

How the Safe Neighborhoods Tips Were Developed

In 2008, the Philadelphia Collaborative Violence Prevention Center (PCVPC) began to craft evidence-based tips for non-academic, non-research audiences that could be used to prevent violence and build community. The goal of these tips was to provide tangible actions, rooted in research evidence, which could be adopted to improve lives in our partner communities and neighborhoods.

We solicited suggestions for tips from both our Center's academic members and community partners. The proposed tips were reviewed by community and academic partners for relevance and appropriateness of content and language. We then reviewed the existing literature to obtain documentation of the scientific evidence supporting each tip. To date, we have developed 57 Safe Neighborhood Tips which have been disseminated through a variety of venues including community events, websites, and bookmarks targeted to youth.

Under the auspices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention National Academic Centers of Excellence (ACE) on Youth Violence Prevention's Strategic Action Plan, a unique collaboration of academic and community partners from multiple ACEs led to an iterative vetting process. Conducted from 2009-2010, the vetting process allowed for participants to add, enhance, and evaluate the evidence supporting each tip based on their expertise, as well as gather ideas for dissemination.

This collaboration involved participants from:

- Philadelphia Collaborative Violence Prevention Center
- Columbia University Center for Youth Violence Prevention
- Harvard University Youth Violence Prevention Center
- Johns Hopkins University Center for the Prevention of Youth Violence
- University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Asian/Pacific Islander Youth Violence Prevention Center
- Meharry Medical College Nashville Urban Partnership Academic Center of Excellence on Youth Violence Prevention
- Virginia Commonwealth University Clark-Hill Institute for Positive Youth Development
- University of California at Berkeley Center on Culture, Immigration and Youth Violence Prevention
- University of California at Riverside Southern California
- The ACE Coordinating Center
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention