Focus: This group considers systems around the traditional justice institutions to secure youth psychological and physical well-being, as well as inclusion in their communities.

Goal: Identify specific examples where reforms have successfully addressed the tendency of some young men towards violence, empowering them within their communities and societies.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

Young adulthood is a period of particular vulnerability and sense of belonging is important.

- Need for safe spaces and proactive engagement of young men
- Civic engagement: invite young people to participate politically, build leadership skills

The traditional criminal justice system fails young people, but there exist alternatives.

- Prisons are poor places for young people, teaching violence rather than useful skills
- Youth courts offer an age-appropriate alternative
- Judges and prosecutors work with youths to find housing, work/education
- Focus on minor crimes, so gaps exist for those accused of serious crimes
- Effective programs offer skills and access to a market, economic opportunity

There is a common relationship between violence inside and outside the home.

- Domestic violence can serve as an early indicator or a catalyst for societal violence
- Educate about the correlation and connect agencies addressing these problems
- Hospitals, schools, and prisons are places for interventions, reflection, and an opening
- Advisors here must understand the challenges and authentically model the path

KEY EXAMPLES

- Brazil/El Salvador/Nicaragua (open schools as weekend community space)
- California (universal school trauma screenings)
- US (Youth First; Impact Justice; The Burns Institute)
- Pennsylvania (Alternative Rehabilitation Communities)
- Orange County/San Francisco/Philadelphia/New Orleans (youth courts)
- New York State (informal practice of youth diversion in criminal court)
- England/Wales (youth courts; community-based justice panels)
- Ukraine (youth paralegal system)
- Israel (young children in anti-violence programs)
- Mexico City (Fundacion Reintegra)
- UK (PREVENT program)
- Chicago (Heartland Alliance’s READI Program)
- Chicago/Boston/Los Angeles/Seattle (Becoming a Man (BAM) Program)
- Boston, Massachusetts (Roca Program)

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

- How Domestic Violence Turns Men into Terrorists by Joan Smith
- “Healthy, Wealthy, and Wise: Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and Transformative Credible Messenger Mentoring to Reduce Violence and Justice System Involvement” National Institute for Criminal Justice Reform
- Research summary of alternative interventions in the US
- “Re-Imagining Public Safety: Prevent Harm and Lead with the Truth – A five-step policy plan for policing in America” by Tracey Meares
- American Homicide by Randolph Roth
- The Lammy Review: An independent review into the treatment of, and outcomes for, Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic individuals in the UK Criminal Justice System
- “In O.C., Young Adult Court offers a path to clear felony convictions” by Lilly Nguyen
• “Punishing Kids in Juvenile and Criminal Courts” by Barry Feld
• Knowledge Exchange from the Butler Trust
• World Prison Brief by the Institute for Crime and Justice Policy Research
• Dark Ghettos (Chaps 1&2) by Tommie Shelby
• Amend, a Netflix documentary
• “How Portugal is solving its opioid problem” by Rebecca A. Clay
• “Drug Decriminalization in Portugal: Setting the Record Straight” by Transform Drug Policy Foundation
• “Burking: Police told not to register crimes” (PPT) by Shailesh Gandhi*
• “Still Not Safe: The public health response to youth violence” by the Children's Commissioner

* Available via Salzburg Global Seminar.

• “Social Control and the Gang: Lessons from the Legalization of Street Gangs in Ecuador” by David Brotherton, R. Gude
• “Colombian Child Soldiers: Victims not Criminals” by the OHCHR Council: Universal Periodic Review, 3rd Session: Columbia
• “Colombia’s ex-combatant children and adolescents” by Stephany Armas Contreras
• “Procedural Justice, Legitimacy and the Effective Rule of Law” by Tom R. Tyler
• “Neighborhoods and Violent Crime: A Multilevel Study of Collective Efficacy” by Sampson et al
• Khary Mason on Shoot Wisely the Content Creators Podcast with Amir Ebrahimi