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Violence takes a profound toll on young people, their families, their communities, and our society. If we aim to defuse the fuse in the short-term and move away from violence toward peace in the long-term, how do we best respond? Are we operating from inaccurate assumptions about causes or constrained by practice or policies that offer too few options for responding?

A public health lens sees that no single strategy prevents violence. Rather, prevention requires long-term commitment to a full spectrum of strategies. What should these be? More punishment? Indifference to the problem? The evidence calls us to move beyond these responses; social justice demands a reorientation of priorities.

At the 2010 Summer Institute in Adolescent Health, we will look at pathways to prevent violence using a public health lens. Grounded in the evidence, four priorities frame the institute agenda:

- Connecting young people with adult supports and opportunities.
- Shifting away from a culture of violence.
- Intervening at the first sign of risk.
- Redirecting those on a violent path.

Easier said than done. During the institute, we will consider strategies that lay between zero tolerance and complete indifference. Join us to explore means for restorative justice instead of suspension, build a toolbox for supporting effective parenting skills, and delve into the impact of policies that limit access to fire arms and unhealthy exposure to violence on the screen.

We will gather perspectives from young people who teach at the institute, leaders in community peace-making efforts. The goal? Diffusion of “what works” into grassroots efforts and policies that, together, create positive pathways for preventing youth violence.

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