

Addressing Trauma Among Young Men of Color in a Violence Interrupter Program in Crown Heights, Brooklyn

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Make It Happen

Crown Heights Community Mediation Center

- Neighbor Services
- Immigration services
- Employment Assistance
- Public benefits
- Youth development programs
- Victims services for young men of color
- S.O.S. Crown Heights and S.O.S. Bed Stuy



SAVE OUR STREETS

S.O.S.

STOP SHOOTING. START LIVING.

STOP SHOOTINGS AND KILLINGS BY;

Working with those most closely associated with the shootings

Focus on communities that are disproportionately effected by gun violence

Utilize an evidence based public health approach that has been scientifically studied



Core Components



Outreach Workers



Able to relate to prospective clients

High Credibility

Connection to target community

Messengers

Audience

Outreach Workers
Neighbors
Community Leaders
Faith Leaders
Volunteers

Those likely to shoot
or be shot
Residents of target
communities
Public at-large

Hospital Violence Prevention and Intervention Program

- Is a hospital-based violence (penetrating injuries) intervention program targeting individuals that have been injured and or exposed to violence.
- Provides trained Hospital Responders who offer linkages to community services, mentoring home visits and follow-up assistance to violently injured individuals.
- The Hospital Responders are young adults who are from the same or similar communities as the individuals they serve

Hospital Violence Prevention and Intervention Program

The goals of the program are:

- ▶ promote positive alternative to violence and life
- ▶ reduce retaliation
- ▶ reduce re-injury
- ▶ decrease arrest rates

REFERRAL PROTOCOL

- When an individual present at the hospital as a result of a penetrating injury the Hospital Responder is immediately notified by the hospital based Social Worker.
- The Hospital Responder meets with the individual once medically stable as time is crucial.
- The Hospital Responder introduces the details of the program—focusing on the services offered and the immediate benefits to the patient and family members.
- Preventing any retaliation that may be planned by friends or family (be prepared to explain the cycle of violence as it relates to the individual and his/her friends and family)

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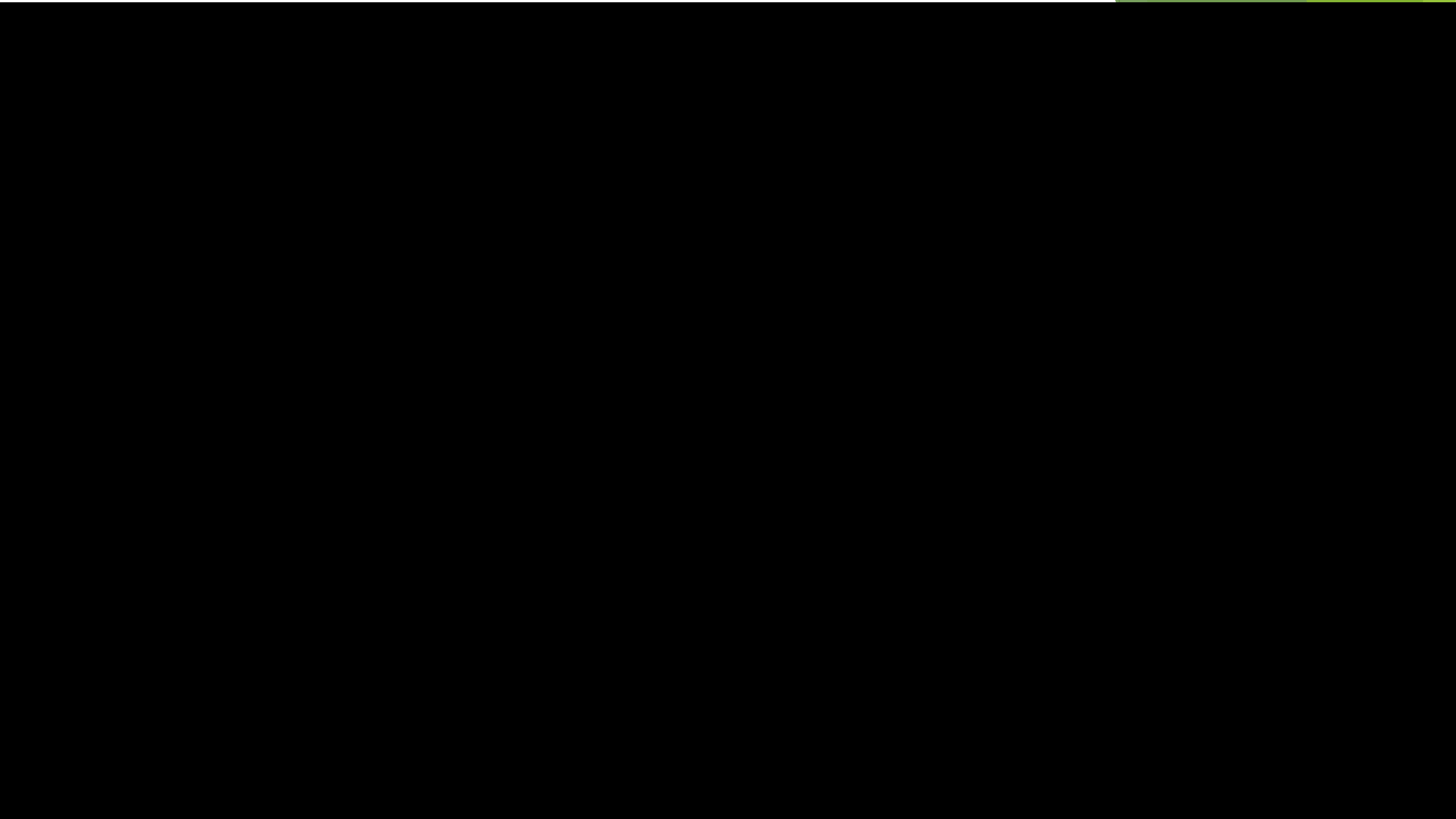
Responding to
Violence and Trauma
Among Young Men of
Color

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Need for the Project

- ▶ Pervasive effects of violence and trauma on young men of color
- ▶ MH Stories
- ▶ Needs of traditional victim services vs. needs of young men that have experienced trauma



Key Supporting Elements

- Relationship-building
- Supportive environment
- Trauma-informed approach
- Empower participants.

Revolutionary Healing

3rd Annual Paving the Way to Healing and Recovery
Conference

APRIL 12, 2017

FREE

Creating a Movement of Healing for
Young Men of Color

REGISTER NOW

<https://revolutionaryhealing.eventbrite.com>

To be held at the St. Francis de Sales School for the Deaf 260 Eastern Pkwy, Brooklyn, NY 11225

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Conversations with MOC Impacted by Violence

- Conference was conducted in partnership with Common Justice, Kings County DA, Crime Victims Treatment Center, Anti-Violence Project and the Crown Heights Community Mediation Center.
- Purpose of the conference was to engage service providers, and individuals interested in this
- Currently planning for spring 2018 conference



Why peer facilitators?

- ▶ To put the power of information in the hands of our YMOC
 - ▶ Identify appropriate community resources
- ▶ Convene roundtable discussions with middle school boys on relevant topics
- ▶ Train peer facilitators in the “Make It Happen way” of engaging with YMOC

What makes an ideal MH Peer Facilitator?



Ideal Make It Happen Peer Facilitator

- ▶ Has been through the Make It Happen program
 - ▶ Understand the various principles of MIH
- ▶ influencers among their various peer groups

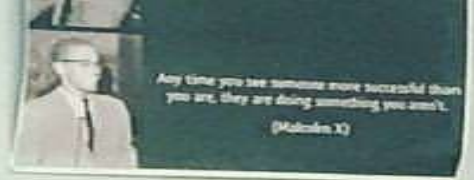




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Continuing to “Make it Happen”

***Challenges and
Next Steps***

Challenges

- Avoiding “one more program” syndrome
- Successful communication of what Make It Happen can offer
- Resources: vocational, monetary (crime victims’ compensation)
- Long-term follow-up

Next Steps

- ➡ Full implementation of MIH
- ➡ Job preparedness (resumes, etc.)
- ➡ Annual conference with traditional victim service providers

Questions?

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