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What is Municipal Crime Prevention?

A process of creating collective impact
on social and community issues
by engaging all services and citizens
towards a shared vision of public safety
through mechanism that are rooted in good evidence.

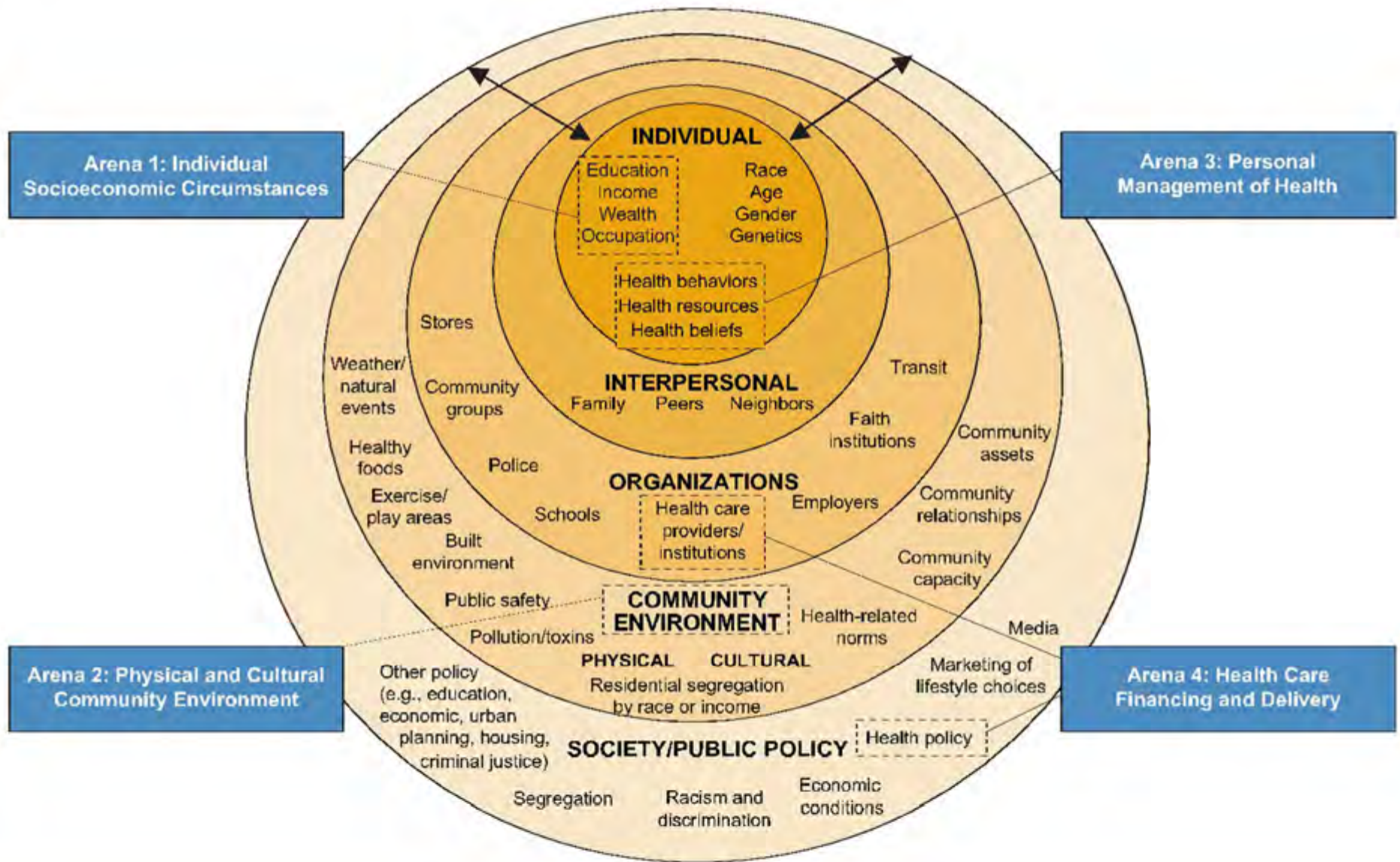
PREVENTION

“No mass disease or disorder afflicting humankind has ever been eliminated by attempts at treating individuals. . .

...prevention is an approach to reducing the future incidence of a condition through proactive efforts aimed at groups, or even a whole society.”

George Albee (1990)

Figure 1: Landscape of Influences on Health Disparities and Arenas for Policy Action



Community Engagement: *needs a departure from the past*

Over-Incarceration

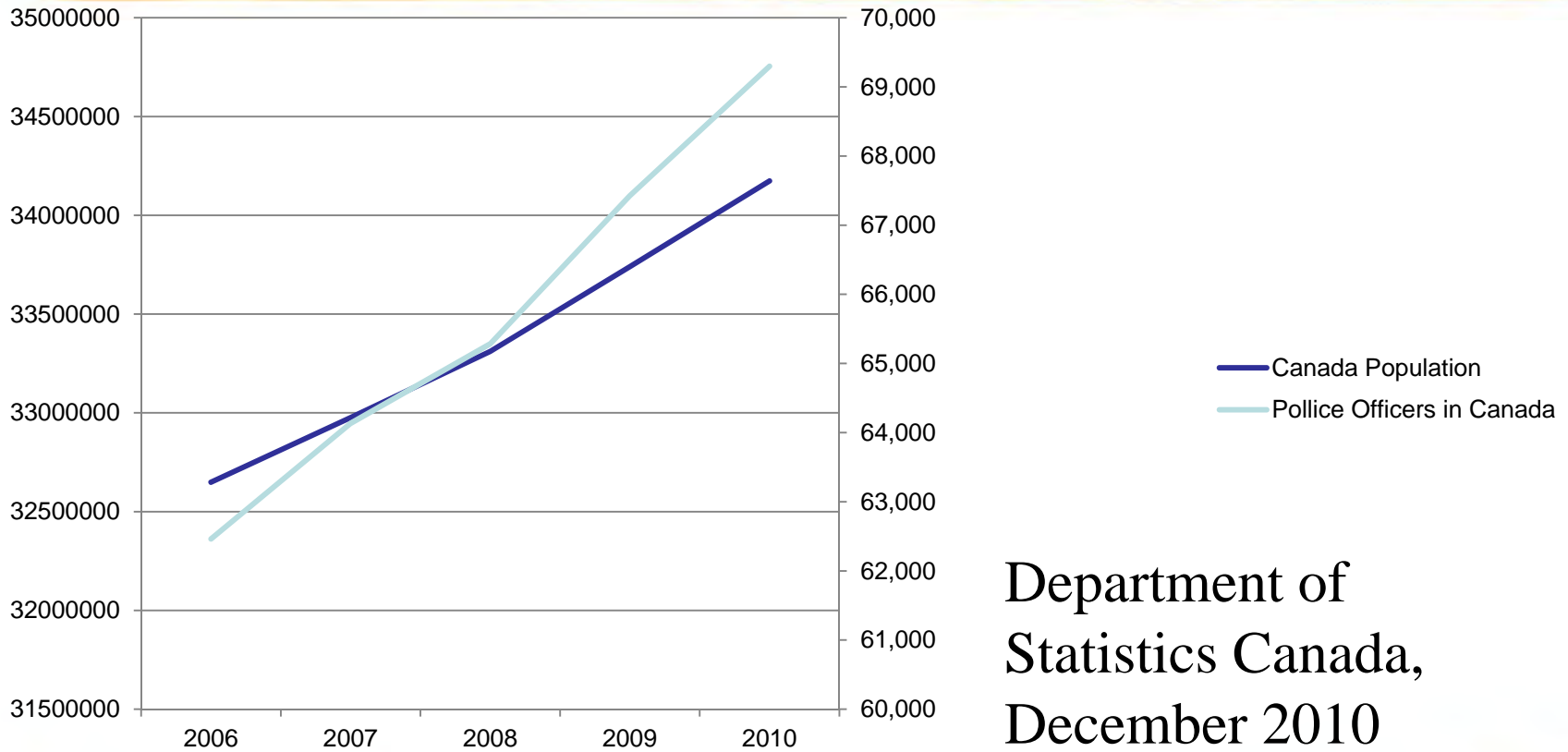


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Over-Federalization

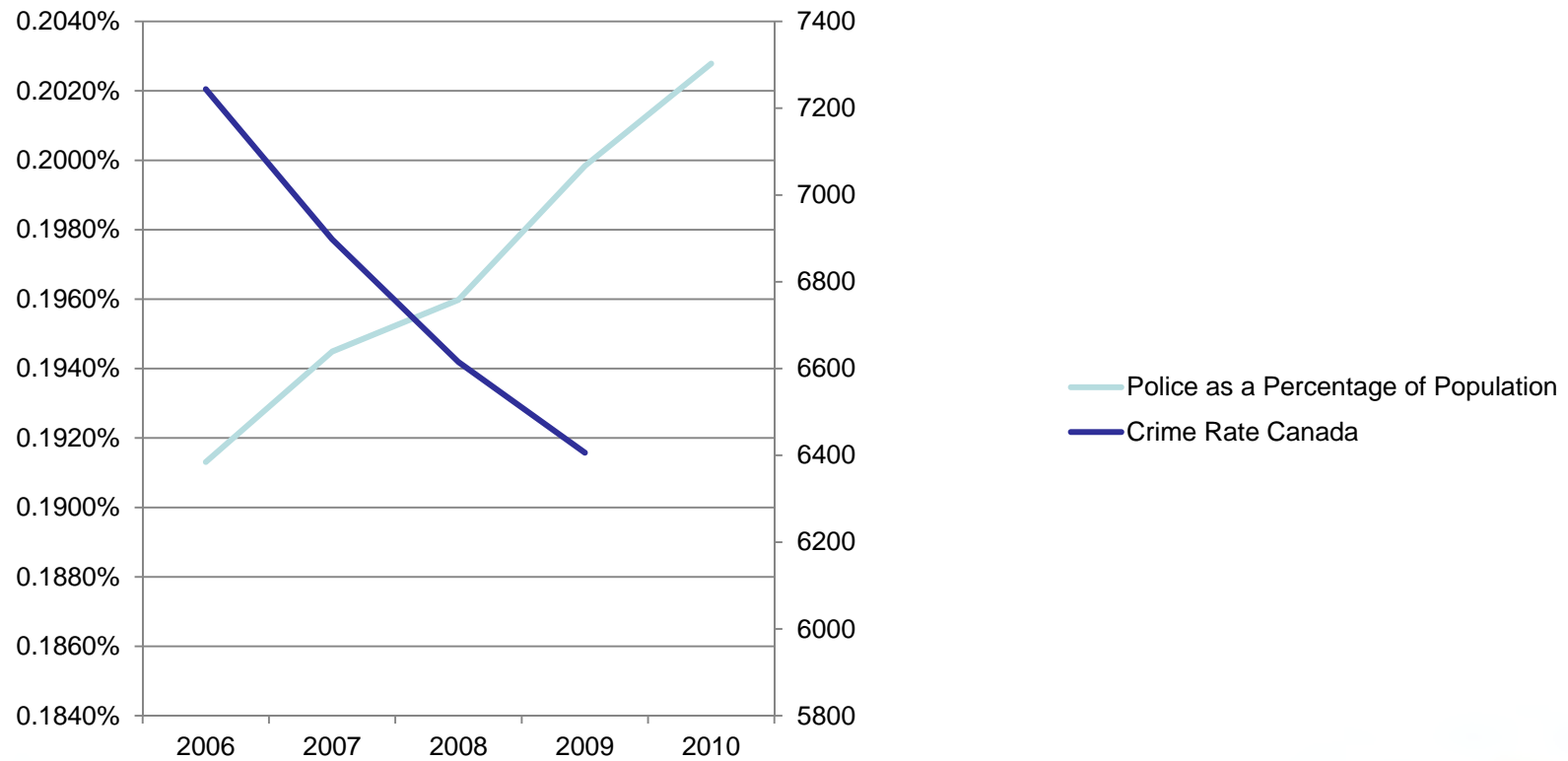


Police and Population Increases



Department of
Statistics Canada,
December 2010

Crime Rate and Police as a Percentage of Canada's Population



Multiple Causes of Crime

- Age and gender
- Erratic parenting
- Low educational attainment
- Persistent unemployment / underemployment
- Social exclusion
- Poverty & inequality
- Overexposure to violence
- Problematic Substance Use

Growing Communities: Social Determinants, Behavior and Health

Our environments cultivate our communities and our communities nurture our health.

When inequities are high and community assets are low, health outcomes are worst.

When inequities are low and community assets are high, health outcomes are better.



Likelihood of increases in problematic human behaviour =

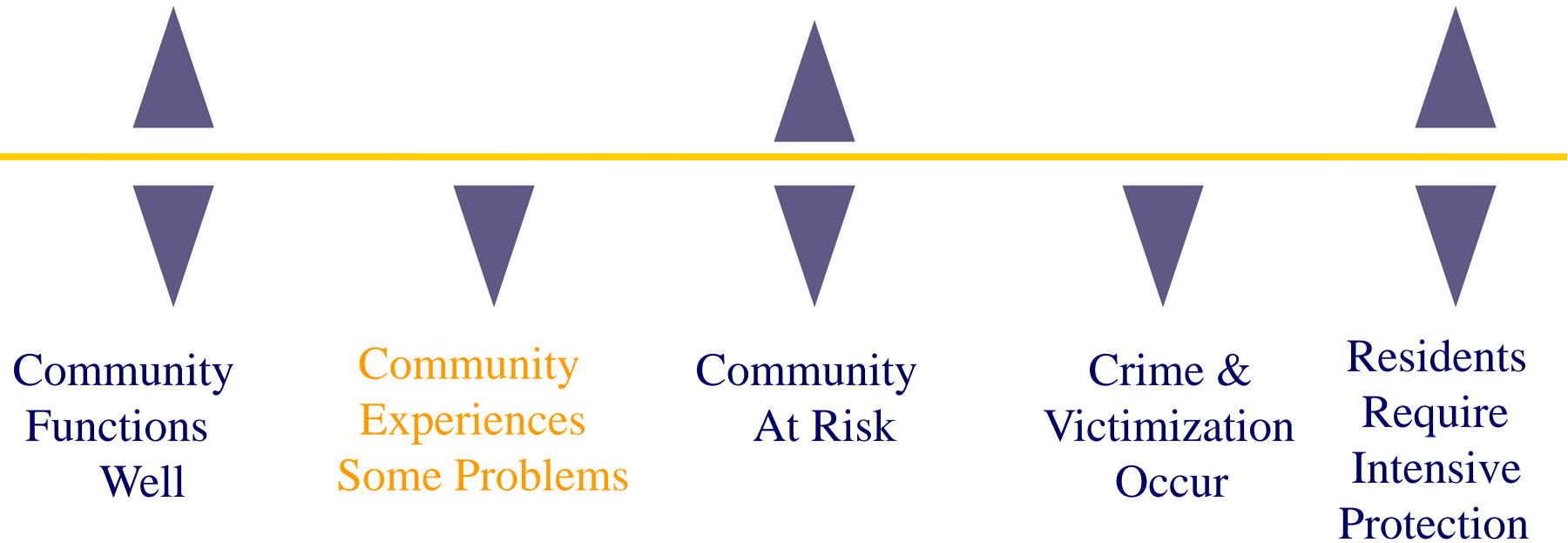
Risks + Vulnerabilities

Resiliencies + Assets

Universal
Programs/Policies that
promote wellness

Selective
Programs/Policies that
reduce victimization

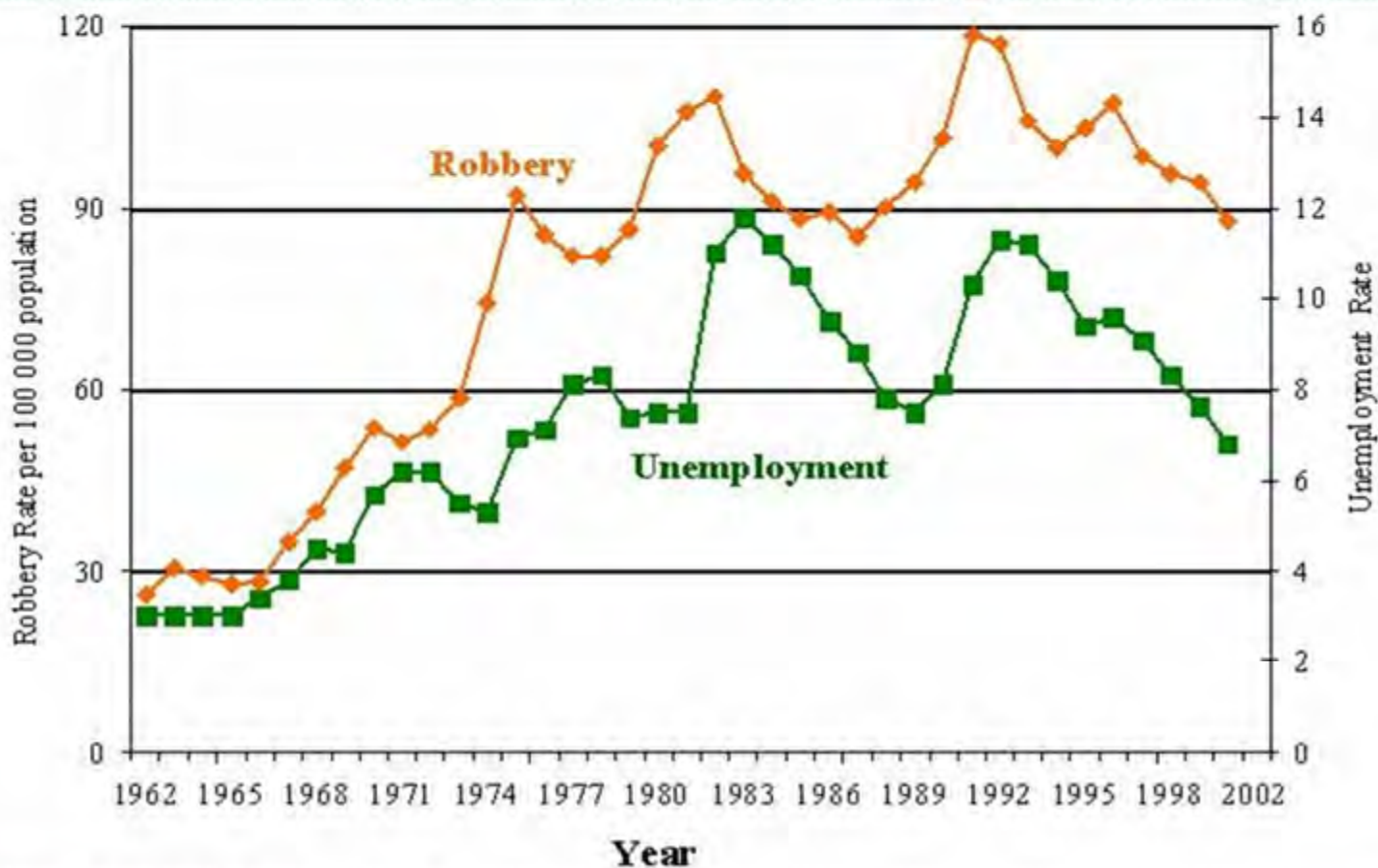
Indicated
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Future Harm

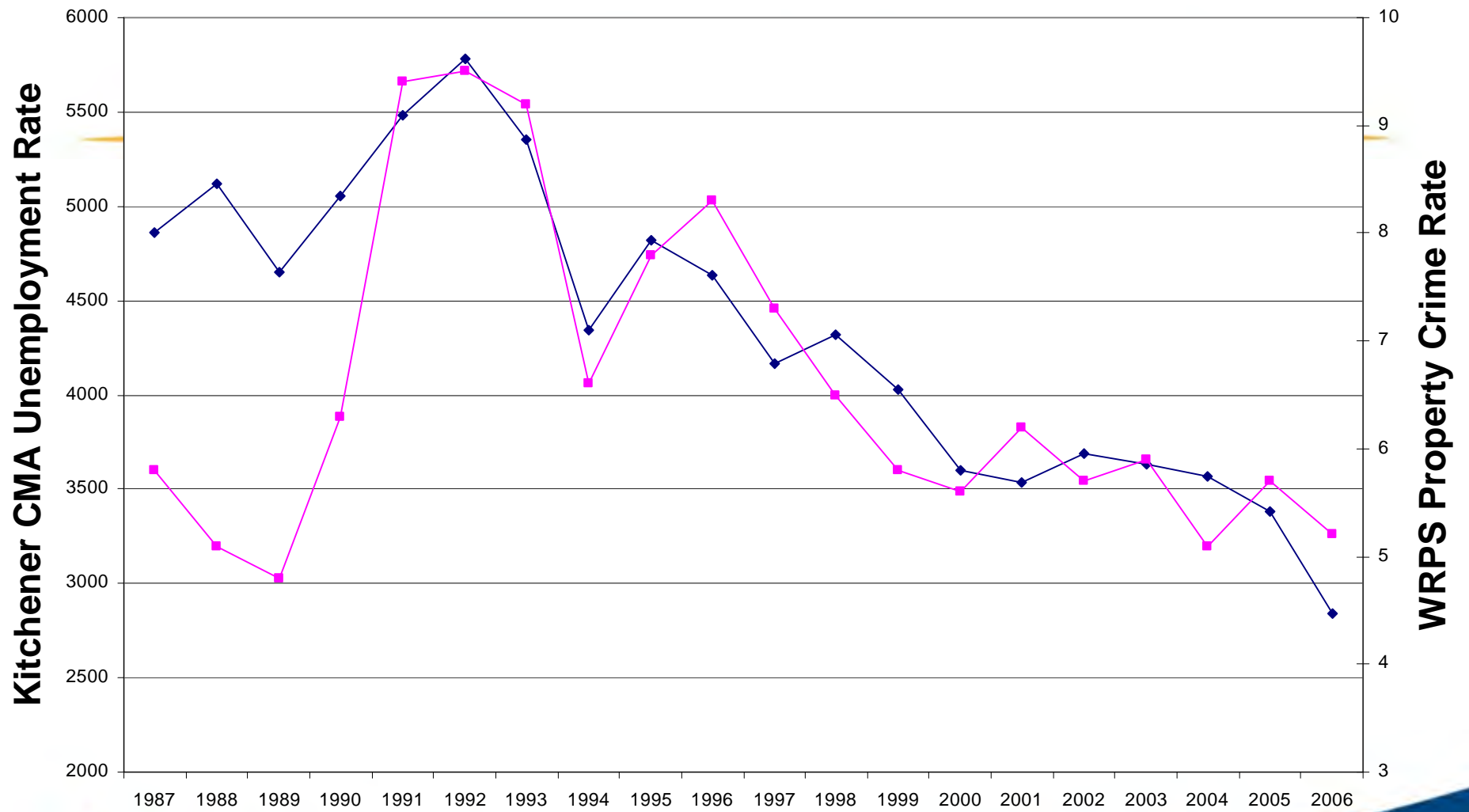


Adapted from Prilleltensky, I. and Nelson G.



Robbery and Unemployment Rates, 1962 - 2000





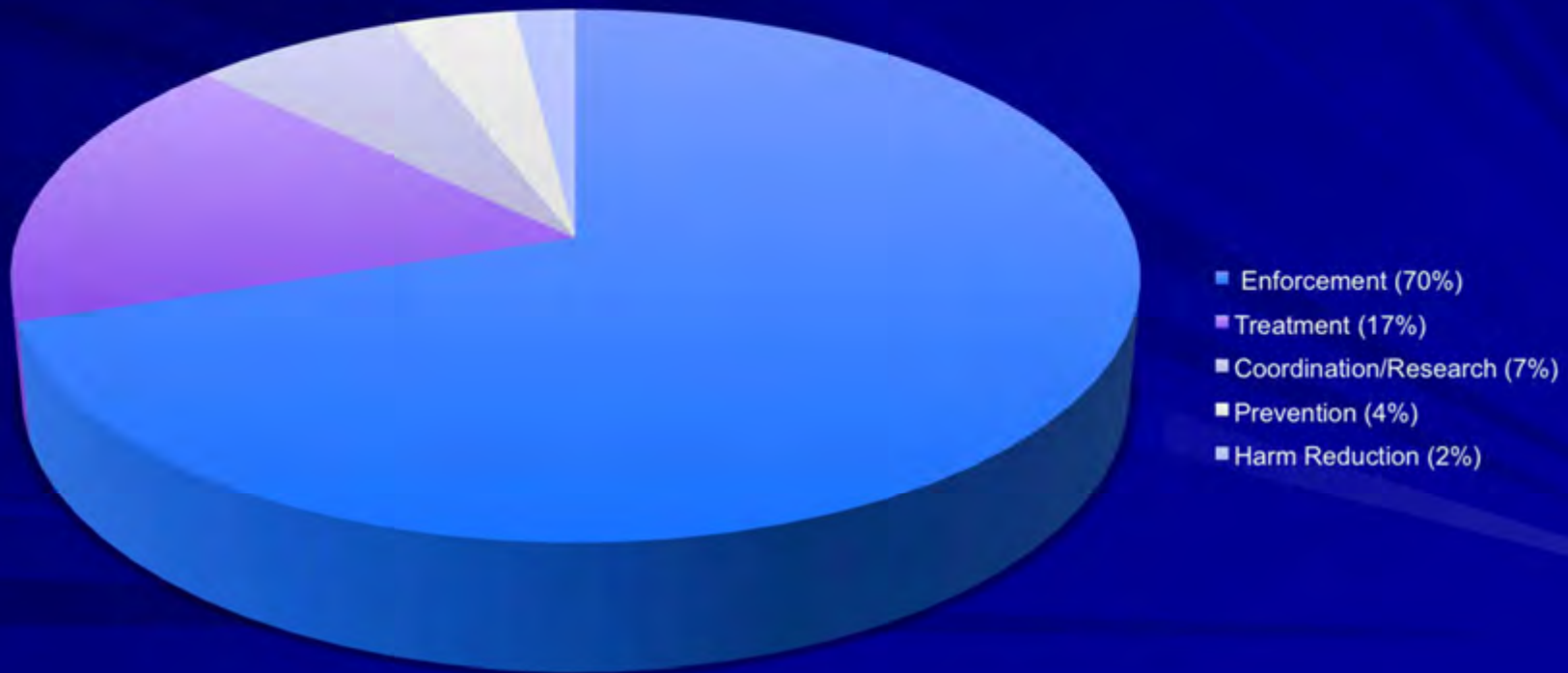
Exploring Crime Patterns in Canada

- High unemployment + alcohol consumption correspond to increase homicide rates
- Inflation corresponds to increases in robbery rates
- Inflation + percentage of population aged 15 to 24 corresponds to increases in break and enter

Bunge, V., Johnson, H. & Balde, T. (2005). Exploring crime patterns in Canada. *Crime and Justice Research Paper Series*. Issue 005.

FUNDING FOR CANADA'S NATIONAL ANTI-DRUG STRATEGY, 2007-08

% Funding



Morning News

N.I., 2010

TODAY'S EDITION

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34,612 Dead Canadians

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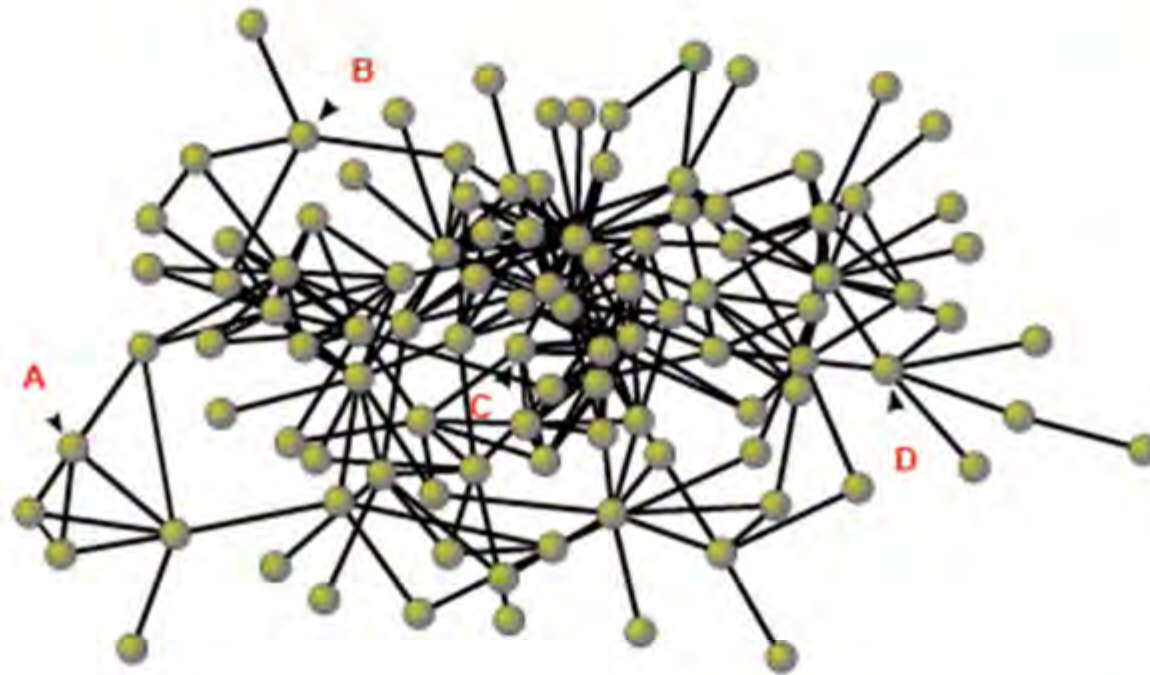
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MEMBERS OF THE CITY & STATE POLICE, THE FEDERAL PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE AND AN UNDERCOVER AGENT POSE BEHIND A RECENTLY-SEIZED, UNCUT OUNCE OF PREVENTION (STREET VALUE: \$500,000).



The issues are complex and don't lend themselves to simple answers.



WRCPC Membership



Admit: No one system has the answer



Integrated Model for Crime Prevention

Who leads what & when?

Prevention

Intervention & Enforcement

Emergent & Requested

Urgent & Required

Renewal

Recovery



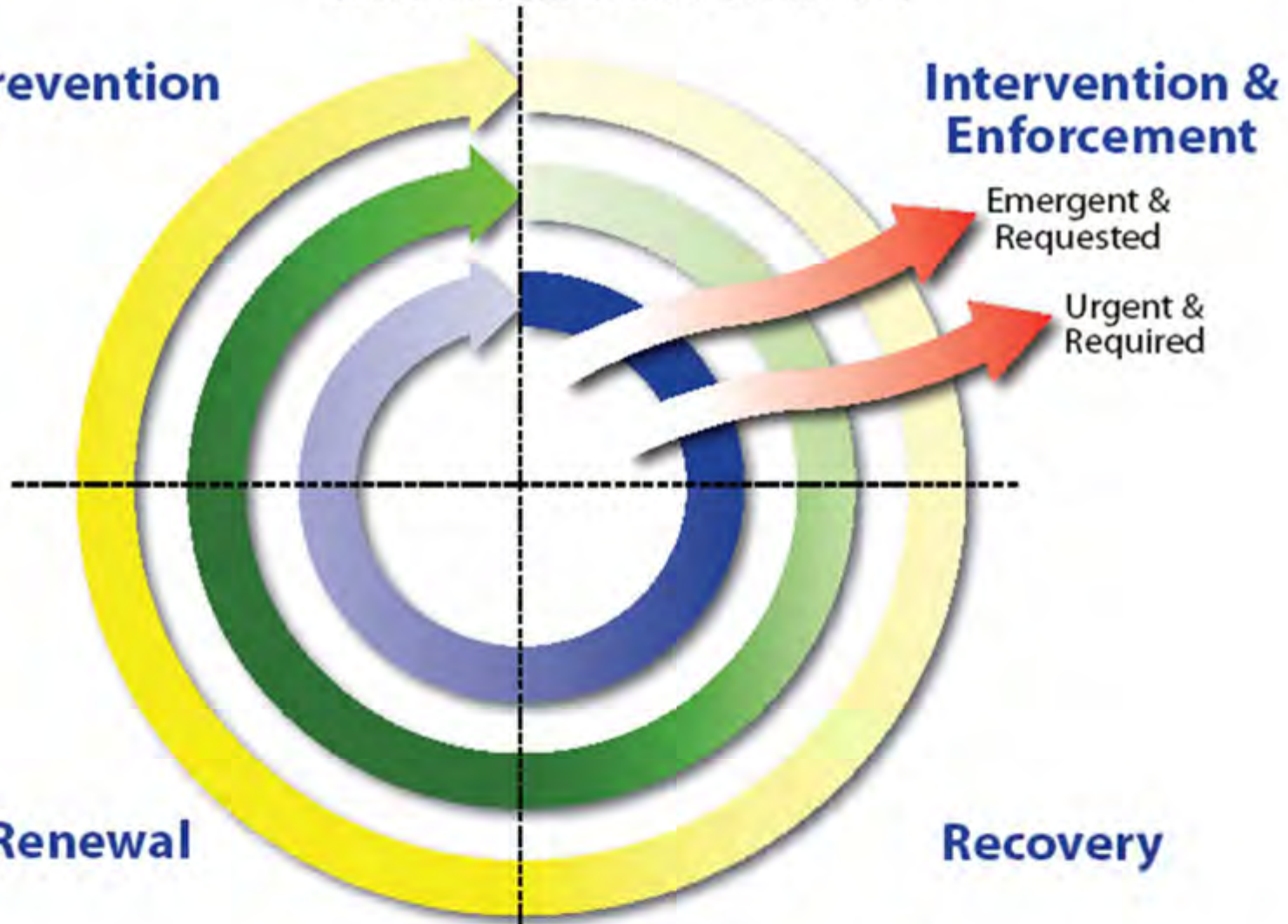
Residents and Community Groups



Service Providers



Police Services and By-Law



Collective Impact

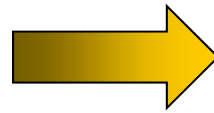
- Shared agenda
- Shared measurements
- Mutually reinforcing actions
- Continuous communication
- Backbone support

John Kania & Mark Kramer, Stanford Social Innovation Review, Winter 2011



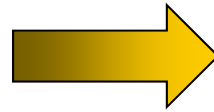
Center of Responsibility for Crime Prevention

Experimental



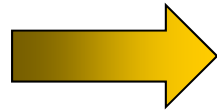
Evidence based

Ad hoc Project Focus



Comprehensive and
Integrated

Collaboration



Collective Impact

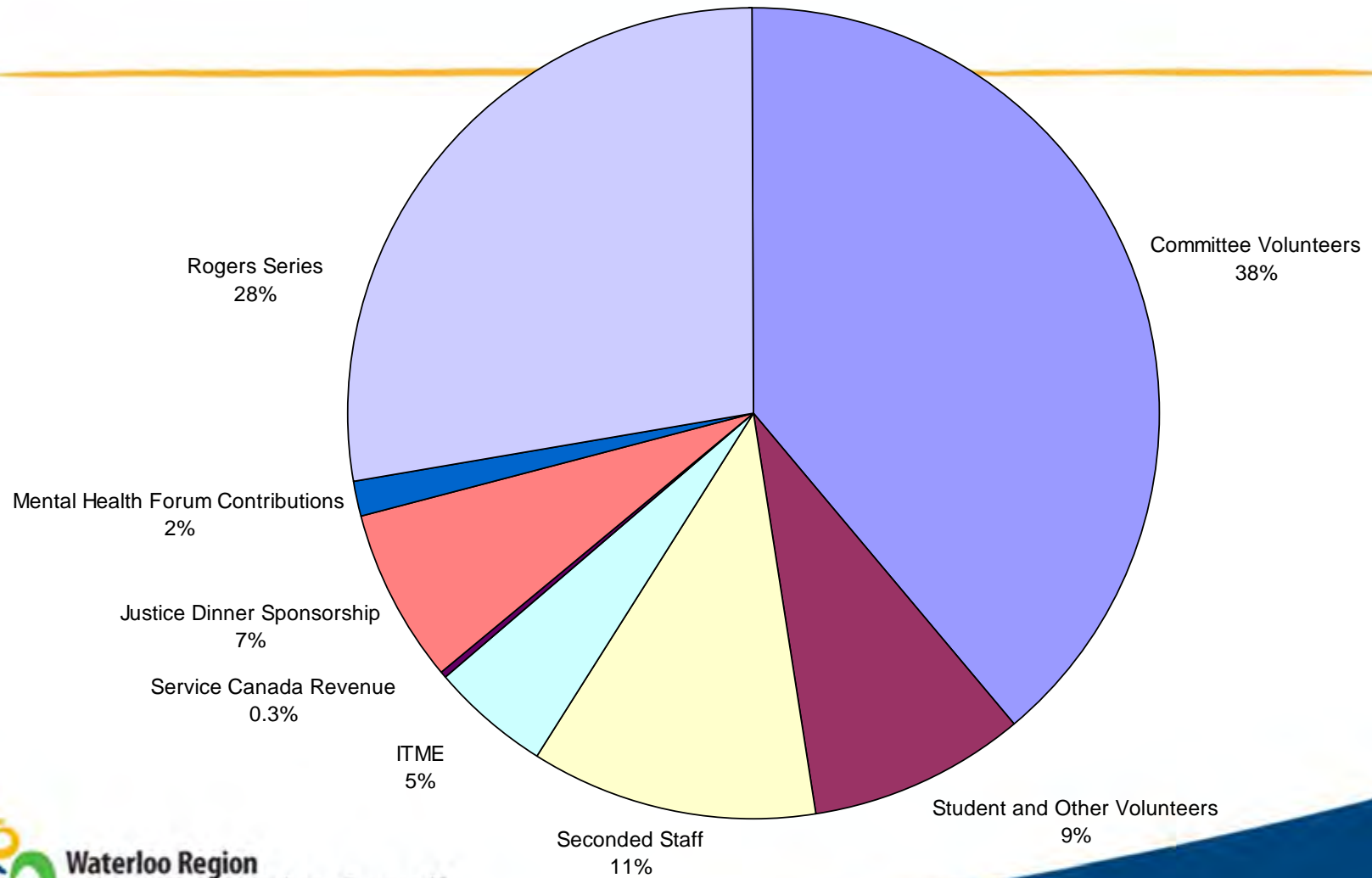
Relationship with Regional Municipality of Waterloo



- Funded and housed by Regional Government
- Arms-length independence
- Directed by the community
- Base budget of \$600 K p.a. or \$2 per average household

Resource Wise

A Snap Shot of \$382,532 In-Kind Contributions



Effective Prevention Approaches

- Are based in evidence
- Work on multiple levels
- Work in natural settings
- Start as early as possible
- Are intensive (never ad hoc)
- Place a high value on children
- Build citizen leadership
- Strengthen hope



*"Is this birds and bees chat going to take long?
I'm late for my pre-natal class."*

Perry High Scope Pre-School: 40-year lifetime effects and economic returns

- Michigan: 123 Afro-American children living in poverty
- Random assignment to program or no program stream
- 2 years, 2 hours p.d. quality, free childcare
- 1/3 reduction in violent crime
- 3/5 reduction in drug addiction
- Savings in education, crime, and welfare costs of \$17 for every dollar spent

How do we get from here to there?

Traditional vs. complex system approach

- Answers
- Snapshot
- Control
- Two dimensional
- Parts
- Fix Problem
- Trouble
- Program
- Professional Work
- Questions
- Video
- Influence
- Multi—dimensional
- Whole
- Build Strengths
- Troubled
- Relationship
- Everyone's Work

Lets' NOT go boldly where so many have gone before! Instead let's...

- design a vision of a “safe and crime free community in which to work live and grow” (WRCPC) because *if you don't know where you are going any road will get you there.*
- invest 5% in all services for prevention and match dollar for dollar new money for treatment and enforcement with money for prevention (B. Horner, 1994)
- charge system with doing what they do best and to trust that others will do the same

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- Develop a funding approach that is guided by: “show me the evidence and we show you the money”
- Measure now for later!
- Think beyond the rugged individualism of “education cures all”
- Make prevention a HOW not a WHAT

“Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing gets better. It's not”. (Dr. Seuss)

“When everyone agrees with you... WORRY!” (Rappaport)





Recognize complexity,
Accept uncertainty,
Embrace possibility,
Trust community,
Proceed with humanity.

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