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### TOWARDS A FUTURE WITHOUT VIOLENCE: A COMMUNITY VIOLENCE PREVENTION STRATEGY FOR THE NORTH METROPOLITAN AREA OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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**Background** The Injury Control Council of WA (ICCWA) and the North Metropolitan Area Health Service (NMAHS) formed a partnership in 2009 to address concerns around community violence in the North Metropolitan Area of Western Australia expressed by both agencies as well as community members.

**Objectives** Facilitate collaboration to develop, promote and implement strategies to reduce community violence in the North Metropolitan Area of Western Australia.

**Method** ICCWA developed and utilised a Community Violence Prevention Project Model based on a sustainable community development approach. Aspects include literature reviews, stakeholder engagement and the establishment of a reference group. Ongoing consultation with stakeholders was integral to ICCWA's approach.

**Outcome** Coordination and delivery of a Community Violence Forum 2010 involving over 100 key stakeholders.

- Completion of 'scoping project' to assess gaps in community violence service areas and priorities for programme implementation.
- Development and publication of a comprehensive Strategy for the Prevention of Community Violence across the North Metropolitan Area.
- Commenced the development of local action planning with a selected community.

**Significance** The development of this Community Violence Prevention Strategy represents a unique collaboration between ICCWA, a peak non-government organisation and the NMAHS. Involvement from politicians, WA Police, health professionals and the broader community supports the framework that this strategy provides for ongoing work to prevent community violence.