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- Established in December 2007:
 - Violence Intervention & Prevention Initiative
 - Violence Intervention Advocacy Program (BMC)
 - Trauma Services
 - Domestic Violence Training and Technical Assistance
 - Start Strong: Building Healthy Teen Relationships
 - B1 Example

Domestic Violence Program

- Mission: Raise awareness and support efforts to address intimate partner violence through provide resources, training, and technical assistance.
 - Offers training for health and social service providers, educators, clergy, employers, criminal justice professionals
 - Topics include basic domestic violence education, teen dating violence and awareness, and specific health issues related to domestic violence

Trauma Response and Recovery Program

- **Mission:** To eliminate obstacles to healthy behavioral, emotional, cognitive, and neurobiological functioning, and life achievement, that can be attributed to unaddressed symptoms of post traumatic stress, particularly among young people and families exposed to community violence

Trauma Response and Recovery Program

Services and Strategies:

- Direct service to victims of violence, their families and communities
 - Psychological First Aid
- Technical Assistance and Training to:
 - Schools
 - Community Centers
 - Health Centers
 - Community Based Organizations
- Raise awareness about the impact of trauma and resources to address it

Family Justice Center

- Serves as a one-stop center of services for victims sexual assault, domestic violence, child abuse and human trafficking.
- Seeks to foster collaboration and coordination of services.
- Joined BPHC in 2008 and is located at 989 Commonwealth Ave.
- Comprised of 13 non-profit and governmental partners
- Annual Training Agenda

Violence Intervention & Prevention Initiative

The Violence Intervention & Prevention Initiative aims to prevent violence and promote positive youth development in the City of Boston through a commitment to active and genuine collaboration between youth, residents, community organizations, and city agencies. VIP seeks to:

- Increase access of all middle school students to afterschool
- Decrease physical disorder and improve built environment
- Develop community responses to violence that support neighborhoods in shifting social norms around violence
- Increase access to health services
- Increase resident engagement.

B1 Example Media Campaign

- *Change social norms:* Empower teens to change what it means to have “street cred,” earn respect, and belong to one’s neighborhood.
- *Be 1 Example:* Challenge youth to be the example and demonstrate positive actions and behaviors to prevent violence and influence their friends to demonstrate the same actions and behaviors.
- *Connect to your community:* Encourage a sense of connections and responsibility to younger teens and their community.

Start Strong: Building Healthy Teen Relationships

- Grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to prevent teen dating violence and promote healthy teen relationships
 - School Curriculum
 - Peer Leadership
 - Design and implement social marketing strategy
- Hired 22 teens to participate in the Summer Peer Leadership Institute.

Boston Medical Center VIAP Program

- Case management services for gunshot and stabbing victims who present at the BMC Emergency Department