



Youth Researcher Priority Area Discussion Topics Artifact

Themes	Community Concerns for Youth
Lack of Safety Everywhere	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Safety of babies, children, and elders - Safety of everyone - Losing elders due to violence - No real consequences for crimes - Innocent bystanders - Not being able to leave the house without a concern for safety - Safety in the streets - Can't wear clothes without fear of robbery - No safe spaces to play - No freedom/always on high alert - Armed robbery for possession that people worked hard for - Bullying and violence against people who are different (e.g., LGBTQ people)
Lower Educational Attainment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Less participation and attendance in school - Graduation rates - Lack of engaging youth activities - Lack of long-term community resources
Changing Community Dynamics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Less community involvement from residents - Limited community advocates - Gentrification occurs faster - Lower population of youth in the community - Fatherless homes - Giving surrounding communities a negative outlook on the neighborhood - Kids growing up without parents
Community Trauma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mental health effects and poor coping (e.g., PTSD, depression, addiction) - Community desensitized to violence - Generational habits – violence becoming the norm - Interpersonal conflict escalating - Unhealthy communication - People don't care unless it's their own family - A lot of grief and anger in the community - Cyclical nature – who will die next?
Law Enforcement and Justice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Racial bias - Stereotypes placed on Black people - No real consequences for crimes - Police bias and brutality/harassment

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Learn more about Safety 7 at <https://www.childtrends.org/project/centering-youth-experiences-youth-participatory-action>.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Retaliation from past romantic relationships (e.g., IPV) - Police too complacent to intervene unless called on - Police response times + hostile demeanor
Poor Problem Resolution Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bringing weapons to a fist fight - Committing violence for fun and to gain popularity or a “rep” - Women inserting themselves into men’s beef/conflict
Few/No Good Mentors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Peer pressure from adults to commit crime (e.g., giving youth guns) - Young boys and girls are easily influenced
Future Concerns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What does the future look like for youth?

What concerns you most about community violence?

- Safety of babies, children, and elders
- Safety of everyone
- Lower population of youth in community because of murders and incarceration
- Kids growing up without parents
- Less participation and attendance in school – can lead to schools receiving less funding and closing
- A lot of grief and anger in the community
- Mental health effects and poor coping (e.g., PTSD, depression, addiction)
- Community desensitized to violence
- Losing elders due to violence (stray bullets, bystander)
- No real consequences for crimes
- Bringing weapons to a fist fight
- Young boys and girls are easily influenced
- Innocent bystanders
- Committing violence for fun and to gain popularity or a “rep”
- Armed robbery for possession that people worked hard for
- Not being able to have nice and safe community events
- Not being able to leave the house without a concern for safety
- Generational habits – violence becoming the norm
- Women inserting themselves into men’s beef/conflict
- Interpersonal conflict escalating
- No freedom/always on high alert
- What does the future look like for youth?
- Graduation rates
- Stereotypes placed on Black people
- Racial bias
- Fatherless homes
- Police bias and brutality/harassment
- Cyclical nature – who will die next?

Safety 7

- Safety in the streets
- Can't wear clothes without fear of robbery
- Gentrification occurring faster
- Bullying and violence against people who are different (e.g., LGBTQ people)
- Peer pressure from adults to commit crime (e.g., giving youth guns)
- Giving surrounding communities a negative outlook on neighborhood
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- Police response times + hostile demeanor
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- Limited community advocates
- Less community involvement from residents
- Unhealthy communication
- People don't care unless it's their own family
- Lack of engaging youth activities
- Lack of long term community resources