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Going beyond the individual: The evidence supporting multilevel adolescent dating abuse prevention

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#### Objectives

- Summarize the research evidence that examines the association between neighborhood-level factors and dating violence among adolescents and emerging adults.
- Identify contextual factors that may influence the likelihood of substance use related dating aggression.
- Discuss the implications of the association of societallevel indicators of gender inequality with the prevalence of adolescent dating abuse
- Propose novel approaches to preventing dating violence that integrate the results from the most recent research in the field on the "outer layers" of the social-ecological model

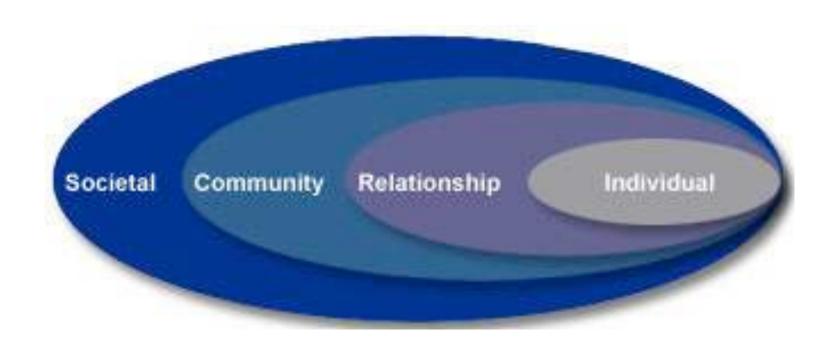


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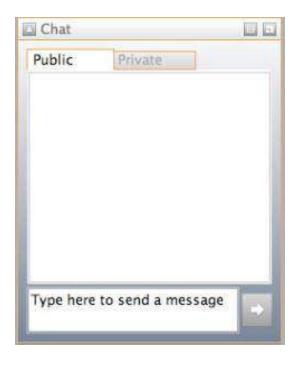
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#### **Text Chat**



What are the challenges to implement community and society level interventions to prevent adolescent dating violence?



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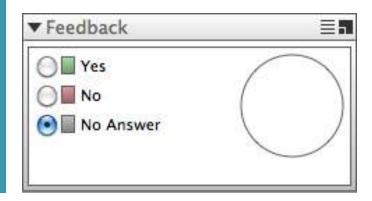
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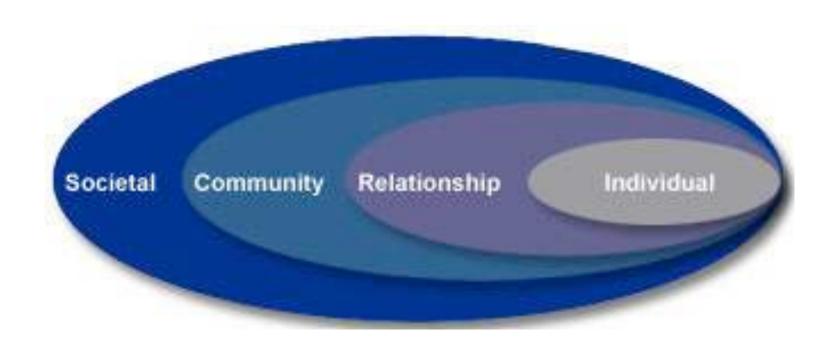
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#### BEYOND THE INDIVIDUAL LEVEL

#### Beyond the Individual Level



#### Novel Approaches and Considerations for Multilevel Adolescent Dating Violence Prevention

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dolescent dating violence (ADV), which is also referred to as teen dating violence and dating aggression, is physical, sexual, or psychological/ emotional violence within a dating relationship, as well as stalking; it can occur in person or electronically and may occur between current or former dating partners. ADV has emerged as a serious public health problem, and its prevention has become a leading priority in the U.S. Each year, approximately 10% and 20% of high schoolattending boys and girls, respectively, are physically or sexually assaulted by a romantic partner.2 Estimates of psychological dating aggression vary; recent, nationally representative data suggest that as many as 30% of youth are verbally or emotionally assaulted by a partner at some point during adolescence.34 The sequelae of ADA victimization can be severe, long-lasting, and costly. Consequences of ADA can include injury, depression, substance use, sexually transmitted infections, unhealthy eating, and increased risk for future re-victimization and perpetration.5-11

The gap in the ADV literature related to what might be considered "outer-layer" social-ecologic factors is unsurprising. For decades, prevention efforts across numerous public health topics have focused on promoting individual-level behavior change, so ADV etiologic and intervention science have also reflected an individual focus. This may be at least partially attributable to the fact that researching neighborhood- and societal-level factors for any health issue is a difficult and costly undertaking. For example, designing a study to investigate the influence of collective efficacy of a neighborhood on adolescents' ADV status is substantially more complex than examining how individuals' self-reported exposure to inter-parental violence predicts their dating behavior. To assess collective efficacy, one must first select a conceptual definition, determine the geographic boundaries of the neighborhoods under investigation, identify an appropriate measure (or measures) of collective efficacy, and most likely collect primary data from a cross-section of neighborhood residents. It is easy to



# The Newport Daily News

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An artist works on a concept for a mural that is proposed for Hunter Park in Newport.



Posted: Friday, August 22, 2014 4:22 pm

By Sean Flynn | The Newport Daily News

NEWPORT, R.I. — The 200-foot long concrete wall at the southern end of Hunter Park has been a headache for city officials over the years, with constant repainting necessary to cover all the graffiti that keeps reappearing.

Community leaders and artists are hoping to break that cycle with a large mural on the wall that will depict images of the city and some of its iconic landmarks.

"In 2009, I noticed that Hunter Park's supporting wall to the Van Zandt Avenue bridge was continually vandalized with graffiti," Kristin Littlefield, Clean Cities coordinator, wrote in a letter to the City Council members. "The mural would be the ultimate graffiti prevention measure, involving local artists to create respect for the mural and wall." Featuring:
Jessica Walsh,
Women's
Resource Center,
Newport, RI

http://tinyurl.com/ogc6hwu

"There have been other places in the country where mural projects have not only reduced graffiti, but brought the community together," said Walsh, who also signed the letter to the council. "Communities that come together on projects like this have less domestic violence."



# Building capacity through Newport, Rhode Island's Primary Prevention Institute



Lucy Rios and Jessica Walsh

Jessica Walsh of <u>Women's Resource Center</u> in Newport, Rhode Island and Lucy Rios of the <u>Rhode Island Coalition</u>

Against <u>Domestic Violence</u> discuss their <u>Primary</u>

<u>Prevention Institute</u>. The institute engaged community based organizations in Newport, Rhode Island in a unique learning community focused on the primary prevention of domestic violence. Learn more about the development, structure, and success of the institute in the podcast below.



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People on the street control this billboard.

When people see the screen, the woman on it changes.



The more people that pay attention to her, the faster she heals, which shows the benefit to facing the problem of domestic violence instead









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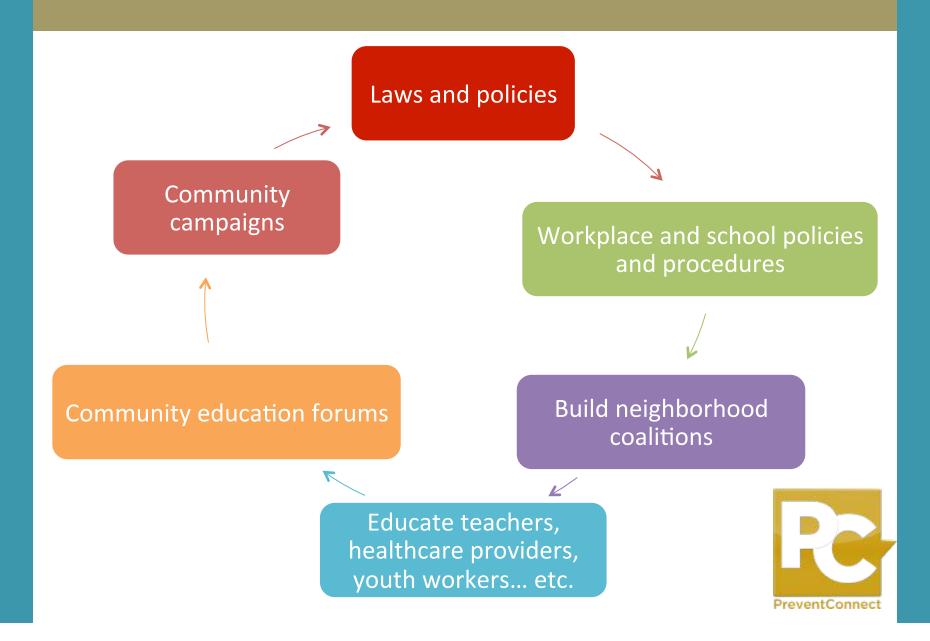
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#### What can I do at the "outer layers"?

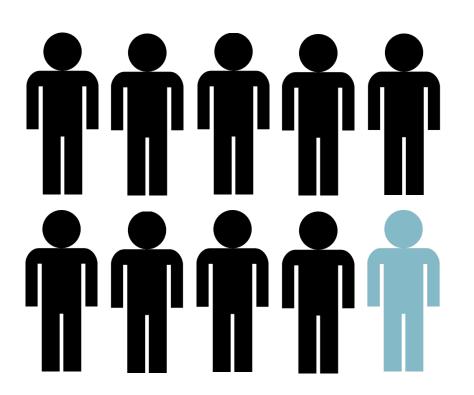




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# IS GENDER INEQUALITY A CONTEXTUAL RISK FACTOR FOR DATING VIOLENCE?

# 1 out of 10 U.S. high school students has been a victim of adolescent dating violence (ADV)

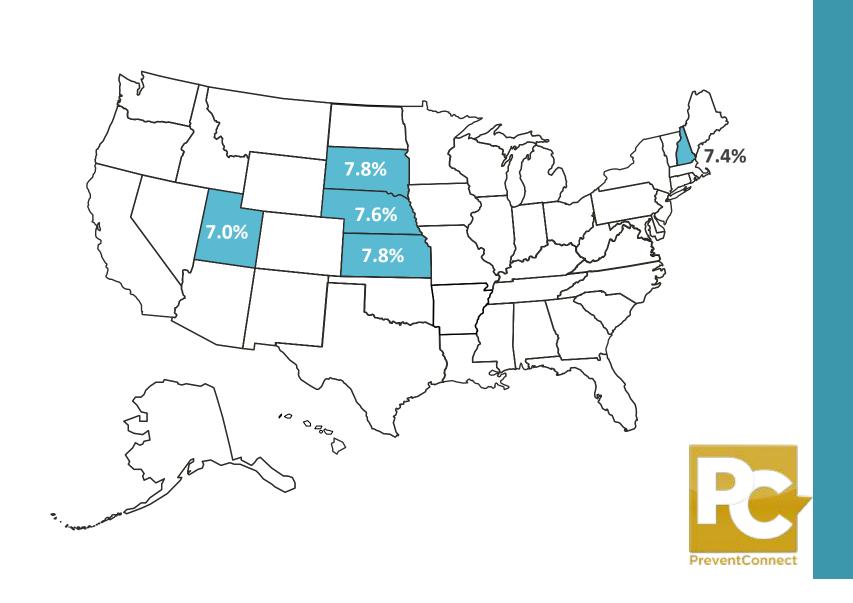


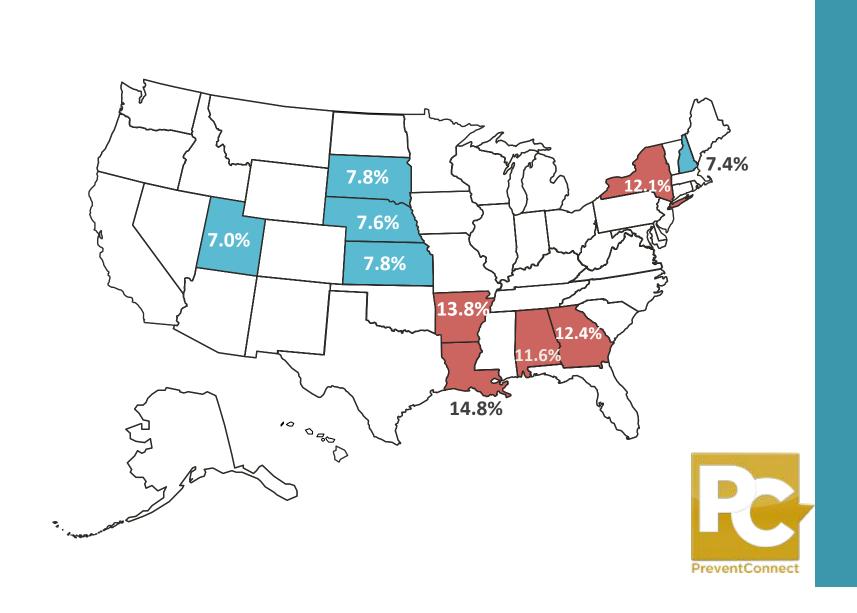
But is this true for every state?

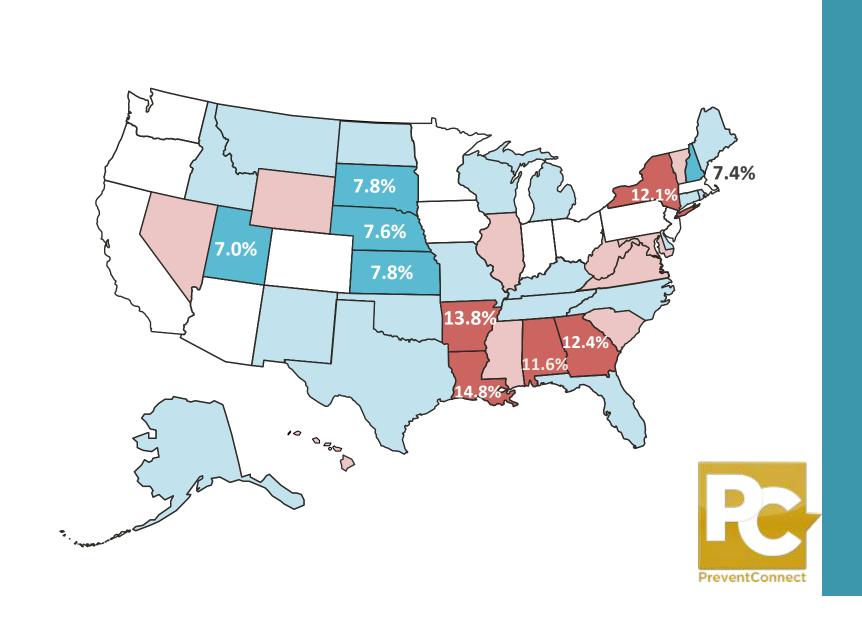
Or do ADV rates vary?







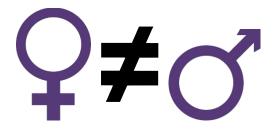




# What contextual factors influence ADV?



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factors is scant.



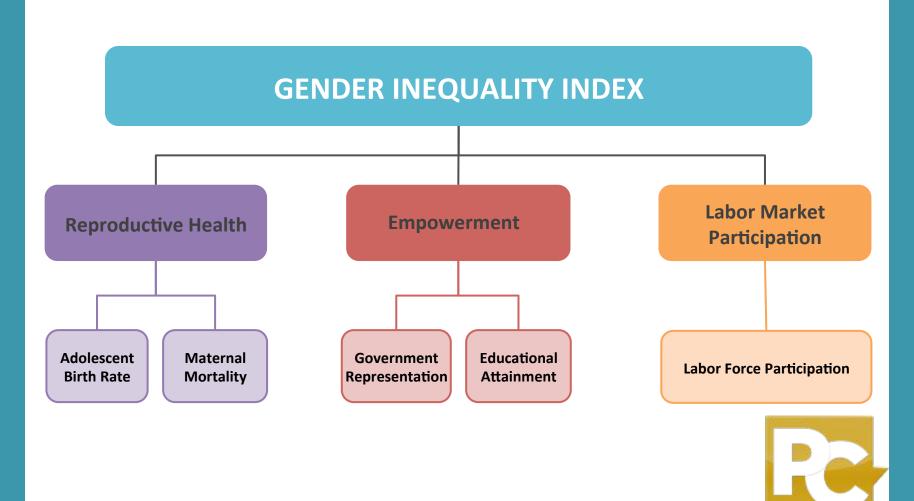
is an area of interest, given its association with violence against women.



Could gender inequality be associated with ADV as well?



# But how do we measure gender inequality?



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## Gender Inequality Index Score

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1.0





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#### **Methods**

- U.S. states were the units of analysis
- Physical and sexual ADV victimization was measured using the Youth Risk Behavior Survey.
- Gender inequality was measured using the GII which was adapted and calculated for each state.
   Maternal mortality was a constant for each state.
- Pearson's correlation coefficients were obtained for ADV, the GII, and the GII indicators



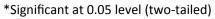
#### Results: GII for U.S. states

#### **Gender Inequality Index for U.S. = 0.26**

| 1  | Vermont          | 0.18 | 11 Washington | 0.23 | 21 Idaho          | 0.25 | 31 Missouri     | 0.26 | 41 Arkansas       | 0.30 |
|----|------------------|------|---------------|------|-------------------|------|-----------------|------|-------------------|------|
| 2  | Connecticut      | 0.19 | 12 Oregon     | 0.23 | 22 Nebraska       | 0.25 | 32 Nevada       | 0.27 | 42 Wyoming        | 0.30 |
| 3  | New<br>Hampshire | 0.20 | 13 Wisconsin  | 0.23 | 23 Montana        | 0.25 | 33 Alaska       | 0.27 | 43 Kentucky       | 0.30 |
| 4  | Massachusetts    | 0.20 | 14 New York   | 0.23 | 24 Michigan       | 0.26 | 34 Georgia      | 0.27 | 44 Texas          | 0.30 |
| 5  | Minnesota        | 0.20 | 15 Hawaii     | 0.23 | 25 Virginia       | 0.26 | 35 Utah         | 0.27 | 45 West Virginia  | 0.31 |
| 6  | New Jersey       | 0.20 | 16 Illinois   | 0.24 | 26 Arizona        | 0.26 | 36 North Dakota | 0.27 | 46 Mississippi    | 0.31 |
| 7  | Maine            | 0.21 | 17 Delaware   | 0.24 | 27 Ohio           | 0.26 | 37 Indiana      | 0.27 | 47 Alabama        | 0.32 |
| 8  | Colorado         | 0.22 | 18 California | 0.24 | 28 Pennsylvania   | 0.26 | 38 South Dakota | 0.27 | 48 South Carolina | 0.33 |
| 9  | Maryland         | 0.22 | 19 lowa       | 0.25 | 29 Kansas         | 0.26 | 39 New Mexico   | 0.29 | 49 Louisiana      | 0.33 |
| 10 | Rhode Island     | 0.22 | 20 Florida    | 0.25 | 30 North Carolina | 0.26 | 40 Tennessee    | 0.30 | 50 Oklahoma       | 0.33 |

## Results: Correlations

|                |                           | Total<br>Physical<br>ADV | Female<br>Physical<br>ADV | Male<br>Physical<br>ADV | Total<br>Sexual<br>ADV | Female<br>Sexual<br>ADV | Male<br>Sexual<br>ADV |
|----------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| GII            |                           | .315                     | .477**                    | .122                    | 134                    | 203                     | .039                  |
|                | Adolescent birth rate     | .343*                    | .497**                    | .151                    | 080                    | 196                     | .106                  |
|                | Government representation | 138                      | 266                       | 018                     | .286                   | .268                    | .107                  |
| GII Indicators | Educational attainment    | 191                      | 295                       | 118                     | .462**                 | .602**                  | .021                  |
| GII Ind        | Labor force participation | .072                     | .090                      | .044                    | .150                   | .068                    | .164                  |

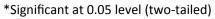


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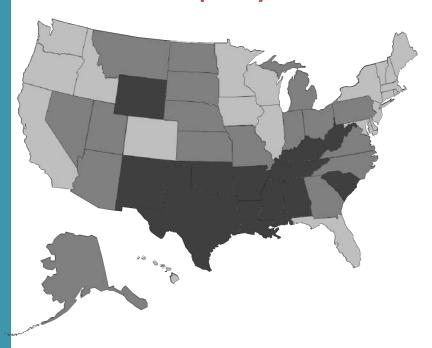


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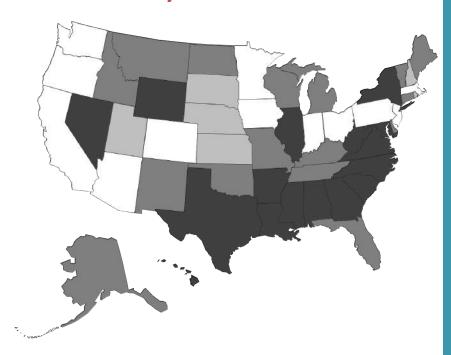
## The GII and Female Physical ADV

#### **Gender Inequality Index**



| Less than 0.25     |  |  |  |  |
|--------------------|--|--|--|--|
| 0.25 - 0.275       |  |  |  |  |
| Greater than 0.275 |  |  |  |  |

#### **Female Physical ADV Victimization**



| Less than 10.0%    |
|--------------------|
| 10.0 – 12.0%       |
| Greater than 12.0% |
| Data unavailable   |



### What does this mean?

States with higher levels

of gender inequality tend to have higher rates of physical ADV victimization among female teens.

This extends our knowledge of the relationship between gender inequality and violence against women.



### Implications for ADV prevention





These findings align with previous studies examining the relationship between gender stereotyping and ADV at the individual level.

### Implications for ADV prevention

The White House

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

January 30, 2013

Addressing gender inequities at the societal level may be effective in preventing ADV.

Presidential Memorandum -Coordination of Policies and
Programs to Promote Gender
Equality and Empower Women
and Girls Globally

January 30, 2013

MEMORANDUM FOR THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

SUBJECT: Coordination of Policies and Programs to Promote Gender Equality and Empower Women and Girls Globally

### Implication for ADV prevention

### **Health Impact Pyramid**



Frieden T. American Journal of Public Health | April 2010, Vol 100, No. 4

Future research can build upon this study to further examine gender inequality or other macrolevel influences on ADV.

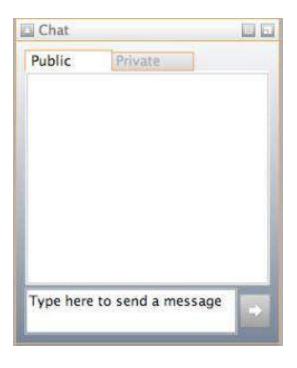


### Limitations

- This study included high school students only.
- Some states did not participate in the YRBS or did not report data for ADV.
- This study did not control for potentially confounding factors.
- Maternal mortality was a constant in the GII.



### Societal Level and Novel Approaches



What types of prevention activities could potentially impact the societal level?

What are some novel approaches?





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# NEIGHBORHOOD CONTEXT AND DATING VIOLENCE AMONG ADOLESCENTS

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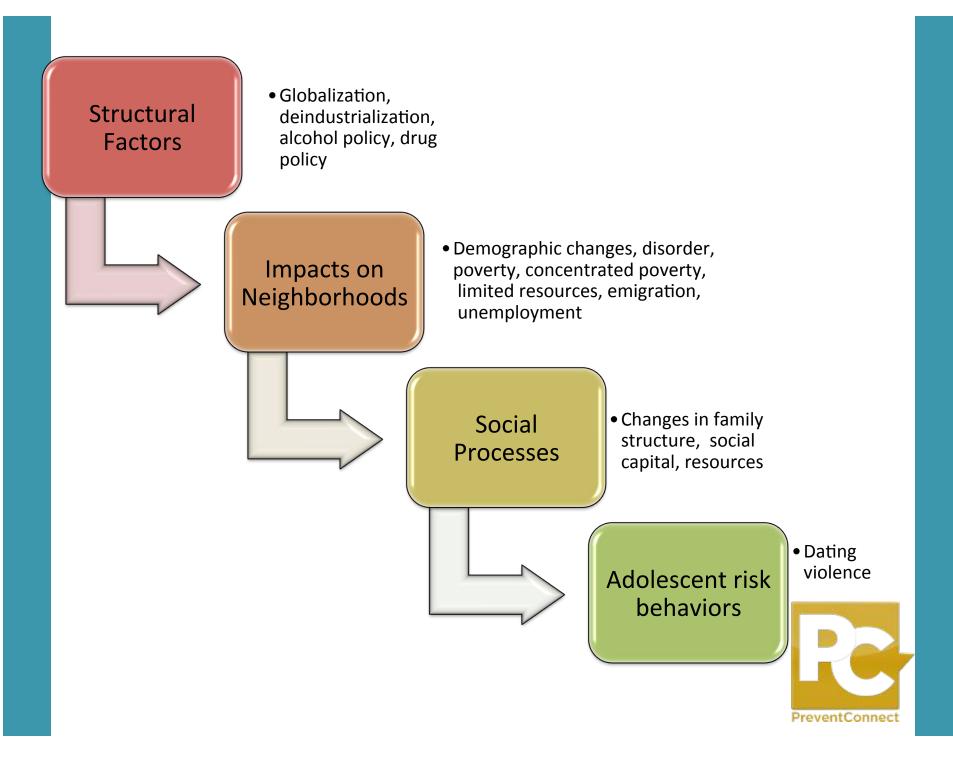
#### EMPIRICAL RESEARCH

### **Beyond Correlates: A Review of Risk and Protective Factors for Adolescent Dating Violence Perpetration**

Kevin J. Vagi · Emily F. Rothman · Natasha E. Latzman · Andra Teten Tharp · Diane M. Hall · Matthew J. Breiding

Through the process of conducting this review, we identified several important gaps in the existing literature on this topic. First, little research has been conducted to assess factors at the outer levels of the social ecology (i.e., the community and social levels). Neighborhood-level factors, in particular, may be important determinants of dating violence perpetration, given that cross-sectional studies suggest effects at the neighborhood level (Banyard and Modecki 2006; Champion et al. 2008; Jain et al. 2010; Rothman et al. 2011). Furthermore, as noted above, very





### Demographic & Structural Factors

- "Summary features of the social and organizational structure and composition of a neighborhood"
- E.g., Population characteristics such as:
   employment, home
   ownership, poverty,
   education, demographic factors, family
   structure
- US Census

### Neighborhood Disorder

- "Lack of order and adherence to 'conventional social norms' in a community"
- Physical: vandalism, rodents, litter, vacant housing, trash
- Social: violence, sex work, drug selling, drug use, incivilities
- Broken windows theory

   "no one is in charge,
   invites criminal
   behavior"
- Measurement: Perceptions, crime rates

#### Social Disorganization

- "Ability of a community to realize common values and address community problems"
- Collective Efficacy: social cohesion among neighbors combined with their willingness to intervene on behalf of the 'common good'
  - Social cohesion
  - 'Informal social control,' e.g., parental monitoring and supervision of children and youth
  - Sampson & Earls' 10item scale

### Neighborhood Violence & DV

- Disrupts development of empathy
- Increases anger and frustration
- Normalizes and disinhibits violent behavior
- Desensitizes youth to violence
- Teaches youth to respond to perceived provocations with violence



## Systematic Review: Neighborhood Context and Dating Violence

- Thorough search of the existing literature
- Summarized studies that provided a "measure of association" between a neighborhood factor and DV victimization or perpetration
- Focused on adolescents and emerging adults
- Only 20 studies
- Emphasis on physical DV



### Demographic & Structural Characteristics and DV

- "Features of the social and organizational structure and composition of a neighborhood"
- 11 studies
- Insufficient evidence to suggest an association between neighborhood-level factors and DV
- Studies not designed to answer this question



### Neighborhood Disorder and DV

- "Lack of order and adherence to conventional social norms in a community"
- 12 studies
- About half of the studies showed that low perceived Neighborhood Disorder is protective for DV
- Caveat! People engaged in violence may rate their neighborhoods as more disordered
- Violent Crime Rates: too few studies to draw a conclusion
- Systematic Social Observation



### **Collective Efficacy and DV**

- "Ability of a community to realize common values and address community problems"
- 8 studies
- High "collective efficacy" protective for physical DV victimization and perpetration



### **Conclusions**

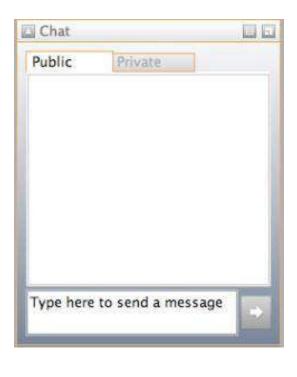
- Limited evidence linking specific neighborhood factors to dating violence
  - Interpersonal violence among adolescents, IPV among adults
- Need more studies, more rigorous methods, and better theory
- How can neighborhoods be provided with supports to discourage violence and promote healthy relationships?
  - Efforts to reduce physical disorder may decrease DV
  - Community-level violence prevention may impact DV
  - Strengthening community ties and increasing supervision of youth may prevent DV



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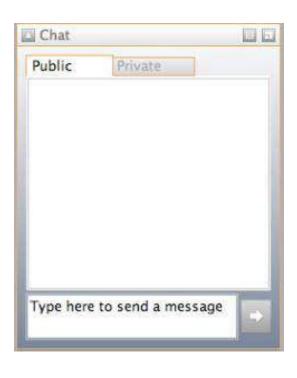
# THE ROLE OF SOCIAL CONTEXT IN INFLUENCING SUBSTANCE RELATED DATING VIOLENCE

### Challenges: Alcohol & Dating Violence



What the challenges in talking about alcohol and dating violence?

### Links: Substance Use & Dating Violence



What do you see as links between substance use and dating violence?

### Substance use & ADV perpetration

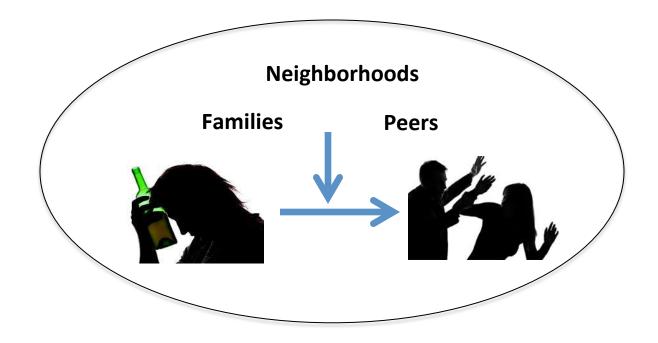
- What's the link?
  - Intoxication may work to influence aggressive behavior through effects on cognitive function
  - But many individuals who engage in substance use do not perpetrate violence





### Substance use and ADV perpetration

- What's the link?
  - The link between substance use and dating violence perpetration may be "moderated" by (i.e., depend on) by social contextual factors





### Contextual moderators

- Contextual "social control"
  - Includes rules, sanctions and reactions of others (e.g., praise) that encourage prosocial norms
    - Neighborhood watch
    - Family rule-setting and supervision
    - Friends' beliefs and behaviors
- Contexts that promote social control may weaken the influence of substance use on ADV perpetration

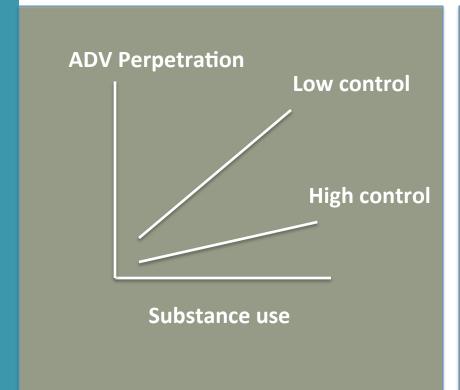
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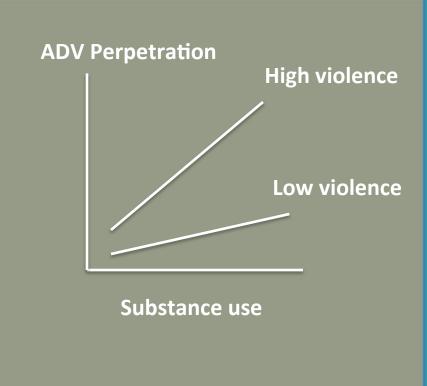
- Contextual violence
  - Teens exposed to peer,
     neighborhood, and/or family
     violence may view such
     behavior as acceptable
- Contextual violence may strengthen the influence of substance use on ADV perpetration





### The Current Study: Hypotheses







### Methods

- Participants enrolled in public school systems in two counties.
  - Four waves of data spanning grades 8-12
  - 47% Black; 48% male; 40% reported highest parent education was ≤ high school (n=2455)
- Multilevel models assessed influence of substance use, and their interaction on DV trajectories



### Methods

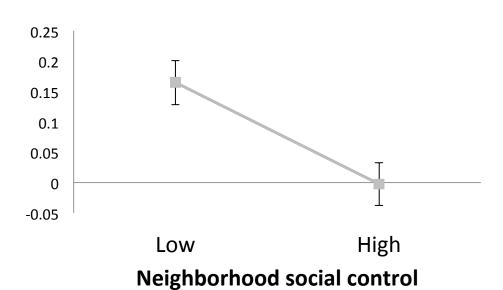
- Measures:
  - Outcome: Physical ADV
  - Substance use: alcohol, marijuana, other hard drug
  - Contextual social control:
    - Family: parent rule-setting and monitoring
    - Peer: friends' conventional beliefs and prosocial values
    - Neighborhood: social cohesion, supervision of youth
  - Contextual violence
    - Family: family conflict
    - Peer: friends' ADV perpetration
    - Neighborhood: perceptions of violence & safety



### Results

 Associations between substance use & ADV perpetration \( \primes \) when neighborhood & peer social control \( \)

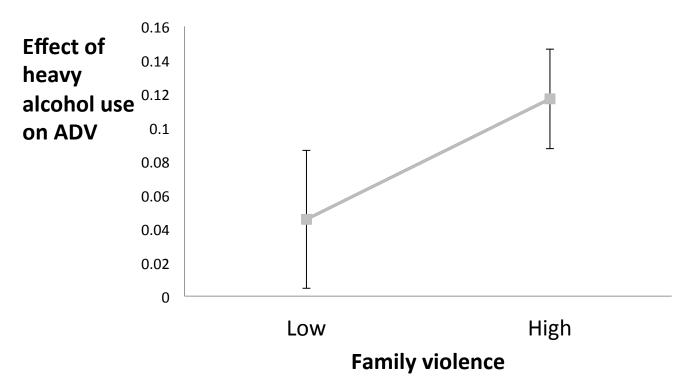






### Results

 Associations between substance use and ADV perpetration \( \) when family & peer violence \( \)



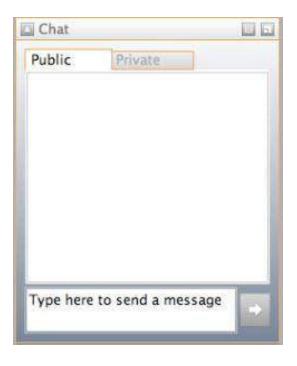


### Prevention Implications

- Substance-related ADV perpetration may be prevented or reduced by:
  - Interventions that foster interactions between neighbors and with youth and establish community mechanisms for supervising youth
  - Interventions that promote prosocial values and antiviolence norms in peer networks
  - Interventions that prevent or reduce family violence



### Next Steps



What is the next step you are going to take to integrate these findings into your prevention work?



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