

Evidence-Based Violence Prevention Programs
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The programs listed as resources here originate from online inventories of nationally validated interventions. These violence prevention programs are tested using rigorous evaluation methods. The programs undergo reviews from teams of experts who consider the evaluation findings for each of the programs and recommend them for inclusion on the national lists. The most effective programs are tested multiple times under very stringent conditions to warrant being included in these data bases.

The Web page links that appear here originate from two sources. One source is the Center for the Study of Violence Prevention at the University of Colorado, Boulder. The other prevention database is the National Registry of Evidence-based Programs and Practices (NREPP) funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). (<http://www.samhsa.gov/nrepp>)

These intervention strategies are ready for use in the field in order to stop violence in its tracks before it starts. The programs focus on different types of primary and universal violence—e.g., dating, interpersonal, school, gang, and suicide prevention. That means that they work far upstream to stop violence at its foundation.

The value in these program listings is that many are already tailored to the needs of different racial and ethnic groups. A person who is looking for a specific age or risk factor group, for examples, can request a list of programs that meet their particular needs. Depending on which database they are using, all they have to do is indicate what kind of program they are looking for and for whom. The list that the database generates describes the program activities, the clients that the program targets, and the types of evaluation that the program evaluators conducted to document their effectiveness. Effective programs like these are readily available for national distribution and immediate operation. All one has to do is use them.