



**Towards a Future Without Violence:**

**A Community Violence Prevention  
Strategy for the North Metropolitan  
Area of Western Australia**

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# ICCWA

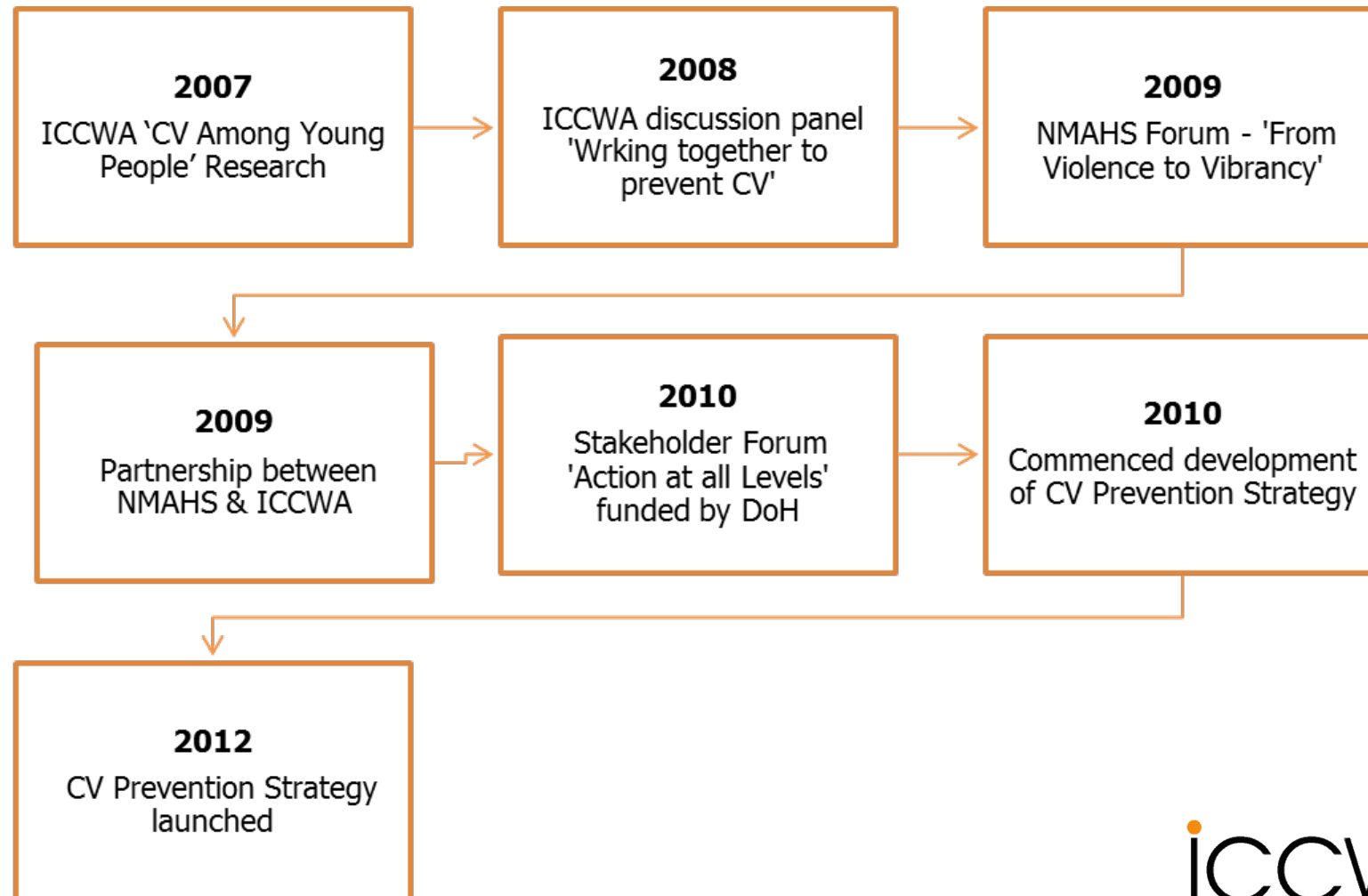
- ❖ Peak non-government not-for profit organisation involved in injury prevention and community safety promotion in WA



# Setting the Scene...

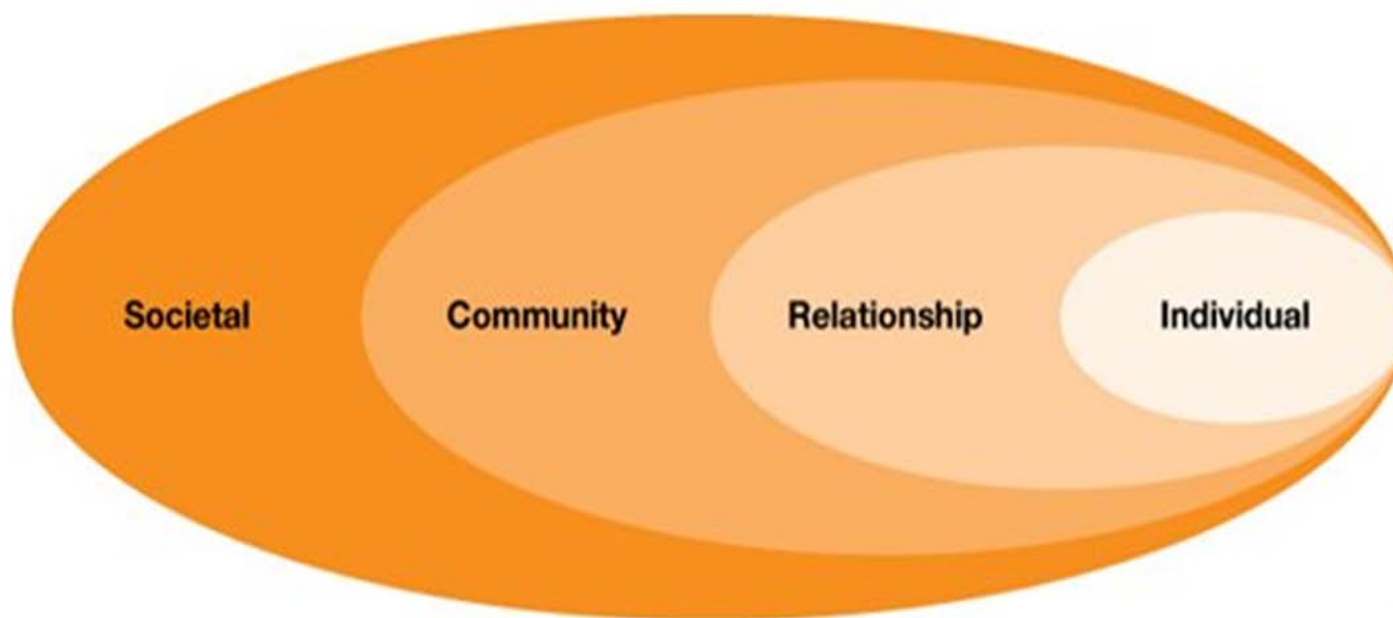
- Community violence (CV) has direct impact on the wellbeing & safety of individuals & communities
- The World Health Assembly has declared that violence in general is a leading worldwide public health issue
- In W.A, interpersonal violence ranked;
  - 4<sup>th</sup> as cause of hospitalisation
  - 6<sup>th</sup> as cause of injury death
- Increasing community concern about CV in WA

# How did our violence prevention work develop ?



# Risk factors for violence

- ❖ Ecological Model for Understanding Violence (1970)



- ❖ Emphasis on the social determinants of health

# Stakeholder Engagement

CV – complex, interlinked, layered, **preventable**



# Priority Action Areas:

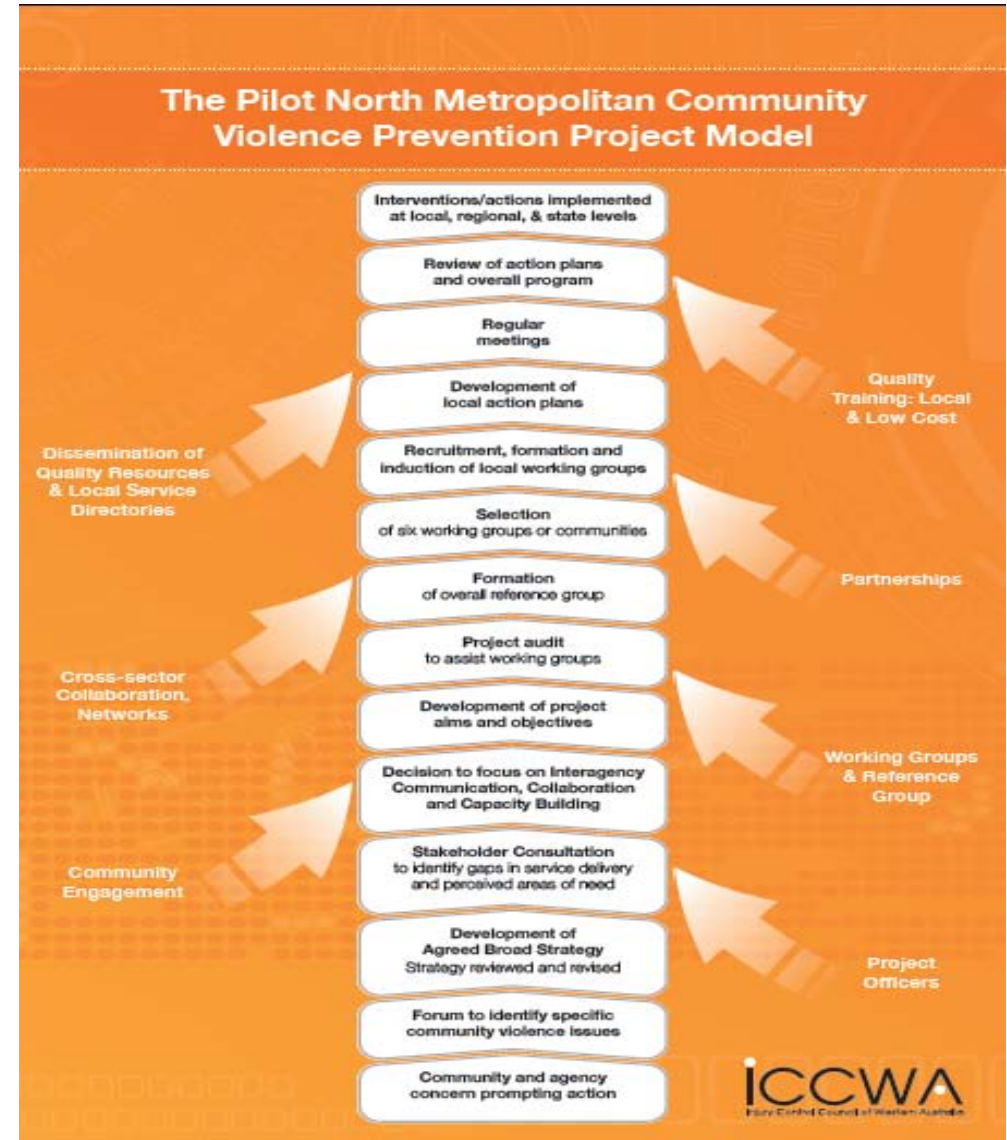
- Early Childhood risk identification and intervention
- Building capacity & resilience (community and individual)
- Improve access to services
- Address the impact of alcohol
- Research & evaluation

# CV Prevention Project Model

Proven effective model for community & stakeholder engagement (independently evaluated).

Based on an Award winning model for suicide prevention that was implemented by ICCWA from 2005-2010.

Transferability and application of learnings to other geographical areas or issues.

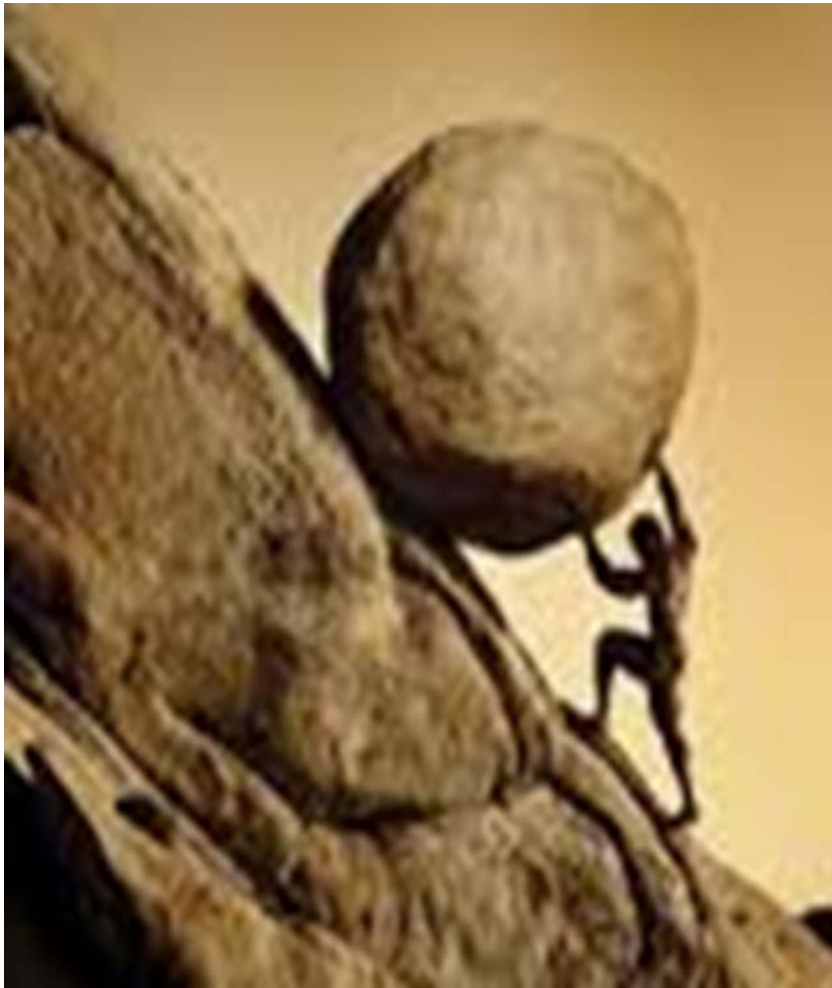




# Working with Local Communities



# Where to now?



# Partnerships Make a Difference



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