What Works for Health
Policies and Programs to Improve Wisconsin's Health

Social & Economic Factors - Community Safety

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The health impacts of community safety are far-reaching, from the obvious impact of violence on the victim to the symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and psychological distress felt by those who are routinely exposed to violence. Community safety impacts various other health factors and outcomes as well, including birth weight, diet and exercise, and family and social support. Safer communities can lessen the likelihood of a number of conditions and diseases.

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Assist youth involved with the justice system	Treatment Foster Care Oregon	Scientifically Supported									
Assist youth involved with the justice system	Functional Family Therapy (FFT)	Scientifically Supported									
Assist youth involved with the justice system	Multisystemic Therapy (MST) for juvenile offenders	Scientifically Supported									
Assist youth involved with the justice system	Treatment Foster Care	Some Evidence									
Assist youth involved with the justice system	Wraparound programs	Some Evidence									
Assist youth involved with the justice system	Trauma-informed juvenile justice systems	Expert Opinion									
Assist youth involved with the justice system	Youth in adult justice system	Evidence of Ineffectiveness									
Prevent intimate partner violence	School-based intimate partner violence prevention programs	Some Evidence									
Prevent intimate partner violence	Advocacy for victims of intimate partner violence	Some Evidence									

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Prevent intimate partner violence	Health care screening & follow-up for intimate partner violence	Some Evidence									
Prevent intimate partner violence	Court mandated programs for perpetrators of intimate partner violence	Mixed Evidence									
Prevent neighborhood crime and violence	Neighborhood watch	Scientifically Supported									
Prevent neighborhood crime and violence	Community policing	Scientifically Supported									
Prevent neighborhood crime and violence	Restorative justice in the criminal justice system	Scientifically Supported									
Prevent neighborhood crime and violence	Mentoring programs: delinquency	Scientifically Supported									
Prevent neighborhood crime and violence	Focused deterrence strategies	Scientifically Supported									
Prevent neighborhood crime and violence	Cognitive-behavioral therapy for offenders	Scientifically Supported									
Prevent neighborhood crime and violence	Drug courts	Scientifically Supported									
Prevent neighborhood crime and violence	Firearm licensing laws	Scientifically Supported									
Prevent neighborhood crime and violence	Cure Violence Health model	Some Evidence									
Prevent neighborhood crime and violence	Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS)	Some Evidence									

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Prevent neighborhood crime and violence	Child firearm access prevention laws	Some Evidence									
Prevent neighborhood crime and violence	Comprehensive firearm background checks	Some Evidence									
Prevent neighborhood crime and violence	Universal firearm background checks	Some Evidence									
Prevent neighborhood crime and violence	Homicide review committees	Expert Opinion									
Prevent neighborhood crime and violence	Environmental modifications to prevent and control violence	Insufficient Evidence									
Prevent neighborhood crime and violence	Juvenile curfews	Evidence of Ineffectiveness									
Prevent neighborhood crime and violence	Scared Straight	Evidence of Ineffectiveness									
Prevent child maltreatment	Kinship care for children removed from home due to maltreatment	Scientifically Supported									
Prevent child maltreatment	Early childhood home visiting programs	Scientifically Supported									
Prevent child maltreatment	Family treatment drug courts	Scientifically Supported									
Ensure sports & recreation safety	Swimming pool fencing	Scientifically Supported									
Ensure sports & recreation safety	Child bicycle helmet promotion programs	Scientifically Supported									
Ensure sports & recreation safety	Use sport-specific protective equipment	Scientifically Supported									
Ensure sports & recreation safety	Playground safety regulations	Some Evidence									

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Ensure sports & recreation safety	Sports-related brain injury education	Expert Opinion									
Support safe travel	Traffic calming	Scientifically Supported									
Support safe travel	Car seat incentive & education programs	Scientifically Supported									
Support safe travel	Car seat distribution & education programs	Scientifically Supported									
Support safe travel	Car seat education & enforcement campaigns	Scientifically Supported									
Support safe travel	Bicycle helmet laws	Scientifically Supported									
Support safe travel	Enhanced seat belt enforcement programs	Scientifically Supported									
Support safe travel	Primary seat belt enforcement laws	Scientifically Supported									
Support safe travel	Strong graduated driver licensing laws	Scientifically Supported									
Support safe travel	Universal motorcycle helmet laws	Scientifically Supported									
Support safe travel	Out of town bypasses	Some Evidence									
Support safe travel	In-vehicle monitoring & feedback for novice drivers and families	Some Evidence									
Support safe travel	Rollover protection structures (ROPS)	Some Evidence									
Support safe travel	Bicycle paths, lanes & tracks	Some Evidence									
Support safe travel	Speed enforcement detection devices	Some Evidence									

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Support safe travel	Universal distracted driving laws	Expert Opinion									
Support safe travel	Education programs for use of child safety seats when used alone	Insufficient Evidence									
Reduce home safety hazards	Multi-component fall prevention interventions for older adults	Scientifically Supported									
Reduce home safety hazards	Risk assessments & personalized approaches to fall prevention among older adults	Scientifically Supported									
Reduce home safety hazards	Home water temperature safety education	Scientifically Supported									
Reduce home safety hazards	Parent education - burn risk	Some Evidence									
Reduce home safety hazards	Parent education - poisoning risk	Some Evidence									
Reduce home safety hazards	Parent education - child injury	Some Evidence									

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