V.E.
STRATEGIES AGAINST VIOLENCE EVERYWHERE
WHAT IS S.A.V.E.?

1. Focuses on the coordination of law enforcement,
2. Social service agencies, and
3. Credible community members
4. Singular goal of:
   reducing violence that destabilizes the health and well-being of our community
5. Shawnee County’s key stakeholders have committed to:
   building the community’s capacity to prevent youth violence,
   using enforcement strategically,
   helping the most vulnerable and at-risk youth individuals and their families with early intervention and preventative methods,
   and improving the legitimacy of the police in the eyes of the community.
HOW DOES S.A.V.E. WORK?

Using the framework of Group Violence Intervention Model from National Network for Safe Communities

The Group Violence Intervention model emphasizes on:

• Focusing on the youth population that is the most at-risk for violence or violent offending
• Strengthening community norms against offending,
• Communicating directly with high risk people to deter violence, and
• Offering extensive case management for those who want a way out of that lifestyle.
KEY ROLES IN S.A.V.E.

1. Project Manager
2. Service and Outreach Coordinator
3. Law Enforcement Operational Committee
4. Support and Outreach Operational Committee
5. Community Moral Voice Operational Committee
Reducing violence is top priority

Gives a path away from risky behavior

Credible Moral Voices from the Community

Identifying youth who are the most at-risk for violence or violent offending

New and Positive Relationships

Outlines identified participants role in the community to make it safer

THE STRUCTURE OF S.A.V.E.
ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO DATE

1. A two-year $300,000 grant from the Topeka Community Foundation, awarded to the S.A.V.E. Advisory Committee, to contract with National Network for Safe Communities on facilitating a consulting relationship

2. SNCO District Attorney’s Office secured county dollars funding to hire a Project Manager

3. Hired a Service and Outreach Coordinator at Prevention and Resiliency Services (PARS)

4. Building Strategies teams and community partners

5. Building capacity with the community by establishing key partners for S.A.V.E. referrals

6. Beginning to deliver custom notifications with the identified at-risk youth and connecting them and their families to services
NEXT STEPS:

- Continue to mobilize the community
- Delivering Custom Notifications by Service and Outreach Coordinator, Law Enforcement, and Community partners for identified S.A.V.E participants
- Establish tracking measures and intake assessments
- Maintaining strong interagency partnerships, putting mechanisms in place to track youth violence, and helping each partner routinize S.A.V.E activities within their agencies
- Communicate with the community and reinforce the shared mission of the strategy to reduce violence, strengthen communities and their relationships with law enforcement, and use enforcement in a strategic way.
QUESTIONS?