

# Health Burden of Violence in the United States



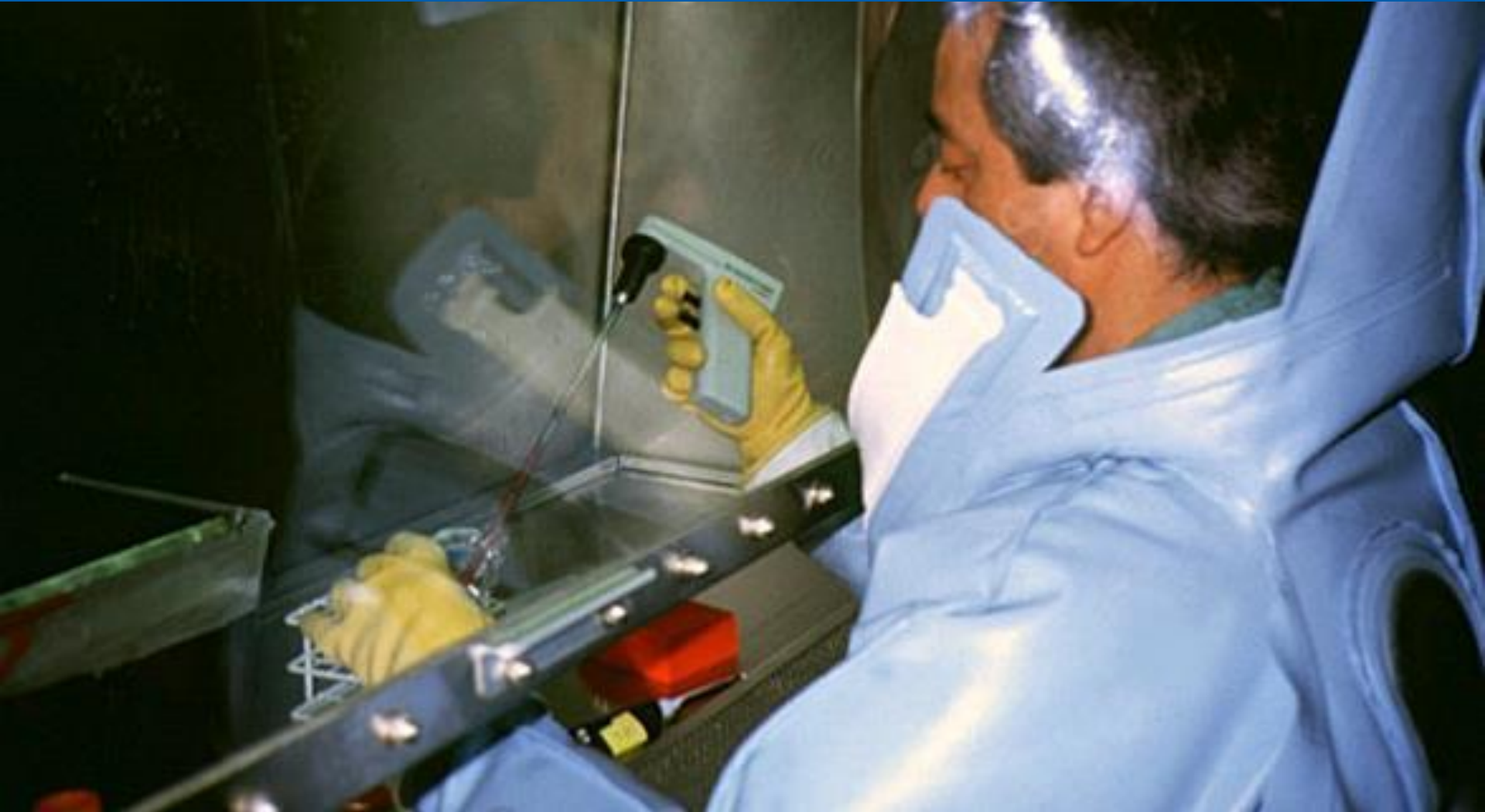
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# What My Family Thinks I Do...



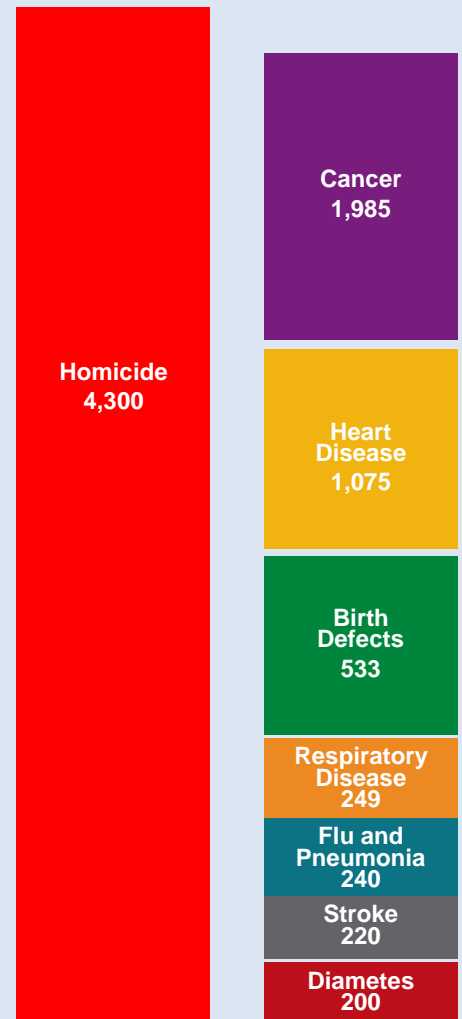
# Every Day in the U.S...

- About **43** people are victims of homicide
- and **4,270** people are treated in ED's for injuries from assaults

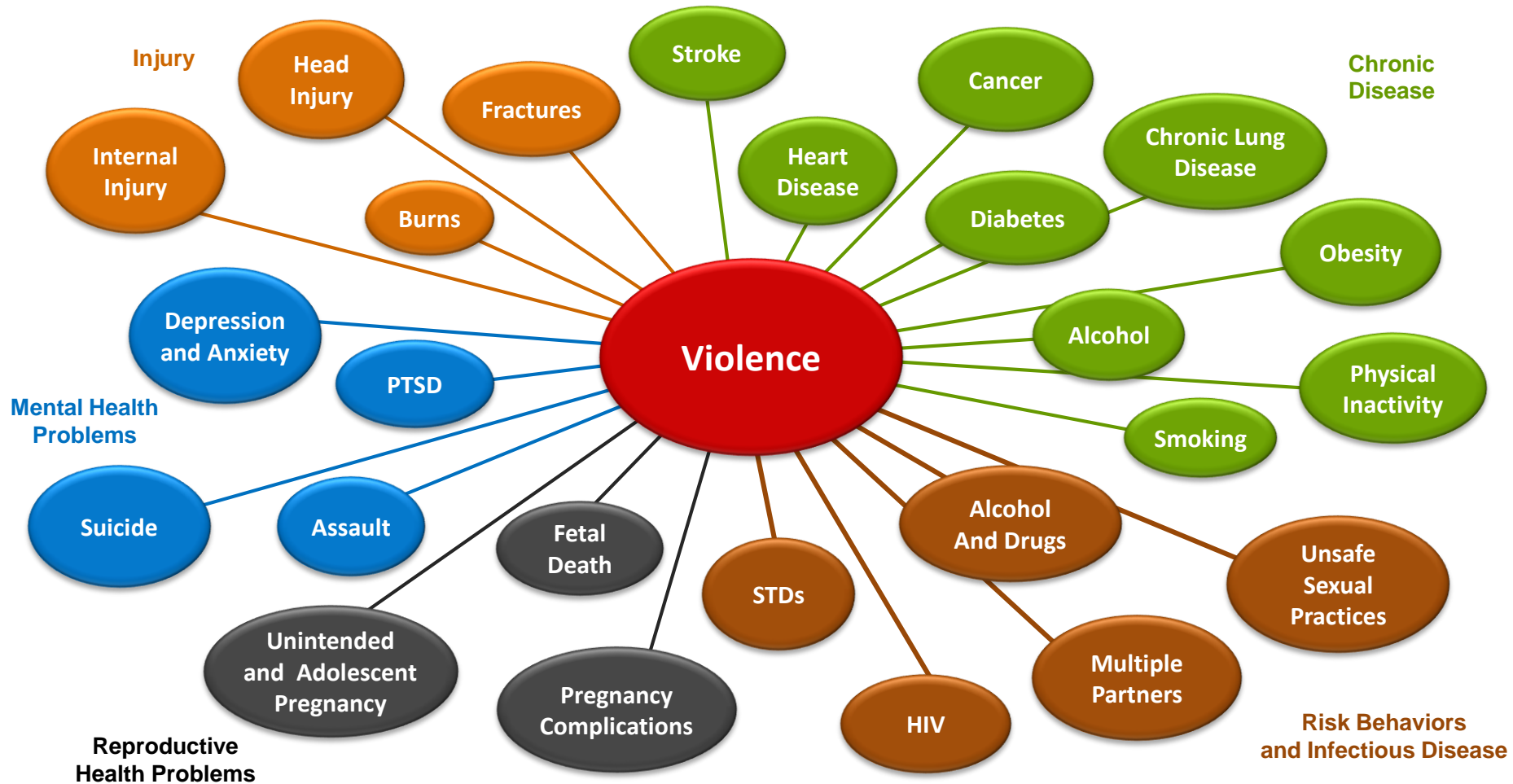


# Enormous Human Costs

- Homicide is the 3rd leading cause of death among 10-24 year olds
- Responsible for more deaths than the next 7 leading causes...**combined**
- #1 cause of death for young African-American males



# Other Destructive Health Consequences



# Enormous Financial Costs

Incidents of violence against  
young people costs the U.S.  
more than

**\$17 billion**

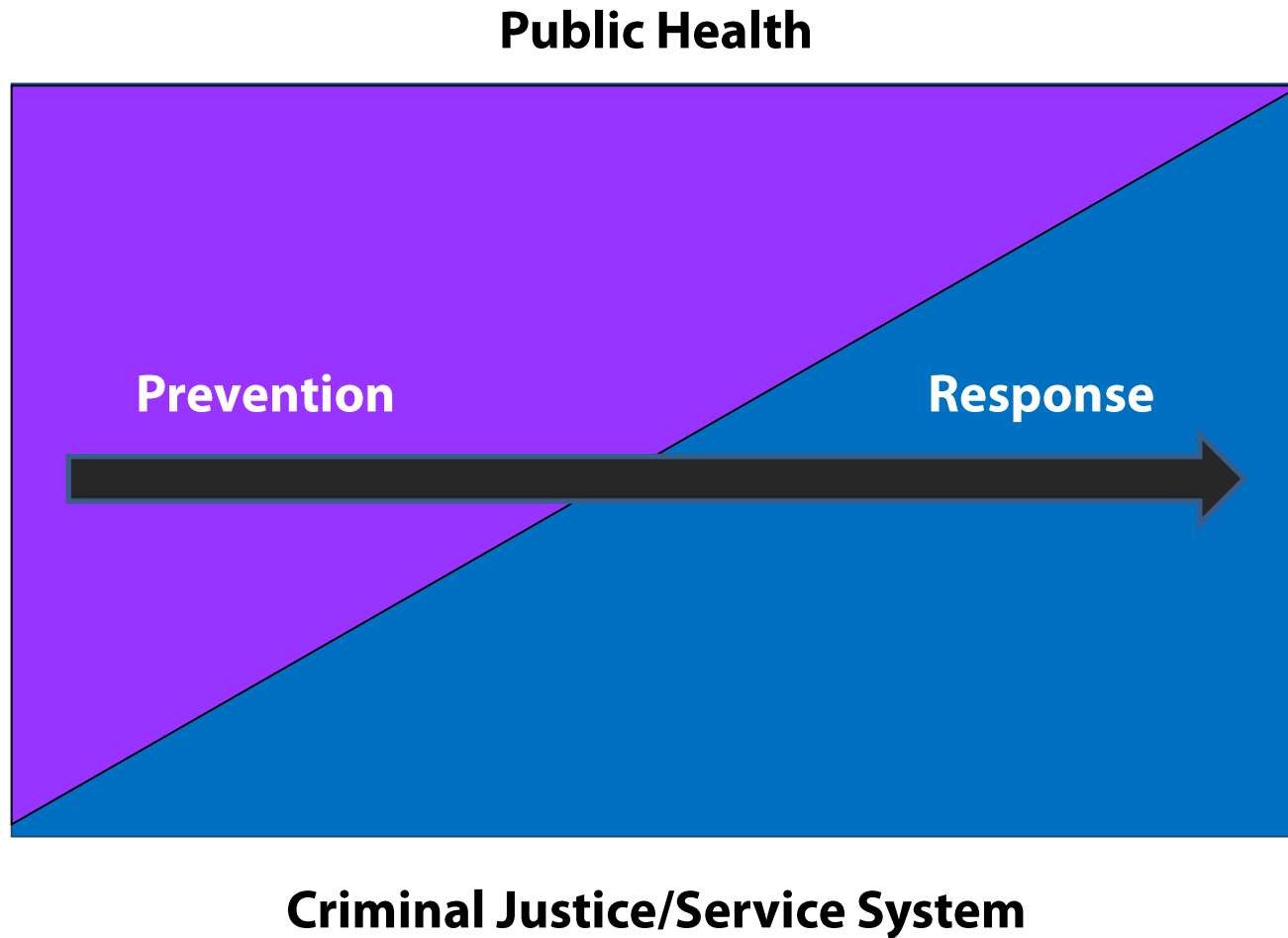
in medical and work loss

...enough to send more than  
230,000 young people  
through college



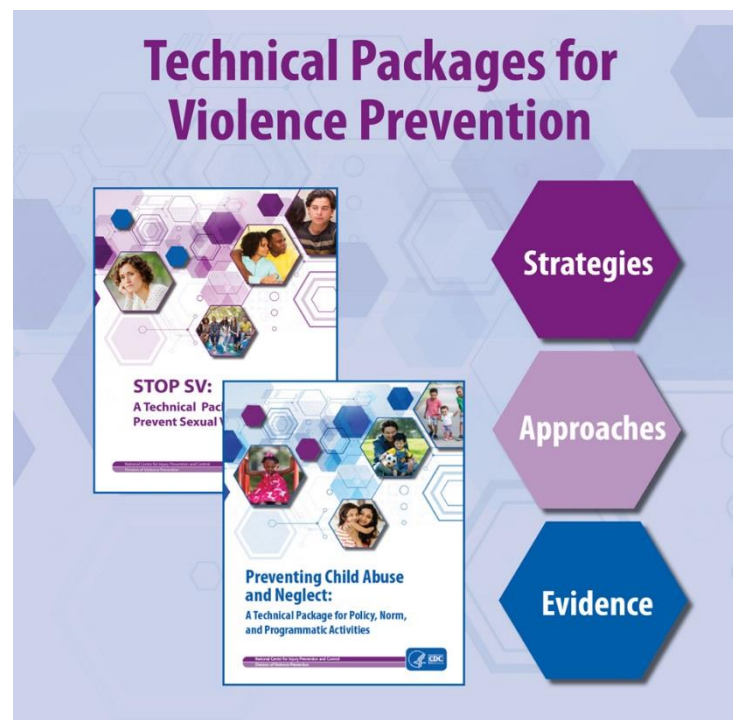


# Violence is Also a Public Health Problem



# Violence Prevention Technical Packages

- Child abuse and neglect\*
- Sexual violence\*
- Youth violence
- Intimate partner violence
- Suicide



[www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/pub/technical-packages.html](http://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/pub/technical-packages.html)



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- Comprehensive support services for children ages 3-9
- Includes, structured education for children, home visits, connections to employment and mental health services
- **52% reduction** in substantiated reports of abuse/neglect; **22% reduction** in arrests for violent crime by age 24
- Also lower rates of special education services and school dropout, and higher college attendance
- Approximately **\$4-\$11 saved** per dollar spent

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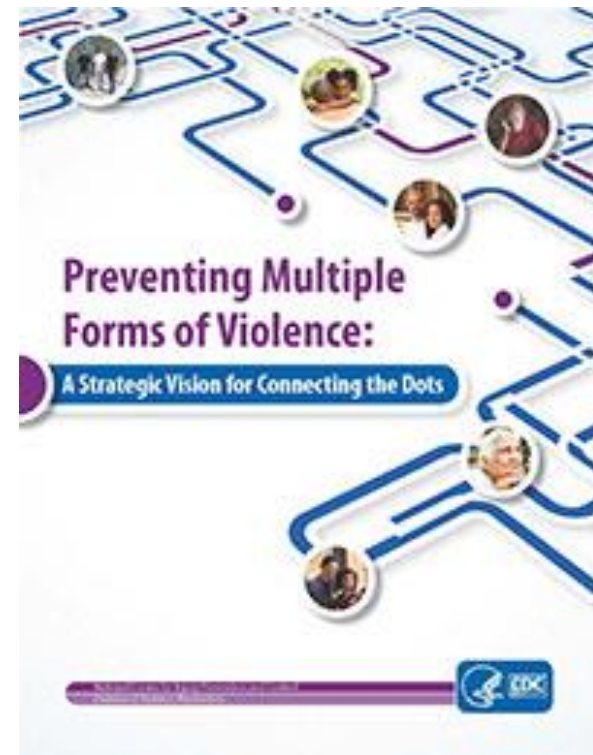
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- Classroom program for middle school students
- Teaches healthy relationship skills, anger management, and conflict resolution
- **56% to 92% reductions** in dating violence victimization and perpetration
- Observed at four years after implementation
- Also showed effects on same-sex peer violence and weapon carrying

# The Strategic Importance of Violence Prevention

- Different forms of violence are interconnected
- Share root causes
- Need to focus on populations and communities at greatest risk
  - Age, sex differences
  - LGBT, race/ethnicity



# The Strategic Importance of Violence Prevention

- Evidence from research
- Lasting benefits
- Extend across violence and other health risks
- Cost-savings
- Available now



**Family**



**School**



**Community**

# For More Information

**Visit CDC's National Center for  
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