Problem Etiology Chart (PEC) Illustrating the Linkages and Relationships Between the Direct and Indirect Causes of Homicides Involving Handguns

Over the past 12 months there has been a 20% increase in homicides involving handguns perpetrated by boys ages 13-18 living in zip code 30081.

Using a handgun to intentionally shoot and kill another person to resolve a conflict.

Ready access to inexpensive handguns.

Fear threat to life.

Member of a gang that encourages and reinforces the use of handgun violence.

Physically and verbally aggressive.

Violent and aggressive attitudes and belief system.

Inadequate conflict resolution knowledge, attitudes, and skills.

Victim of emotional and physical abuse.

Chronic exposure to violent TV and movies.

Inadequate skills to resist pressure to join a gang.

Not involved in pro-social activities.

Alcohol and illicit substance use.

Raised in an abusive, dysfunctional family, including parental neglect and lack of boundaries.