TPI is a comprehensive, place-based initiative that seeks to reduce community violence through innovative strategies and collaborations that empower communities and advance systems change. TPI was established in 2015 and funded strategies began in 2016 in unincorporated communities of South Los Angeles with the highest disparities in violence and other health and social inequities, including: Westmont, West Athens, Willowbrook, Florence Firestone and unincorporated Compton. This report includes highlights from TPI’s early efforts from 2015-2019. A detailed report can be found on our website.

TPI invests in three key areas: 1) Intervention, using a peer approach to break the cycle of violence in hospital and community settings; 2) Prevention infrastructure, facilitating community dialogue and decision making, and funding community identified strategies and; 3) Capacity building, providing technical assistance for grassroots organizations and multidisciplinary training opportunities.

**TPI MILESTONES**

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### Decreased Violent Crimes

Overall, among the four communities, violent crimes peaked from 2016 to 2017, the first year of Hospital Violence Intervention Program implementation, and the year before Street Outreach implementation. **Between 2016 and 2019, violent crimes in 3 communities declined**, showing promising early results for implementation of these strategies.
Hospital Violence Intervention Program (HVIP)

Between 2016 and 2018, year two of HVIP implementation, TPI communities saw a 35% reduction in assault-related trauma hospital visit rates, compared to a 18% reduction in LA County overall; and reduced their burden of countywide assault-related trauma hospital visits from 5% to 4%. HVIP Clients received case management services including referrals to counseling, employment, housing, substance use treatment, and victim compensation.

Southern California Crossroads provided HVIP services at St. Francis and Harbor UCLA Medical Centers beginning in 2017.

Street Outreach & Community Violence Intervention Services

In 2019, TPI staff worked with agencies to finalize an app to track activities in the field. Between July and December 2019, agencies conducted more than 2,187 activities to meet the unique needs of each of the four South LA communities, including:

- 1014 safe passages activities at parks and schools
- 697 youth served for mentoring, sports, and life skill activities
- 424 engagements with community partners to promote peace
- 280 conflict resolution activities
- 116 relationship building activities
- 108 community building events

Street Outreach agencies responded to:

- Shooting: 38%
- Fight: 13%
- Homicide: 13%
- Other: 34%
- Stabbing: 2%

A total of 47 incidents

For more information: http://www.ph.lacounty.gov/ovp/TPI.htm
TPI launched a pilot Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) project in 2017 to build the organizational capacity of grassroots organizations providing violence prevention and intervention services in TPI communities. In 2019, TPI secured funding from the Probation Department to expand the pilot program to provide workshops countywide.

TPI provides technical assistance to help strengthen grassroots organizations and funds multi-disciplinary trainings for community partners to promote collaboration and healing.

**Capacity Building**

45+ Capacity Building Workshops

1596 Hours of TTA provided to 30 agencies

90% of agencies agreed that TTA helped them function more efficiently

50% advanced to the next stage of organizational development

260 Total Participants

**Multi-disciplinary Trainings**

TPI hosted multi-disciplinary trainings to build the capacity of local community leaders and partners:

- Group facilitation and decision making
- Community Resilience Model
- Mental Health First Aid and Resilience
- Gang Intervention Awareness for Deputy Sheriffs

TPI contracted with the Human Relations Commission in 2018 to build capacity of community partners across all 4 TPI communities:

100 Total participants in Youth Development training sessions

58 Total participants in Conflict Mediation and Implicit Bias training sessions

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TPI invests in community leadership and empowerment, leverages parks as community hubs for innovative programming, and advances community priorities such as healing arts.

**Community Empowerment**

**Community Action for Peace (CAP)** groups in Westmont West Athens and Willowbrook engaged stakeholders to build collaboration and develop strategies to promote peace and well-being.

- **Willowbrook CAP Priorities**
  - Fatherhood support
  - Trainings and resources for healing
  - Increase knowledge of services resources
  - Increase Latinx resident membership

- **Westmont West Athens CAP Priorities**
  - Community dialogue and healing
  - Intergenerational mentoring
  - Foster care and out-of-school youth leadership skills and employment
  - Employment opportunities for re-entry population

**Park Therapy Pilot Program**

TPI developed the Park Therapy pilot program in 2017 in partnership with the Department of Mental Health to use non-traditional approaches to provide a safe space for residents to explore mental health services at 5 county parks in South LA. This program has engaged 777 children, youth and families to date.

**Helped fund the expansion of Parks After Dark (PAD) to:**

- **10 Parks in TPI communities** representing nearly half of total PAD park visits in 2019

**Healing Arts**

TPI contracted with the Department of Arts in Culture in 2018 to engage:

- **10 Community-Based arts organizations**
- **28 local artists in art-based healing engagement**
- **500+ community members**
- **4 local artworks created**

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