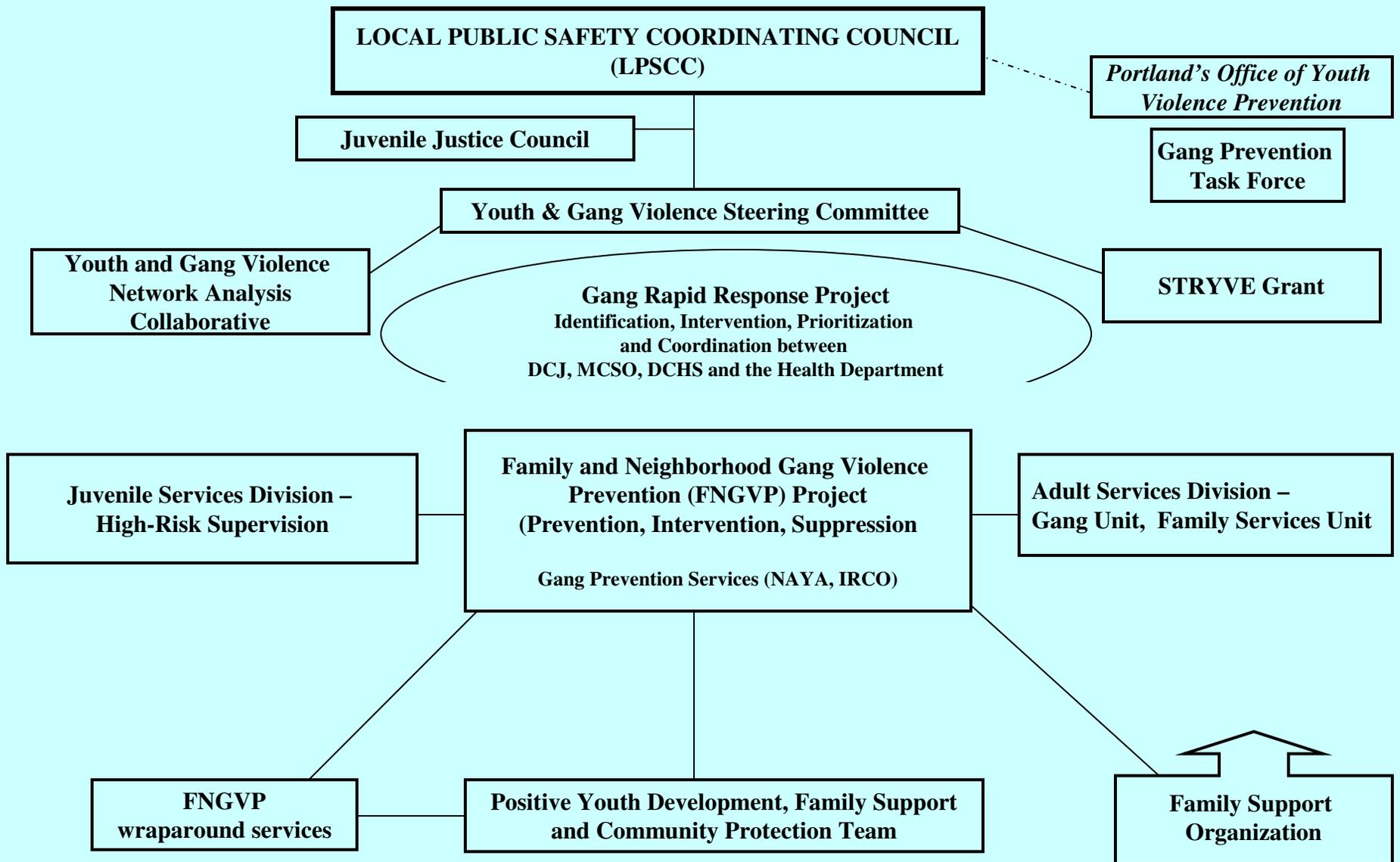


Multnomah County's  
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Reducing Gang violence

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***A COMPREHENSIVE AND COORDINATED RESPONSE TO YOUTH AND GANG VIOLENCE***

# Gang Rapid Response Goal

- **Goal: Reduce gang violence through *suppression* efforts but then remain engaged with the communities as we move toward *intervention, prevention and re-entry* efforts by providing opportunities for communication and strengthening collaboration between county departments, criminal justice and community partners.**

# **Gang Rapid Response: Partners Involved**

- **County Partners: Multnomah County Health Department, Department of Community Justice, Department of Community and Human Services, Multnomah County Sheriff Office**
- **External Partners: City of Portland Police Bureau, OYA**

# **Gang Rapid Response: Identify High Risk Gang Members**

- **Identify youth and adults actively involved in gang violence on DCJ caseloads and those frequenting the jails and detention to identify risk, service needs and prioritize for services.**

# **Gang Rapid Response: Engage those identified to be prioritized for services.**

- **One on ones**
- **Community meetings**
- **Detention**
- **Jail**
- ***Community and criminal justice partners.***

# **Family & Neighborhood Gang Violence Prevention Project**

- It's a partnership between DCJ, DCHS, Latino Network and Portland Opportunities Industrialization Center.
- Sustainable violence reduction is the desired outcome.
- Efforts are informed by concepts of Racial Respect and Adaptive Identity.

# Family & Neighborhood Gang Violence Prevention Project

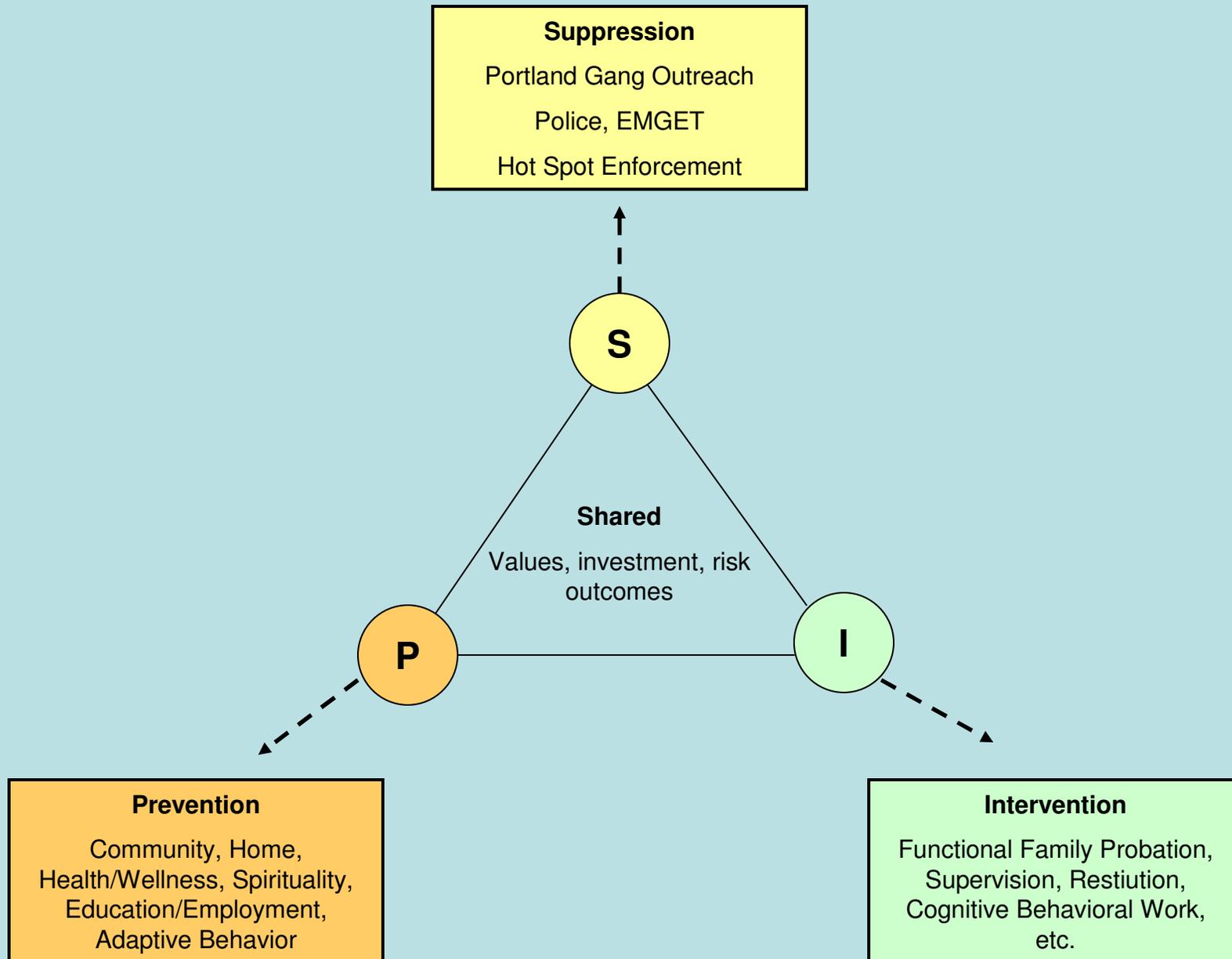
- **Racial Respect:** Pride in African American and Latino resilient identity and recognition of racial and ethnic worth offset the experience that systems don't provide equal protection or opportunity. The persistent belief, despite enduring social structural injustice, that Latino and African American identity is honorable, valuable, wonderful and good. Street justice and "getting over" are rejected as inconsistent with Who I Am.

# Family & Neighborhood Gang Violence Prevention Project

- **Cultural Adaptive Identity:** Transforming a concept of self bound up with unworkable coping strategies into one fueled by racial respect and equipped to cope in ways that enhance the health and well-being of the person and his or her family and community.

## Crosswalk of Positive Life Domains, FFP, LaTessa, Kennedy Along the Prevention - Intervention - Suppression Continuum

| ← Prevention                              | Intervention                       | Suppression →   |  |
|---|------------------------------------|---|--|
| <b>Positive Life Domains</b>              | <b>Functional Family Probation</b> | <b>LaTessa Risk Factors</b>   | <b>David Kennedy</b>                         |
| Community                                 | Peers & Other Relationships        | Anti-social companions  | Moral/authoritative voice                    |
| Home                                      | Family Functioning                 | Family and/or marital dysfunction                                       | Moral/authoritative voice                    |
| Health/Wellness                           | Substance Use, Mental Health       | Substance abuse and untreated mental health issues                      | Community Norms                              |
| Education/Employment                      | School                             | Poor or non-existent school and/or work involvement                     | Moral/authoritative voice<br>Community Norms |
| Positive Youth/Human Behavior Development | Behavior Issues                    | Anti-social personality, lack of leisure and/or recreational activities | Moral/authoritative voice                    |
| Spirituality                              | Attitudes, Values & Beliefs        | Anti-social cognition   | Moral/authoritative voice                    |



# Progress to Date

- **9 families served through the FNGVP 10 young people on supervision, ages 16-20 (5 African American, 5 Latino). Emergency services were provided to the parents in 6 of the 9 families, including health services, housing, and basic needs**
- **1 adult has had services initiated through the Health Department**
- **1 youth has had services initiated through the Health Department**
- **1 adult has had reach in from the jail ( the goal to connect his children with support and resources if he is receptive)**

# Next Steps

- **Engage individuals and families, impacted by gang violence in services offered by the county.**
- **Engage other county initiatives that intersect with gang members such as Human Trafficking, Domestic Violence.**
- **Plan and develop the Family Neighborhood Gang Violence Prevention Project maintaining flexibility to serve both juveniles and adults and their families impacted by gang involvement and violence.**
- **Enhance collaborative relationships with East County/Gresham law enforcement.**
- **Implement technological resources for Network Analysis.**
- **Seek ways to engage community members to change the norms related to violence in their communities.**
- **Contribute to planning and development of anti-gang violence strategies through the Youth & Gang Violence Steering Committee (e.g. STRYVE violence prevention model, coordinated suppression efforts).**
- **Provide opportunities to educate the community about services available to them.**
- **Examine the gaps and resources needs to continue to address gang violence in the community.**