



CITY OF CLEVELAND
Mayor Frank G. Jackson

A New Model For Addressing Youth Violence as a Public Health Issue

A strategic plan by Mayor Frank G. Jackson's Office of
Prevention, Intervention and Opportunity for Youth and
Young Adults aimed at creating safer neighborhoods
in the City of Cleveland





On January 3, 2017, Mayor Frank G. Jackson installed me as the first Chief of Prevention, Intervention, and Opportunity for Youth and Young Adults. His focus was clear: Create an enduring, comprehensive, multidisciplinary and data driven plan, which prevents violence by youth and young adults by driving up the wheel of opportunity.

"We're going to bring together all the different parts and pieces of this community to build something different," Deskins said. "To get past the notion that safety is simply a reduction in crime. It's actually an increase in opportunity ... for kids who find themselves, at no fault of their own, down the path toward the juvenile justice system."

~Duane J. Deskins, 1/3/2017

Structural Violence is the Visible Product of

More than Six Decades of...

ECONOMIC, POLITICAL, AND SOCIAL DISPARITY
lack of Investment in economic development
LACK OF MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT IN INFRASTRUCTURE
FINANCIAL REDLINING CONCENTRATION OF POVERTY
SUBPRIME MORTGAGE LOANS RACISM
ISOLATION MASS INCARCERATION
FORECLOSURES LOW & NO EMPLOYMENT
FLIGHT OF THE MIDDLE CLASS
ES UNDERPERFORMING SCHOOLS
LOSS OF SOCIAL CAPITAL

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TOXIC STRESS



“ Simply put – violence makes people sick. Medical researchers have consistently identified unaddressed toxic stress from decades of structural violence as the root, biological cause of many adverse health and behavioral problems, including violence. ”

Intergenerational and Adverse Health Consequences:

high minority infant **low birth weight**

high **minority infant mortality**

decades-lower life expectancy

substance abuse **helplessness**

elevated lead levels

dementia **low learning & memory function**

high levels of **domestic violence**

asthma & other illnesses **disengagement**

high levels of **gang violence**

hypersensitivity

Cleveland's premature birth rate worst in nation, March of Dimes report says

Updated Nov 3; Posted Nov 1





FEATURE

Why America's Black Mothers and Babies Are in a Life-or-Death Crisis

The answer to the disparity in death rates has everything to do with the lived experience of being a black woman in America.

Black infants in America are now more than twice as likely to die as white infants — 11.3 per 1,000 black babies, compared with 4.9 per 1,000 white babies, according to the most recent government data — a racial disparity that is actually wider than in 1850, 15 years before the end of slavery, when most black women were considered chattel.

In one year, that racial gap adds up to more than 4,000 lost black babies. Education and income offer little protection. In fact, a black woman with an advanced degree is [more likely to lose her baby](#) than a white woman with less than an eighth-grade education.

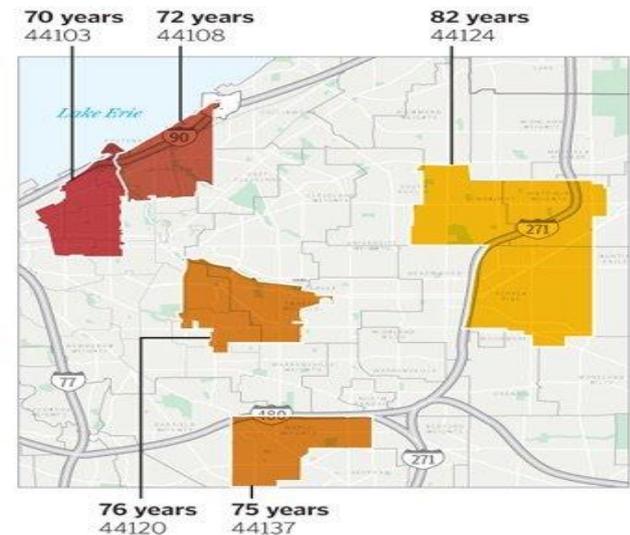
Black women are three to four times as likely to die from pregnancy-related causes as their white counterparts.

In Cleveland area, communities just 10 miles apart have a large gap in life expectancy, new study says

Updated Jun 17, 2016; Posted Jun 16, 2016

Your zip code can affect your life expectancy

If you travel less than ten miles from Cleveland's northeastern neighborhoods to more affluent eastern outer-ring suburbs, life expectancy can differ by as much as 12 years.



SOURCES: Virginia Commonwealth University; Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

THE PLAIN DEALER

GUN DEATHS, YOUNG BLACK AND WHITE MALES

A majority of black men killed with a gun in 2014 were murdered.

BLACK MALES, 15-24

2,533

GUN DEATHS



WHITE MALES, 15-24

2,670

GUN DEATHS



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YOUR HEALTH

Stress And Poverty May Explain High Rates Of Dementia In African-Americans

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Heard on Weekend Edition Sunday



JON HAMILTON



New research finds that African-Americans who grow up in harsh environments and endure stressful experiences are much more likely to develop Alzheimer's or some other form of dementia.

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The team wanted to know whether people who grew up in harsher conditions were more likely to develop dementia. So they looked at people who'd been born in states with high infant mortality rates- an indicator of social problems like poverty and limited access to medical care.

White people's risk of dementia wasn't affected by their place of birth. But **black people were 40 percent more likely to develop dementia if they'd been born in a state with high infant mortality.**

“These people left the state and subsequently moved to northern California, yet there was still this very robust association between being born in a state with high infant mortality and increased risk of dementia,” Whitmer says”

36,000 suspensions for Ohio third graders and younger could prompt ban on harsh punishments

Updated Nov 12; Posted Nov 12

About 64 percent of Ohio's suspended students in that age group are black, while black students make-up just 16.5 percent of the state's enrollment.

	Percentage of statewide enrollment	Percentage of suspensions
Black students	16.5	64
Students with disabilities	14.5	65
Economically disadvantaged students	49.9	90

2017 Ohio School Report Cards
(Achievement Component)

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Symptoms of Individual Trauma

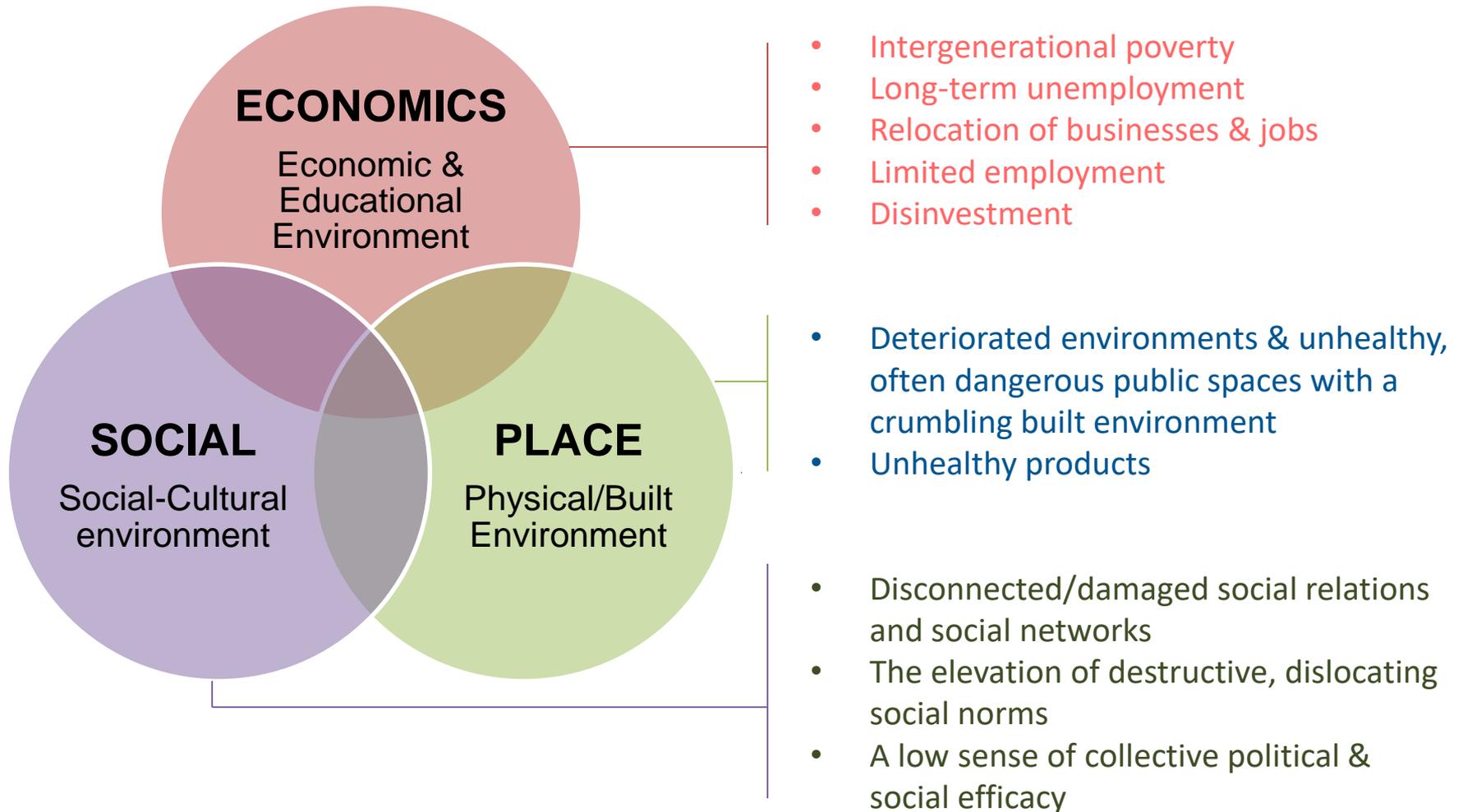
Reduced Learning & Memory Function

Helplessness

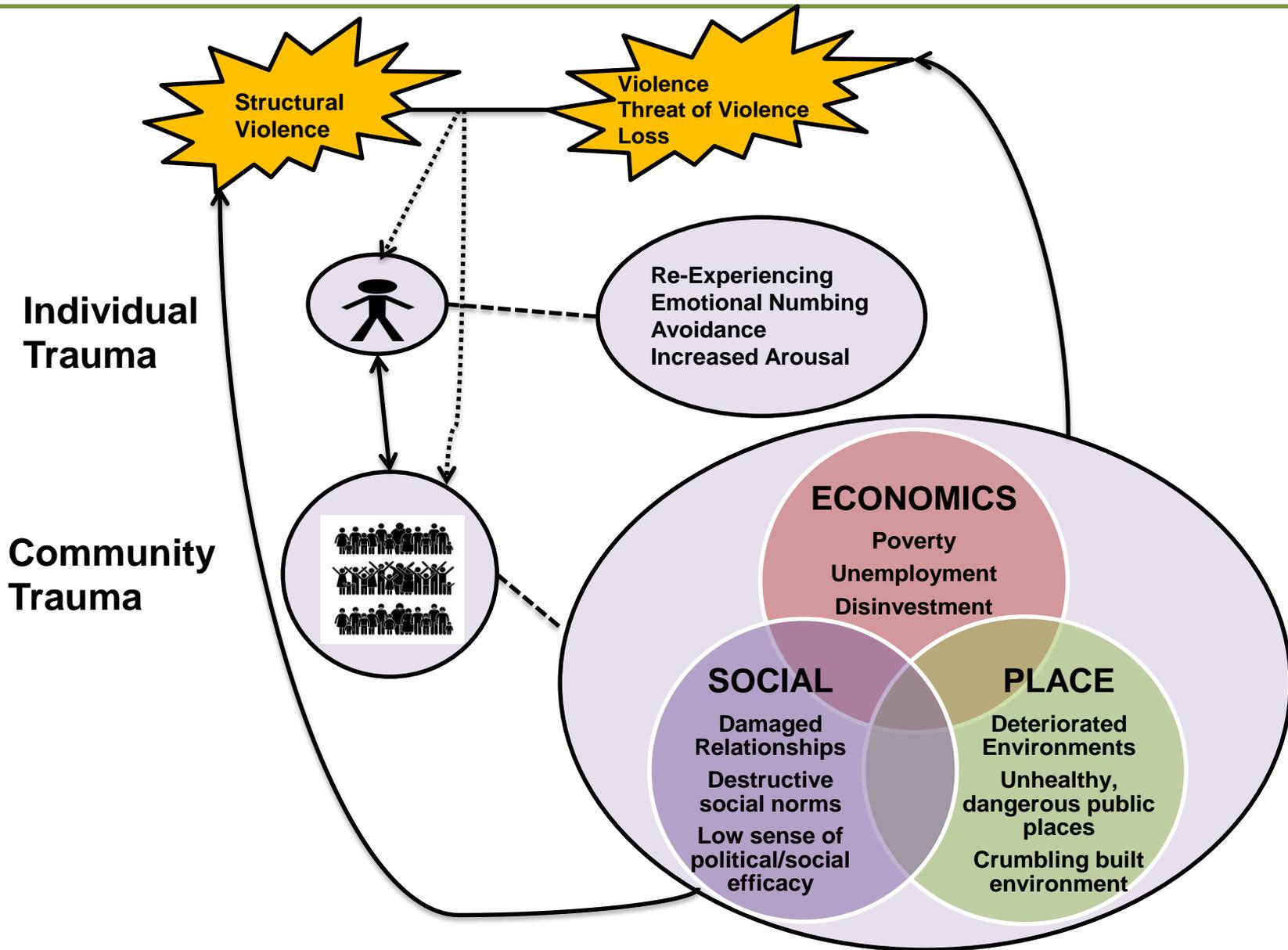
Hypersensitivity

Identification with Aggressors who seem powerful

Symptoms of Community trauma



Trauma from violence



NEWS

Detroit has highest big-city poverty rate; Cleveland second

Corey Williams | The Associated Press

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This strategic plan relies on a **public health model**, which is the only model designed to achieve healthier neighborhoods and a safer city. This strategy, by definition, focuses on preventing violence before it occurs.

Quick Overview: PIO Projects by the Numbers

Most Programs ran between June 5 and August 12, 2017:

\$1,100,000-- Money leveraged

30,000-- Individual servings of fresh fruit to approximately 5,000 to 10,000 youth at recreation centers

100 – SNAP applications processed, which is the equivalent of 78,300 meals

13,184-- Number of youth and young adults who took advantage of extended recreation hours

13,320 -- Number of youth who took advantage of Ice Cream Truck, Cleveland Magazine *Best of Cleveland Award 2017*

4,900-- Number of mentorship opportunities (over 514 options)

3,149-- Number of peacemaker contacts

2,766-- Youth employment through Y.O.U, 40% increase over 2016 and largest number of Cleveland summer youth jobs in the history of Y.O.U

1,300-- Number of people who attended the Mayor's job match week at recreation centers

8-- Largest number ever of recreation centers with extended hours

+40,000-- Total number of individuals engaged

\$64 (ROI 64%)

Cleveland Police Foundation, "Let's Chill Together" Ice Cream Truck





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Dance Academy
Presents*

RISE

Showcasing the work of Creative Arts Dance Academy students from Tri-C's Metropolitan Campus and the satellite schools at Clark Recreation Center and CMHA's Heritage View site.

Saturday, Nov. 18, 2017 | 3 p.m.

Tri-C Metropolitan Campus Mainstage Theatre

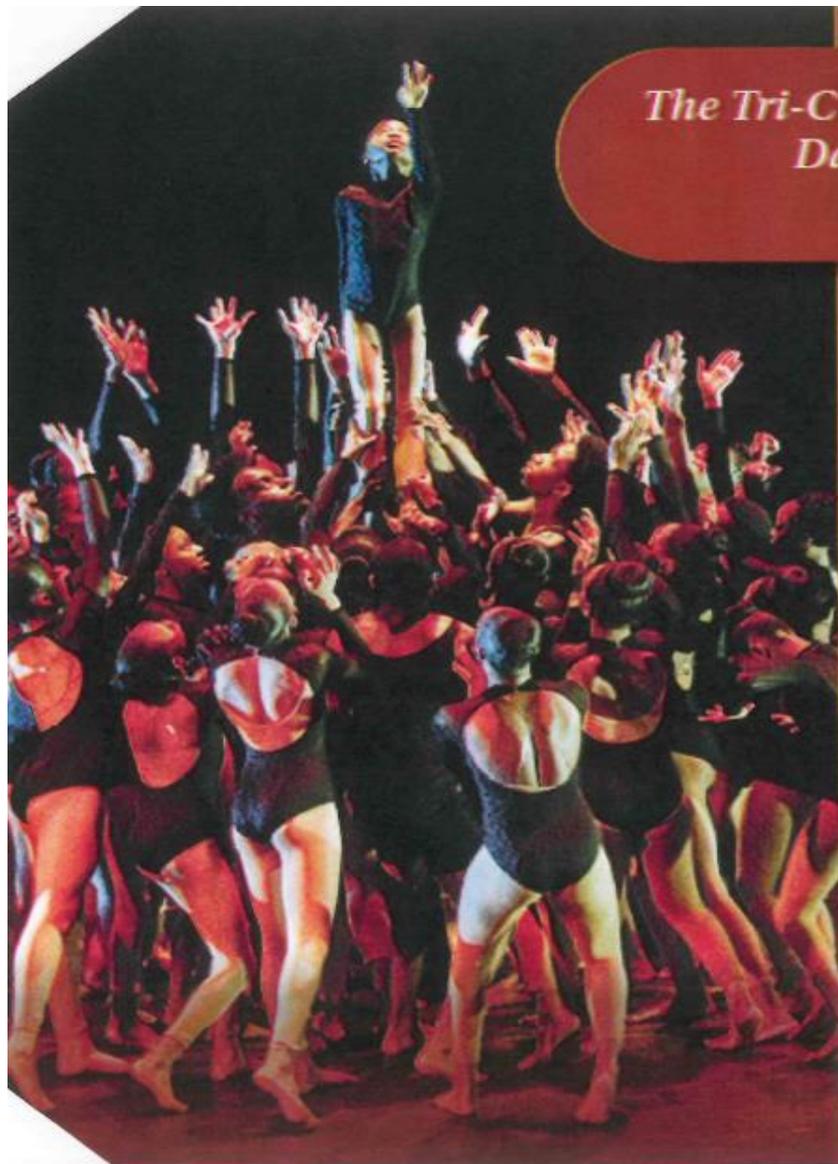
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Reservations required. Seating is limited.

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No admittance without a ticket.





BUSINESS

More jobs, less youth violence, data and experts say: Pathways to Peace

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Science: Summer Employment Decreases Youth Violence in Chicago

4 December 2014 Brandon Bryn

How can summer jobs reduce crime among youth?

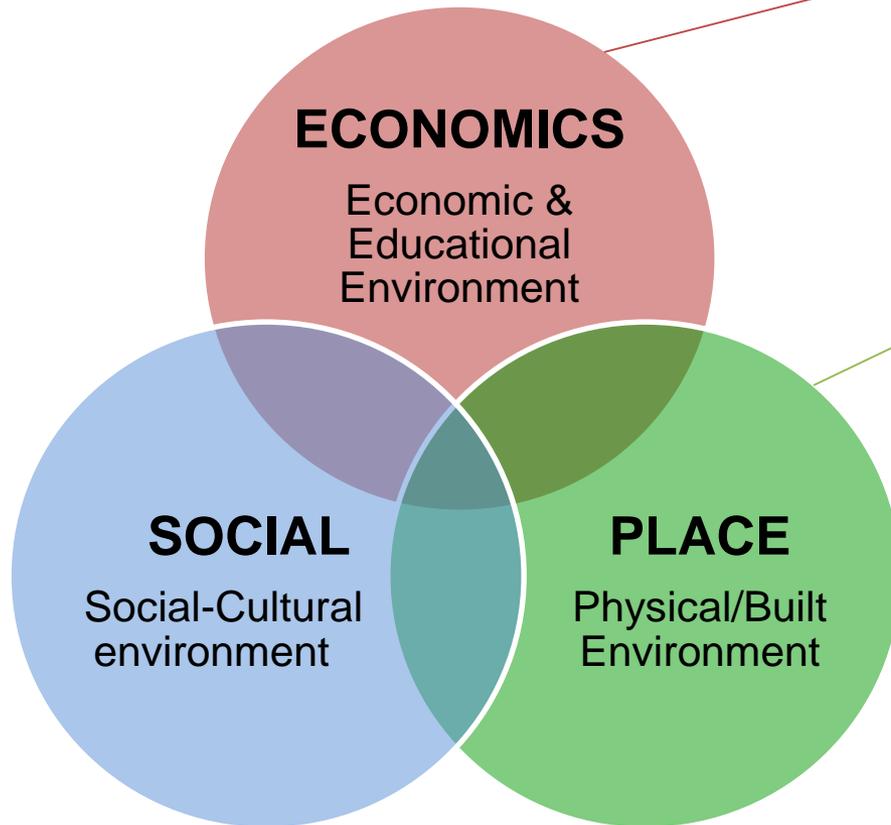
An evaluation of the Boston summer youth employment program

December 2017

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Our Response to Community Trauma

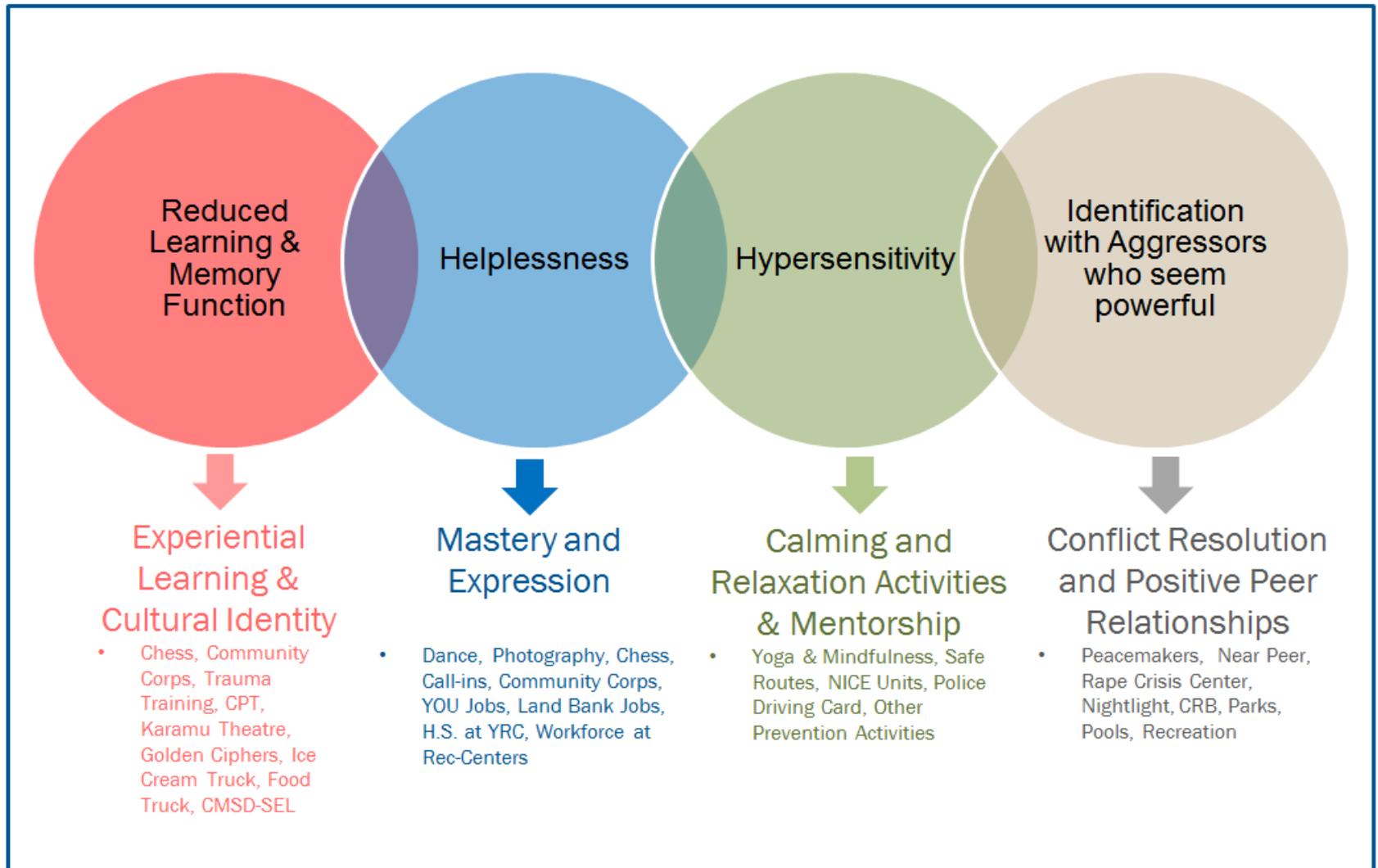


- **CMSD** – Cleveland School Plan
- **Tri-C** – Pathways to Success
- **Startup Neighborhood Business**

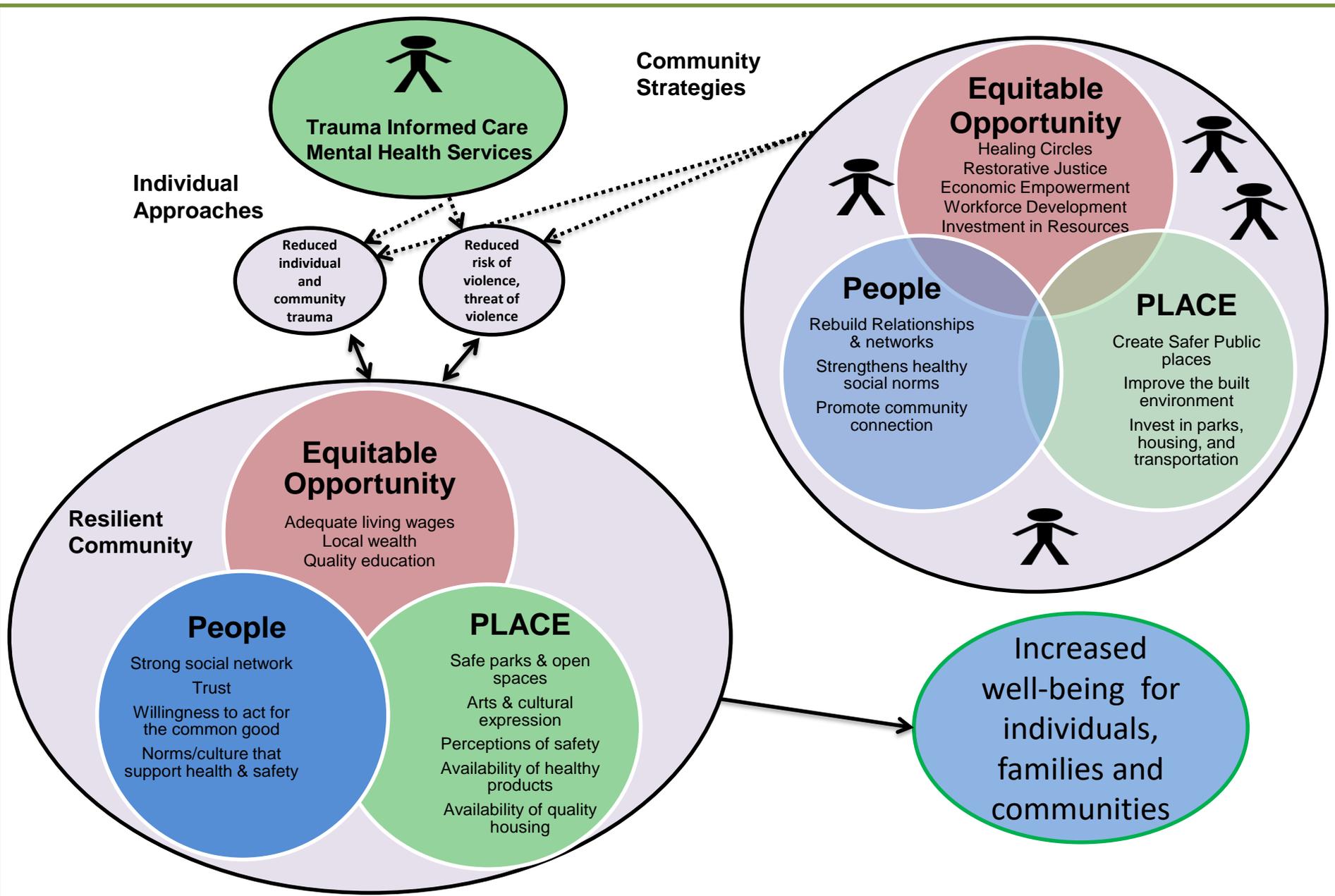
- **\$500m Capital Improvements in 10 years**
- **\$65m neighborhood transformation initiatives**
- **Dept. of Public Works Enhanced Budget**
 - Street sweeping, pothole repair, waste collection, park & playground infrastructure maintenance and improvement, urban forestry, halt illegal dumping
- **Dept. of Building & Housing Enhanced Budget**
 - Better inspection of vacant and abandoned properties, slumlords, lead abatement, concentrated demolition

- **Safe Routes** – engages all sections of the community to provide safe routes to school, reduce blight, improve safety, build relationships among residents
- **CPD NICE Units** – build bond between law enforcement and community

OUR RESPONSE TO INDIVIDUAL TRAUMA



Sustainable & Resilient Communities





Thank you.

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