


THE IMPORTANCE OF A SYSTEM APPROACH FOR IDENTIFICATION AND RESPONSE TO VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN

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Violence against Children



Globally up to 1 billion children have experienced physical, sexual or psychological violence in the past year.

Magnitude of Violence against Children

1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th

Homicide is among the **top five** causes of death in adolescents.



80% of homicide victims are boys.



Beyond these deaths, **tens of millions** more children are affected by violence.

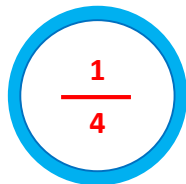


1 in 4 children suffer physical abuse.



Nearly **1 in 5** girls is sexually abused at least once in her life.

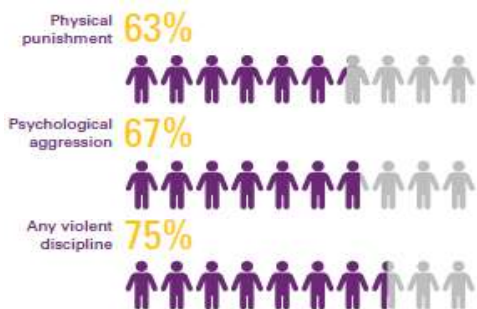
Overview of Global Data on Violence Against Children



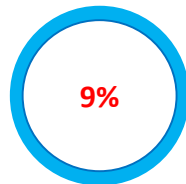
young children (176 million) live with a mother who is a victim of intimate partner violence.



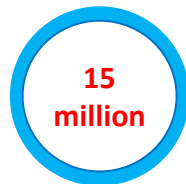
young children are regularly subjected to violent discipline by their caregivers.



Percentage of children aged 2 to 4 years who experienced any violent discipline in the past month, by type



of children under age 5 live in countries where corporal punishment at home is fully prohibited.



girls aged 15 to 19 have experienced forced sex in their lifetime.

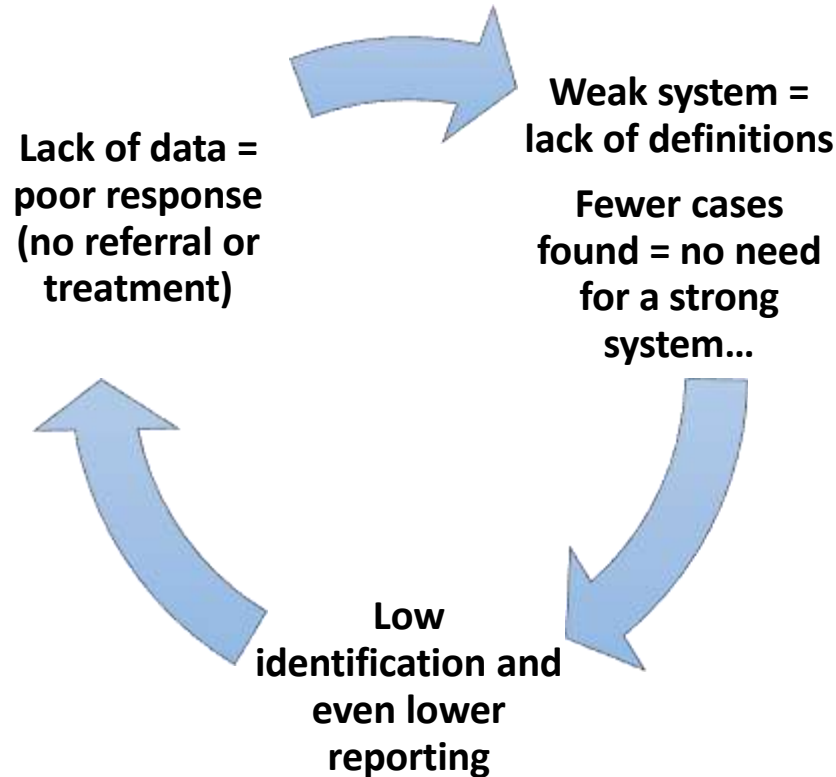


students (130 million) experience bullying.

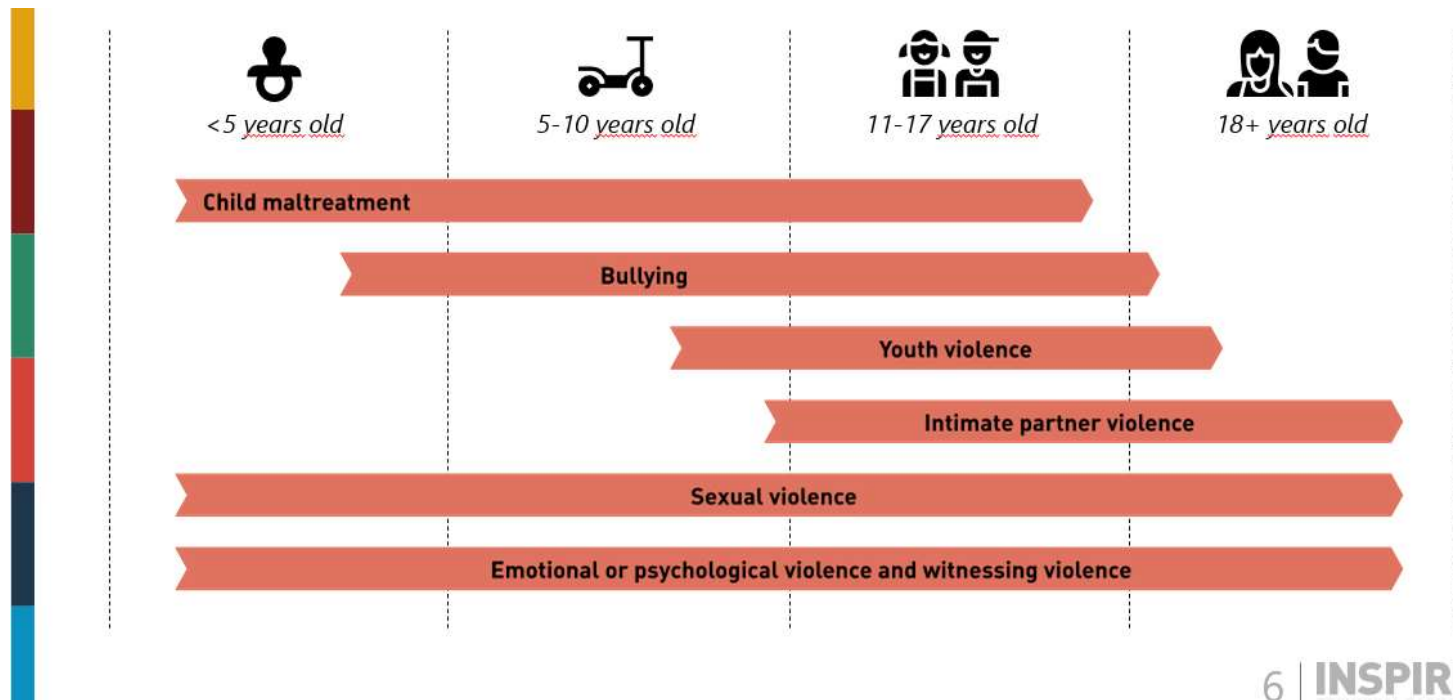


An adolescent is killed by an act of violence every

Weak Child Protection System = Vicious Circle



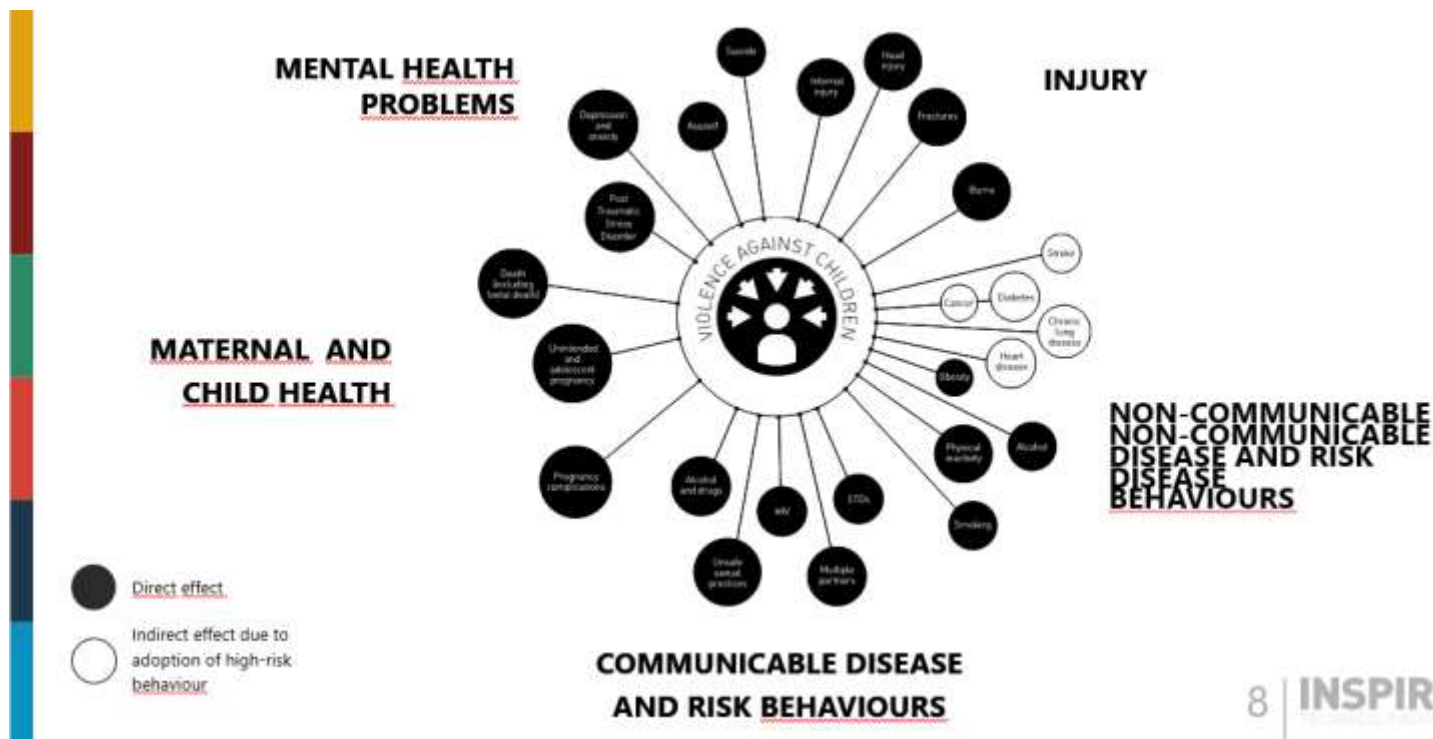
Types of Violence against Children



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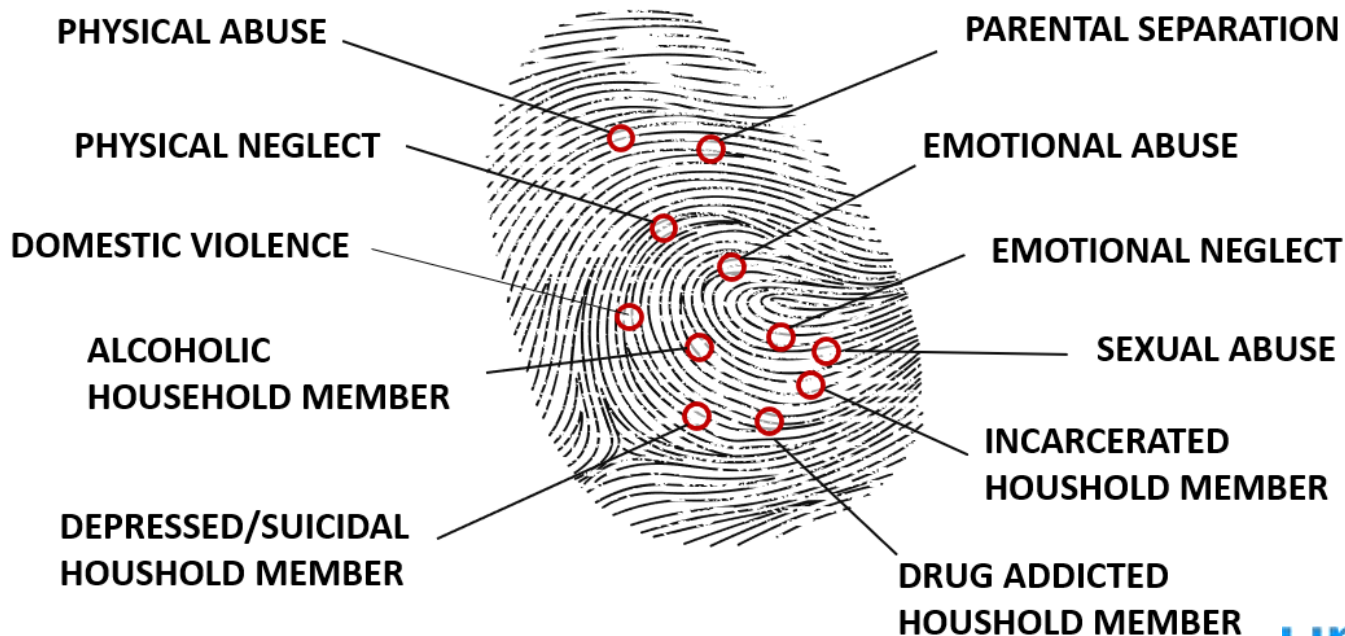


Health Consequences of Violence against Children



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Adverse childhood experiences?



Health Consequences of Violence against Children



10 times more likely to become an alcoholic



3 times more likely to become a smoker



2 times more likely to be diagnosed with a heart disease or cancer



49 times more likely to attempt suicide

The Seven Strategies to End Violence against Children



**Preventing and Mitigating
Violence**

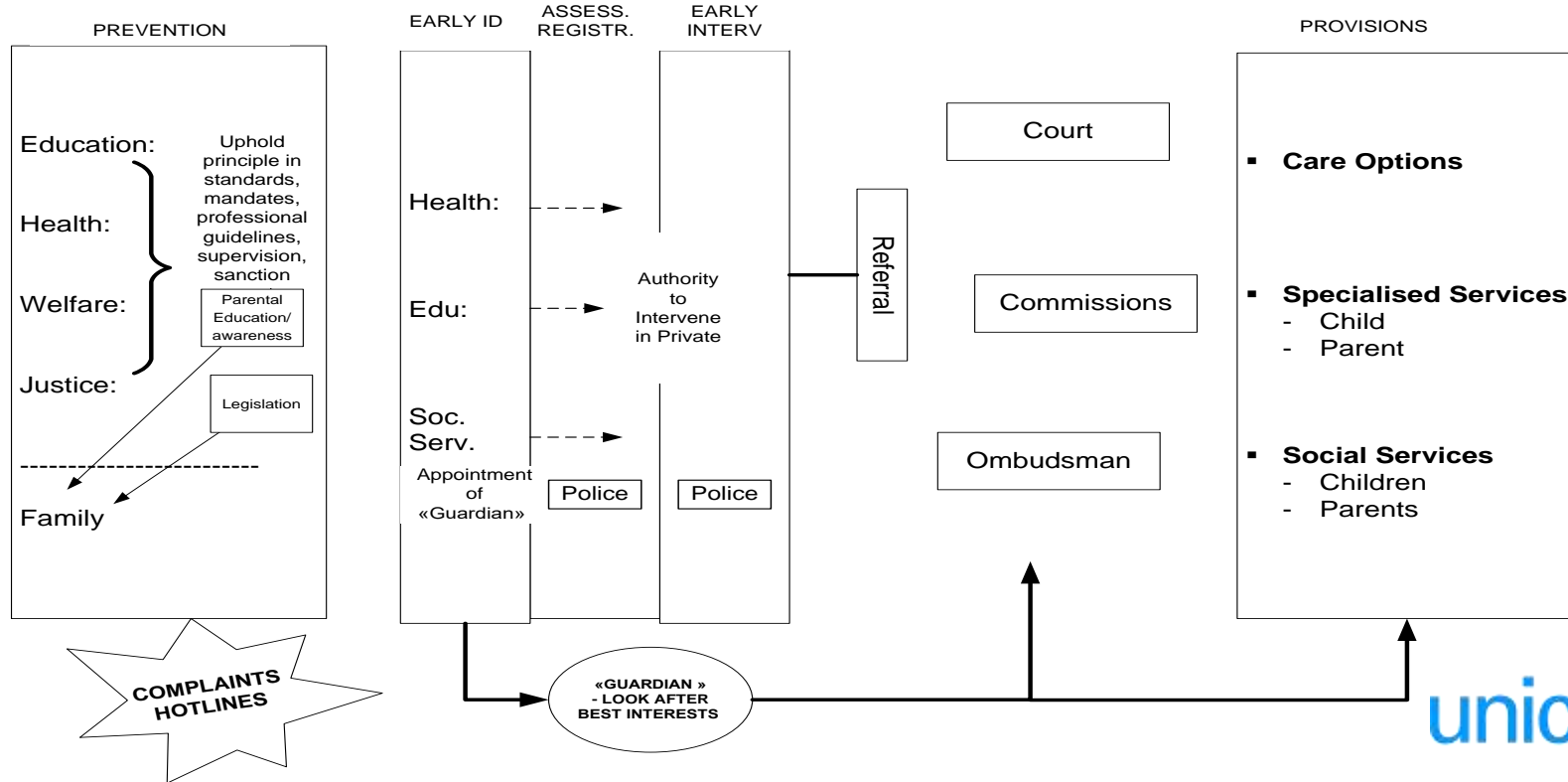
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**The Importance
of a System Approach**

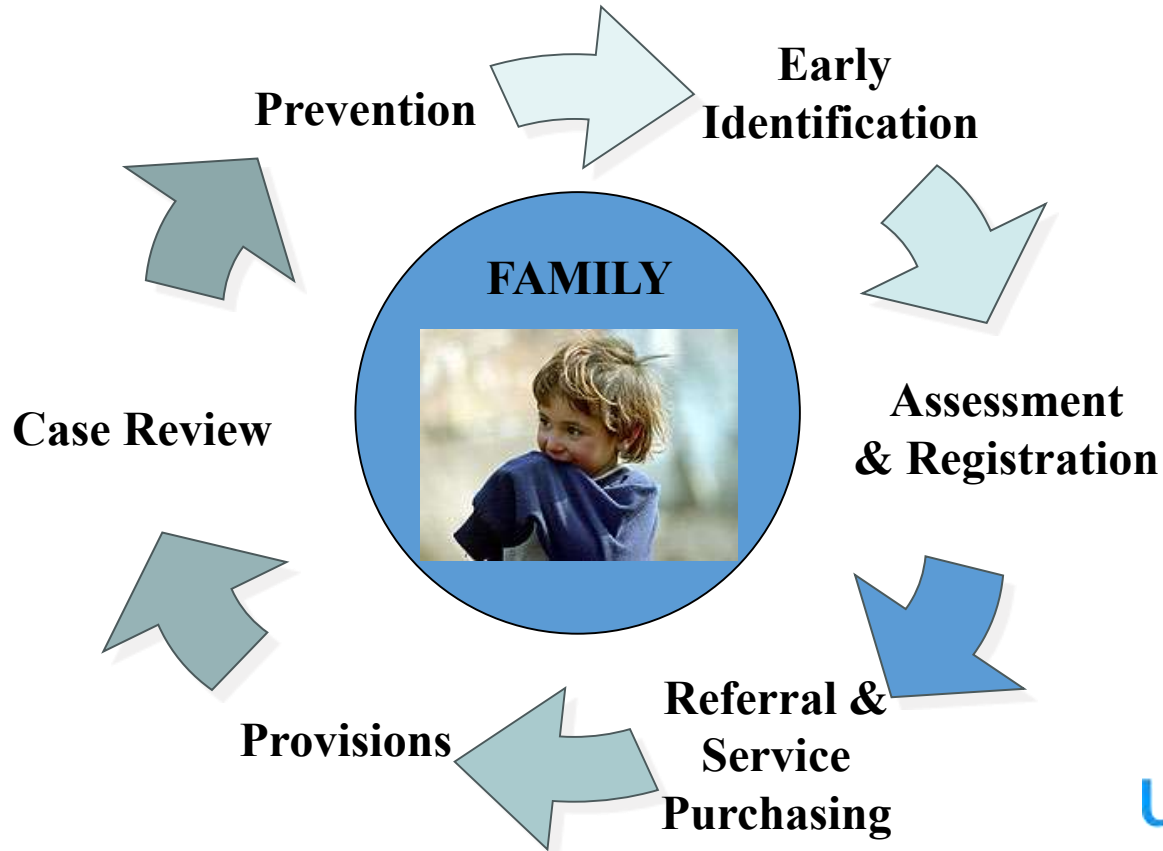


The Continuum of Services

**PRINCIPLES: RESPECT OF PHYSICAL INTEGRITY AND DIGNITY OF CHILD
RIGHT TO PROTECTION FROM ABUSE, VIOLENCE, ETC.**



What Services are Needed?



Primary Prevention

Transforming Attitudes and Behaviors



Routine screening for ACEs



High quality child care



Home visits to pregnant women and families with newborns

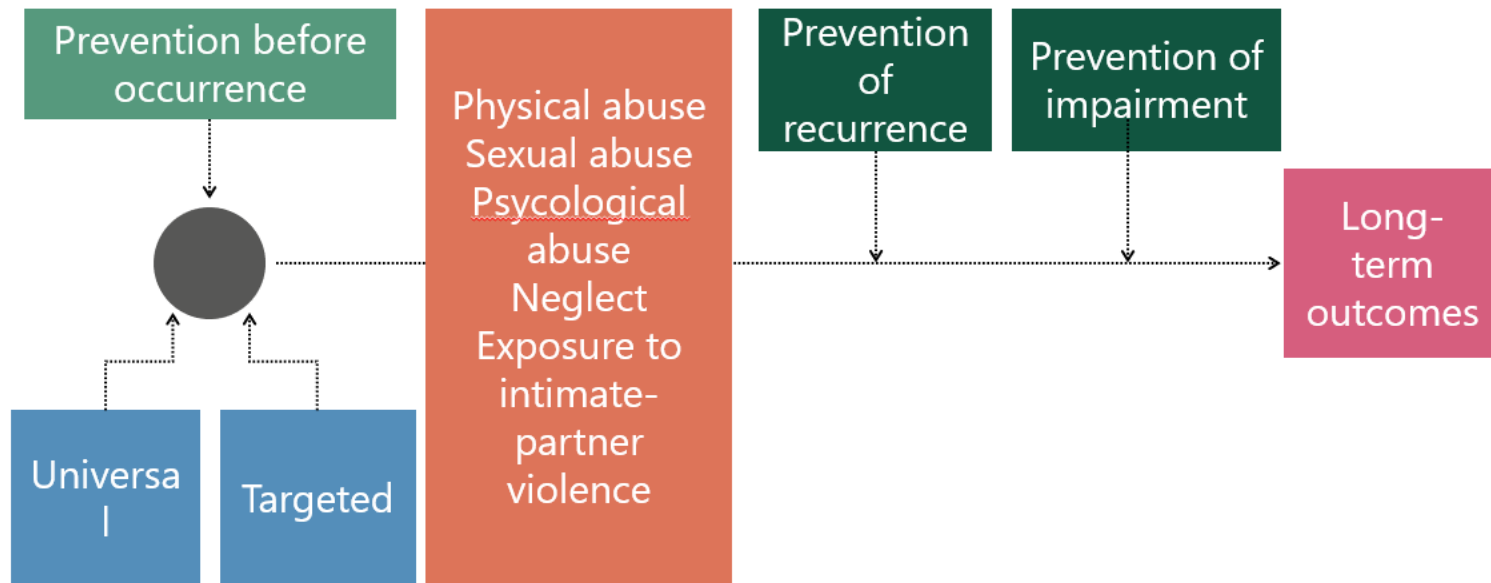


Parenting programmes for young children and adolescents



Sufficient income support for lower income families

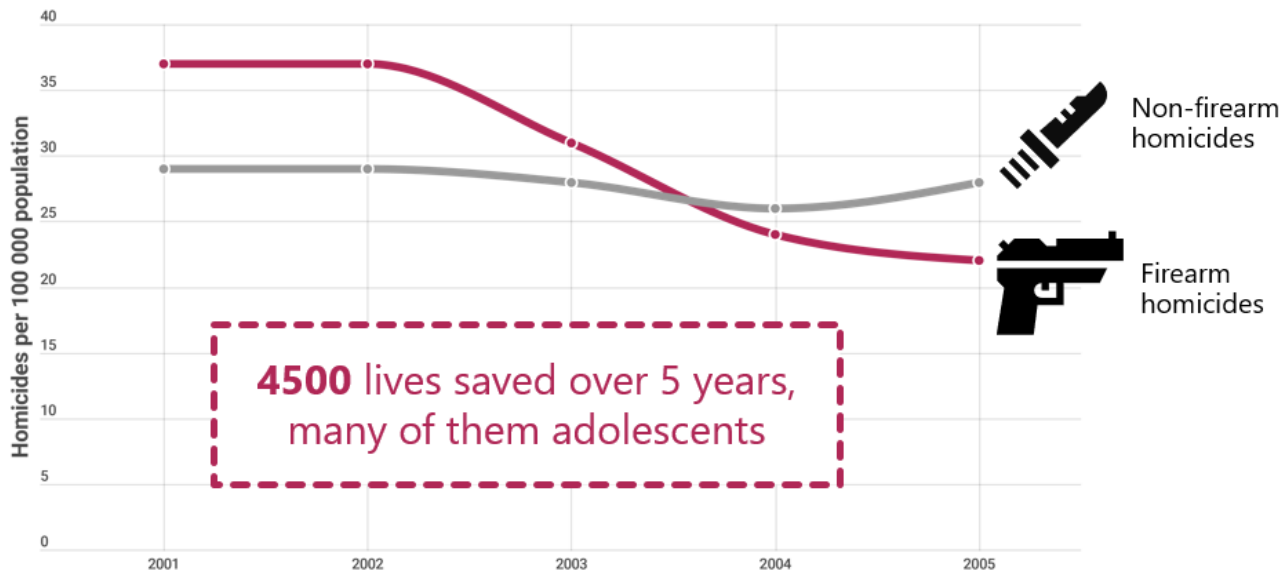
Prevention



MacMillan HL, Wathen CN, Barlow J, Fergusson DM, Leventhal JM, Taussig HN. Interventions to prevent child maltreatment and associated Impairment. *The Lancet* 2009 373, 250-266DOI: (10.1016/S0140-6736(08)61708-0)

Implementation and enforcement of laws

Reduction in homicide rate across 5 South African cities from 2001-2005 following Firearm Control Act



Matzopoulos RG, Thompson ML, Myers JE. Firearm and non-firearm homicide in 5 South African cities: a retrospective population-based study. *American Journal of Public Health*. 2014;104(3):455-60

Response



Child friendly judicial procedures, including interrogation



Child-friendly specialized services, such as Barnahus



Rehabilitation programmes for survivors/witnesses and for perpetrators



Emergency alternative care programmes, such as specialized foster care for VAC cases

MULTISECTORAL ACTIONS AND COORDINATION

MONITORING

**Ending violence against
children is
everyone's responsibility!**

Thank you!

