LOS ANGELES COUNTY TRAUMA PREVENTION INITIATIVE

MAKING PROGRESS THROUGH
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, EMPOWERMENT & LEADERSHIP

RESEARCH NEEDS & ASSETS
- Identify & interview key stakeholders
- Conduct listening sessions
- Collect data and available resources
- Map assets

BUILD RELATIONSHIPS
- Identify & attend existing community meetings
- Build relationship with community leaders
- Participate & provide resources

MOBILIZE COMMUNITY AROUND GOALS
- Organize stakeholder meeting regularly
- Provide framework, decision making, drafting plans
- Allow community to lead discussion/ decisions

DEVELOP STRATEGIC PLAN
- Document goals, strategies, activities,
- Identify short term projects / wins
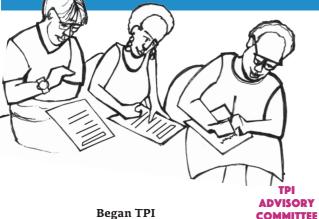- Elevate community solutions to county partners to establish and leverage resources

FOLLOW-THROUGH
- Implement community identified priorities
- Evaluate
- Build Leadership Infrastructure
- Sustain

TPI Continuum Model

Began TPI Engagement

2014

COMMUNITY ACTION FOR PEACE

2016
Landscape Analysis Report

TPI ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Multiple county departments guide initiative

Community Action for Peace established

2017
Established job center in WWA

WILLOWBROOK COMMUNITY ACTION FOR PEACE

Landscape Analysis Report

Review Westmont West Athens priorities & Willowbrook report

We Are Willowbrook Summit

Community Action for Peace established

2018
Unity Summit
Strategic Plan
Steering Committee established

HRC and LACAC community trainings

Department of Public Health Healing Center Launch

Department of Mental Health leveraging committee for trauma training initiative

2019
Strategic Plan in Process

Unity Summit

PRINCIPLES of EQUITABLE ENGAGEMENT
- Collective Decision Making
- Shared Power
- Mutual respect

- Develop meaningful long-term partnerships, not just input gathering
- Train staff in facilitation and decision making
- Include community from planning and implementation to assessment
- Meet communities where they are and when they are available
- Use trauma informed and culturally sensitive practices
- Practice active listening to community concerns, anger, distrust
- Act as the facilitator to build collaboration and support local leadership
- Embrace, consider, and act upon community feedback, and report back
- Remove agency ego by stepping back and give community ownership and top billing

BENEFITS
- Improves trust and confidence in government, fosters transparency and accountability.
- Provides access to a greater variety of perspectives and solutions
- Heals communities through relationships and capacity building, self-efficacy
- Improves buy-in for implemented strategies and ensures they will impact community

BUILD SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE
- Change hiring and contracting practices to be more equitable and responsive to community and grassroots organizations
- Provide mechanisms to compensate stakeholders in vulnerable communities for their time as advisors through stipends, providing food at meetings
- Coordinate with other departments and initiatives to leverage community networks
- Institutionalize supports for community engagement

OBJECTIVES

County of Los Angeles
Public Health