



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

THE STRUCTURE OF S.A.V.E.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Reducing violence is
top priority

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

SOCIAL SERVICE PROVIDER

Gives a path away
from risky behavior

New and Positive
Relationships

COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Credible Moral Voices
from the Community

Outlines identified
participants role in the
community to make it
safer

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?