

Topic: **VIOLENT CRIMES**

Vision:

- I. To build a relationship between law enforcement and the school system
- II. More programs/activities for youth
- III. Holistic FAMILY approach to mentoring
- IV. Parenting/life-skills workshops for parents

Empathy Mapping:

- Headaches and Challenges:
 - Law
 - Funding
 - Repeat offenders
 - Victimization
 - Understanding why individual(s) commit crimes
 - Language barriers
 - Community stigmas
- Dreams:
 - Counseling for repeat offenders
 - Reintegration programs in prisons
 - In-service program
 - +/- year-long EVS training
- Jobs:
 - Early prevention/intervention
 - Offer counseling services starting in schools
 - Offer more services within the detention center
 - Job training for people being released from jail
 - Collaborate with businesses
 - More detailed health screening
 - More communication to educate the public
 - Accessibility

Resource Mapping:

- We have:
 - Youth mentoring program
 - GVI program
 - Social workers in all secondary schools and nine elementary schools
- We need:
 - Partnership with:
 - STS for better/more transportation (for Medicaid)
 - Senior centers (to better reach that demographic)
 - All schools, private and public

- All levels of government
 - Parole, probation, and courts
 - Veteran affairs (get more info)
- Workshop for info on what is offered
- More translators and mental health providers
- Youth healthcare facilities

Community Context:

- Military
- Stigmas from not being military
- Low-income households
 - Poverty levels
 - Money (\$) in general
- Mental health/substance abuse
- (Public) Transportation
- Access to education
 - Knowledge of programs (community collaboration)

Game Plan:

- Needs assessment in the community
 - Neighborhood canvassing
- Create a SOMD violence prevention coalition
- Creating infrastructure to have transitional housing for inmates being released to include housing, mental health assistance, financial literacy, education/life skills training
 - Programs could mirror “Mettle Works” in PG and Anne Arrundel county
 - Need for a peer mentoring program where prior inmates guide newly released inmates
- Add road rage and reckless driving education to mandatory drivers education requirements.