

THE HOW

PERSON TO PERSON: VIOLENCE DISRUPTION WORKERS

 Local leaders from community with lived experience of violence.

SOCIAL MEDIA: E-VIOLENCE INTERRUPTION BEFORE ESCALATION (E-VIBE)

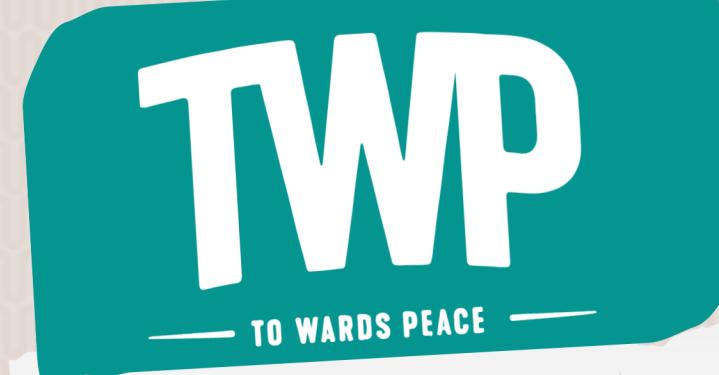
 Online engagement through anti-violence content development.

SUNNYBROOK'S BREAKING THE CYCLE OF VIOLENCE WITH EMPATHY (BRAVE)

 Supporting survivors of gun/knife violence through bedside interactions.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- EVIDENCE-INFORMED
- MADE-FOR-TORONTO
- PLACE-BASED
- RISK-DRIVEN
- GROUNDED IN A PUBLIC
HEALTH APPROACH
- ANTI-RACIST AND ANTI-
OPPRESSIVE



 Reduce risk factors leading to violence or increased risk of involvement in violence

 Increase capacity of communities to respond to violence incidents

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TO Wards Peace
A VIOLENCE INTERRUPTION AND INTERVENTION
INITIATIVE FOR THE NORTHWEST

WHAT IS TWPP?

TO Wards Peace is a community-based violence interruption model that combines the efforts of Y.A.A.C.E, Think Twice, the City of Toronto, and Rexdale Community Health Centre.

The initiative offers a community-based response to incidences of gun and community violence through the work of Violence Disruption Workers (VDWs).

WHAT'S A VDW?

VDWs are individuals with lived experience that have strong ties to the community.

As mentors, they are responsible for:

- Ensuring community conflicts do not escalate or reignite.
- Conducting outreach and building relationships with at risk and involved youth.

Together they will support youth and their families create an alternative route towards peace, resilience, and a life of balance.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Youth aged 12 – 29 who are involved in, or at imminent risk of involvement in, violence.

JOURNEY MAP

INTAKE & ASSESSMENT



Program Lead receives referral and starts intake process



ENGAGEMENT

VDWs connect and build relationships with individuals at higher risk of being involved in, or impacted by serious violence or crime.



CUSTOMIZED CARE PLAN

The VDW works with the cohort member, their families and social workers to customize a plan that addresses their needs and connects them to various services

MONITORING/FOLLOW UP



The VDW will connect with clients weekly until their goals are achieved or milestones met



CLIENT EXIT

When clients have reached their goals they will "graduate" with access to post-program supports



KEY OFFERINGS FOR YOUTH AND FAMILIES

- Access to a wide range of services
- Customized Care Coordination and Safety Planning
- Conflict mediation and de-escalation
- Counselling and alternative forms of healing supports
- Culturally appropriate, trauma-informed services

