



# Community Violence

**4** million people are affected by neighborhood/community violence each year in America and many of those are children under six!



All children deserve to grow up in a safe society where they can walk the streets of their neighborhood free from harm. And all parents want their children to grow up in an environment that is healthy and secure. Yet many of our communities are not safe.

**“It takes a whole community to raise a child; it takes a whole community to raise one issue.”**

(Los Angeles gang member, 1994)

**T**he issue of community violence is



**everyones responsibility.**

Invite your local law enforcement agency to attend a neighborhood meeting. They can provide strategies and support for making your community safe.

**C**reate a community plan that will address:

- Neighborhood bullying
  - When young children are home alone
- What to do when you are out of town
  - When there is a crisis, a death, fire etc. or crime.

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For more information contact:



**The Center for Parent Involvement** (FCPI) was funded by the U.S. Department of Education; Goals 2000, Educate America Act from 1994-1999. Guided by an advisory board of parents and professionals, the FCPI's goal was to tap the power of parents.

The FCPI gathered information on parent needs, coordinated the information, and created a series of resources organized by theme, including fact sheets for parents and professionals, "Beyond the Basics" resources, and resource identification lists. Many of the resources have been translated into Spanish language versions, and every effort has been made to preserve the meaning and flavor of the original English documents. This series of materials provides a wealth of current information for both parents and providers; the complete set of resources can be obtained in PDF format on the Department of Child and Family Studies Website at [www.fmhi.usf.edu/cfs/dares/fcpi](http://www.fmhi.usf.edu/cfs/dares/fcpi). The staff of the FCPI are hopeful that their work will continue to help children get ready to learn for many years to come.

The series' themes include:

- Family Empowerment
- Parent Involvement
- Parenting Support
- School Readiness
- Violence in the Lives of Children
- Transition to Kindergarten

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