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National Institute of Justice Evaluation of **CeaseFire Chicago**

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U.S. Department of Justice Evaluation Summary

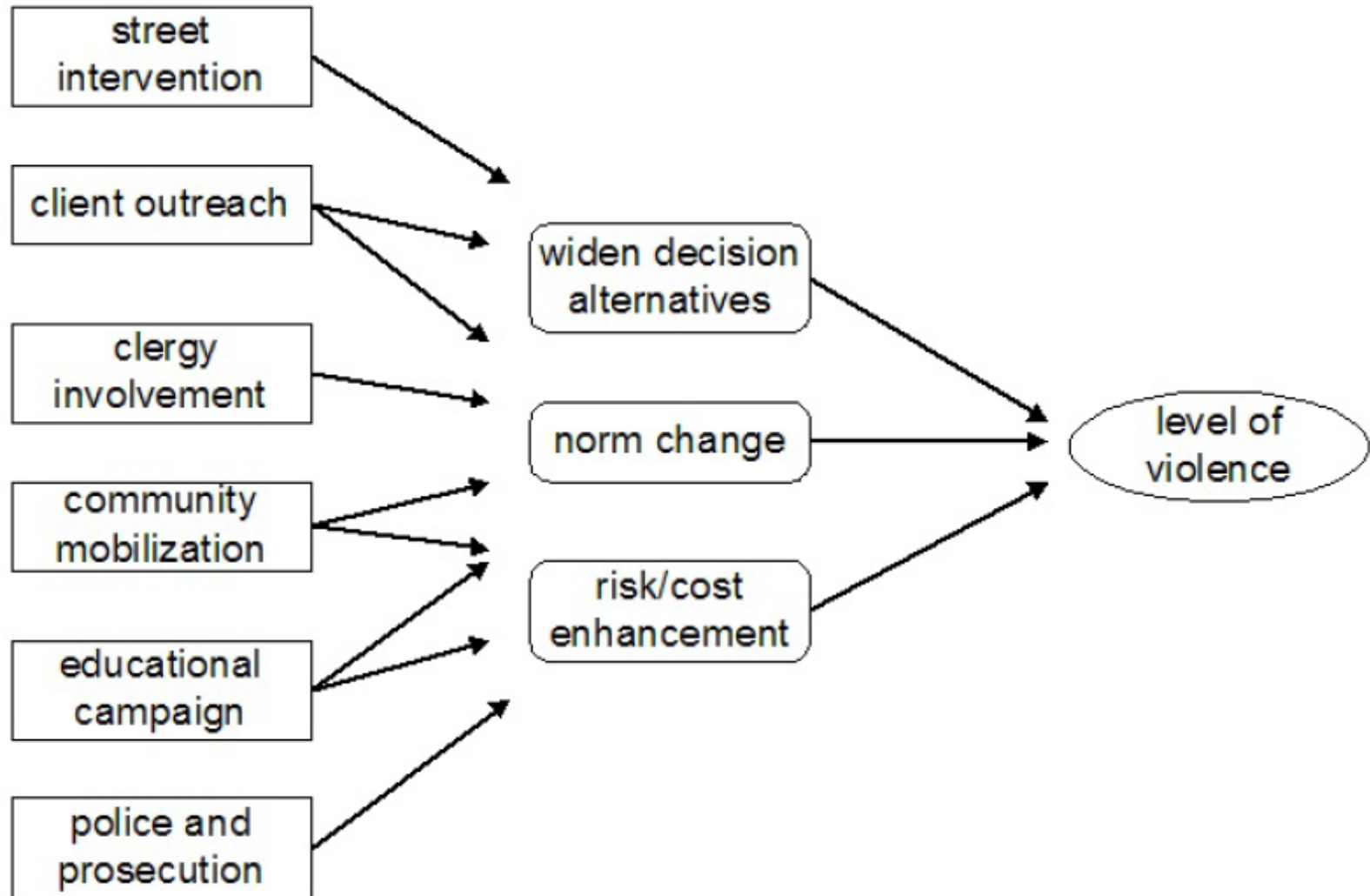
- Three years, four universities
- 4 types of statistical analysis – all methods showed effectiveness
 - Time series analysis
 - Hot spot mapping analysis
 - Network analysis
 - In depth interviews of CeaseFire clients, staff, community
- Documents practice as effective and evidence based
- 41-73% drops in shootings and killings in CeaseFire zones
- 16- 35% attributable by time series analysis
- 100% reductions in retaliation murders in 5 of 8 neighborhoods
- 85 – 99% in helping highest risk youth
- makes communities safer

The U.S. DOJ Study documented that CeaseFire Chicago intervention is effective for:

- Decreasing shootings and killings
- Decreasing retaliatory murders
- Making shooting “hot spots” cooler
- Helping very highest risk youth
- Making neighborhoods safer

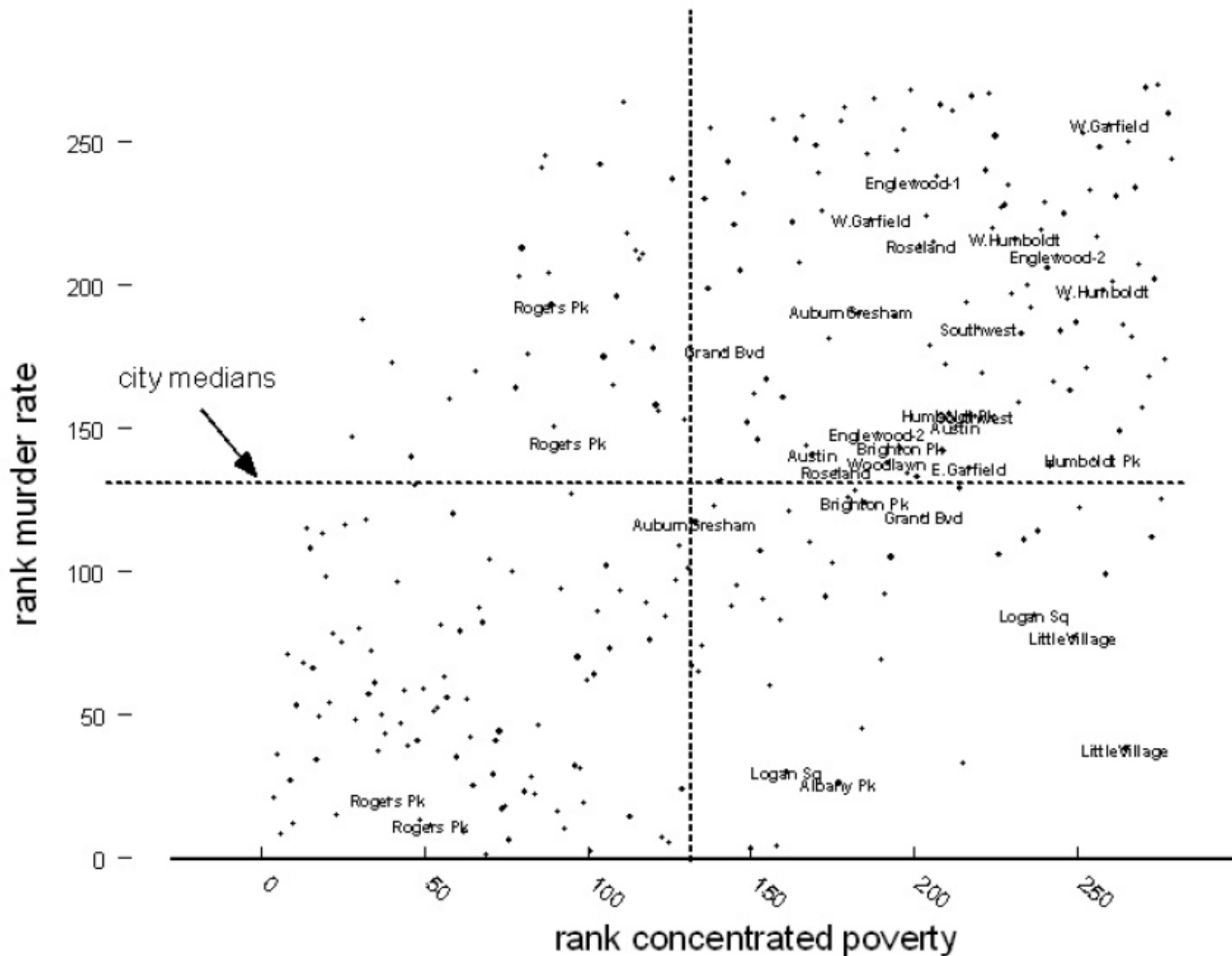
(Ref: Tables 7-14, ES-1, 7-3, 7-4, 7-6, 7-8, 7-9, 7-12)

CeaseFire Chicago is ‘theory driven’



“It is built upon a coherent theory of behavior that emphasizes norms, risks and choices.”

CeaseFire works in communities with the highest rates of murder and poverty



CeaseFire reaches the highest risk young people

selection criteria	percent of clients	low-high range across sites
age 16-25	82%	33 - 100
involved in a gang	92%	75 - 100
key member of a gang	51%	14 - 80
victim of a shooting	8 %	3 - 21
risky street behavior	91%	73 - 98
arrest record	60%	31 - 95
probation or parole	44%	19 - 73
served in prison	22%	3 - 46
classed "high risk" on 4/7 criteria	84%	58 - 94

Note: 593 active clients in 12 CeaseFire sites.

CeaseFire collaborates with community partners from many different sectors

Sector	Total No. Collaborators with CeaseFire
Business	46
Clergy	58
Community	25
Police	50
School	58
Service Providers	101
Political Leaders	57
Total	395

Of the 395 total collaborators, 243 were described as “centrally involved.”

Impact was found for every CeaseFire community

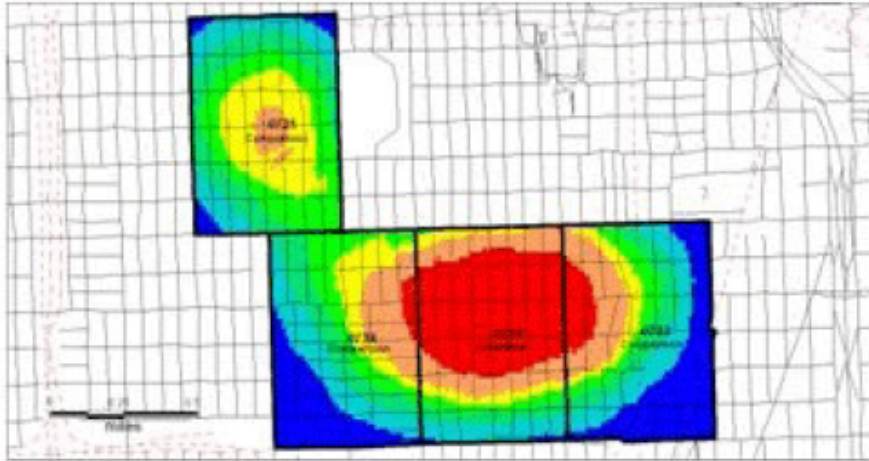
(Three Methods Used to Asses Effectiveness)

	Changes in Violence Due to the Program		
	shootings down ^a	hot spots cooler	gang homicide decline
Auburn-Gresham	-17%	-15%	gang involvement in homicide down reciprocal killings down
Englewood	-34%		
Logan Square	-22%		gang involvement in homicide down reciprocal killings down
Rogers Park		-40%	
Southwest	-24/-27%		gang involvement in homicide down
West Garfield Park	-24/-23%	-24%	reciprocal killings down
West Humboldt Park	-16%	-17%	
East Garfield Park	not evaluated	not evaluated	reciprocal kllings down gang involvement in homicide down

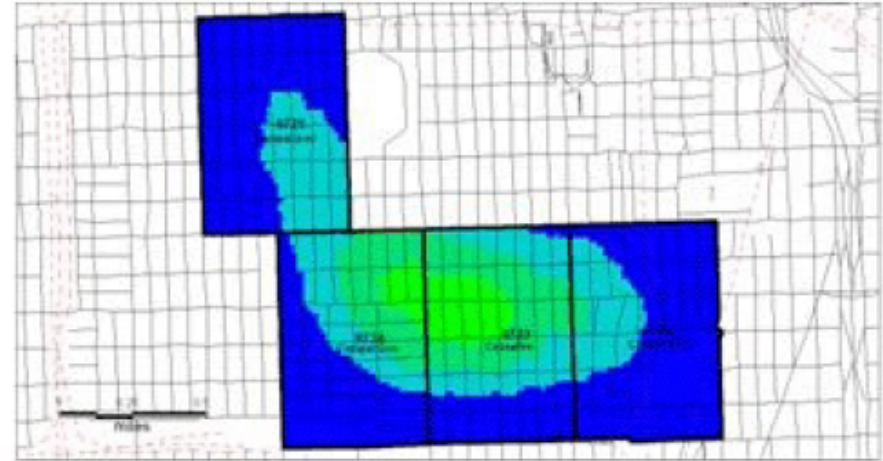
Note: ^a Two measures: all actual and attempted shootings, and all persons shot or killed; gun homicide alone also lower in Auburn-Gresham due to the program

Reduced Shooting Hot Spots – Englewood

Before CeaseFire

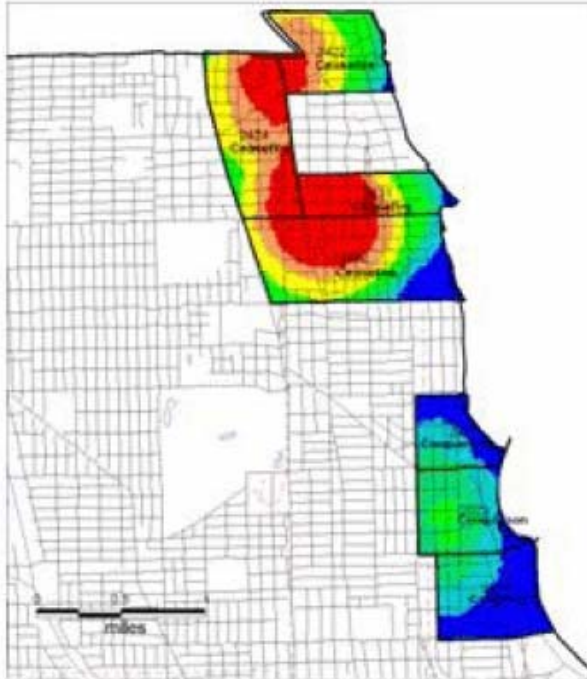


After CeaseFire

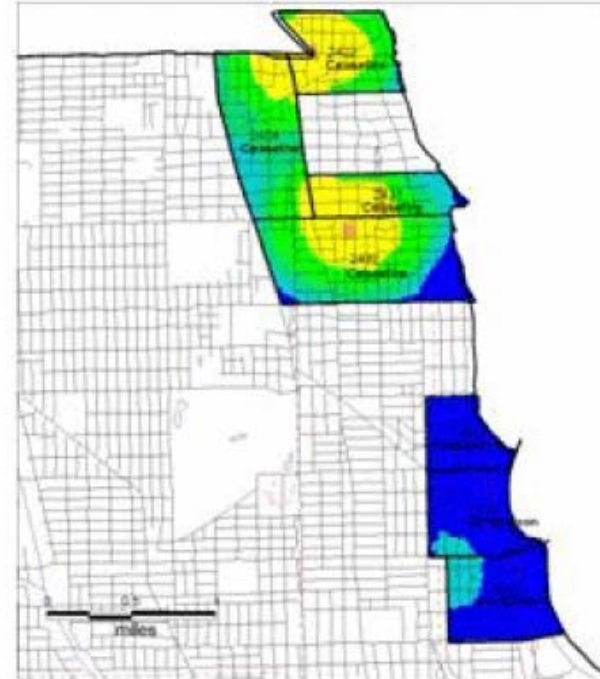


Reduced Shooting Hot Spots – Rogers Park

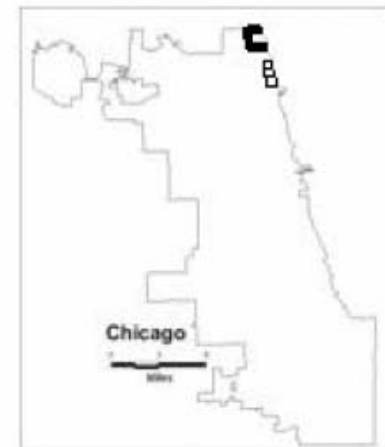
Before CeaseFire



After CeaseFire



Shootings per Square Mile



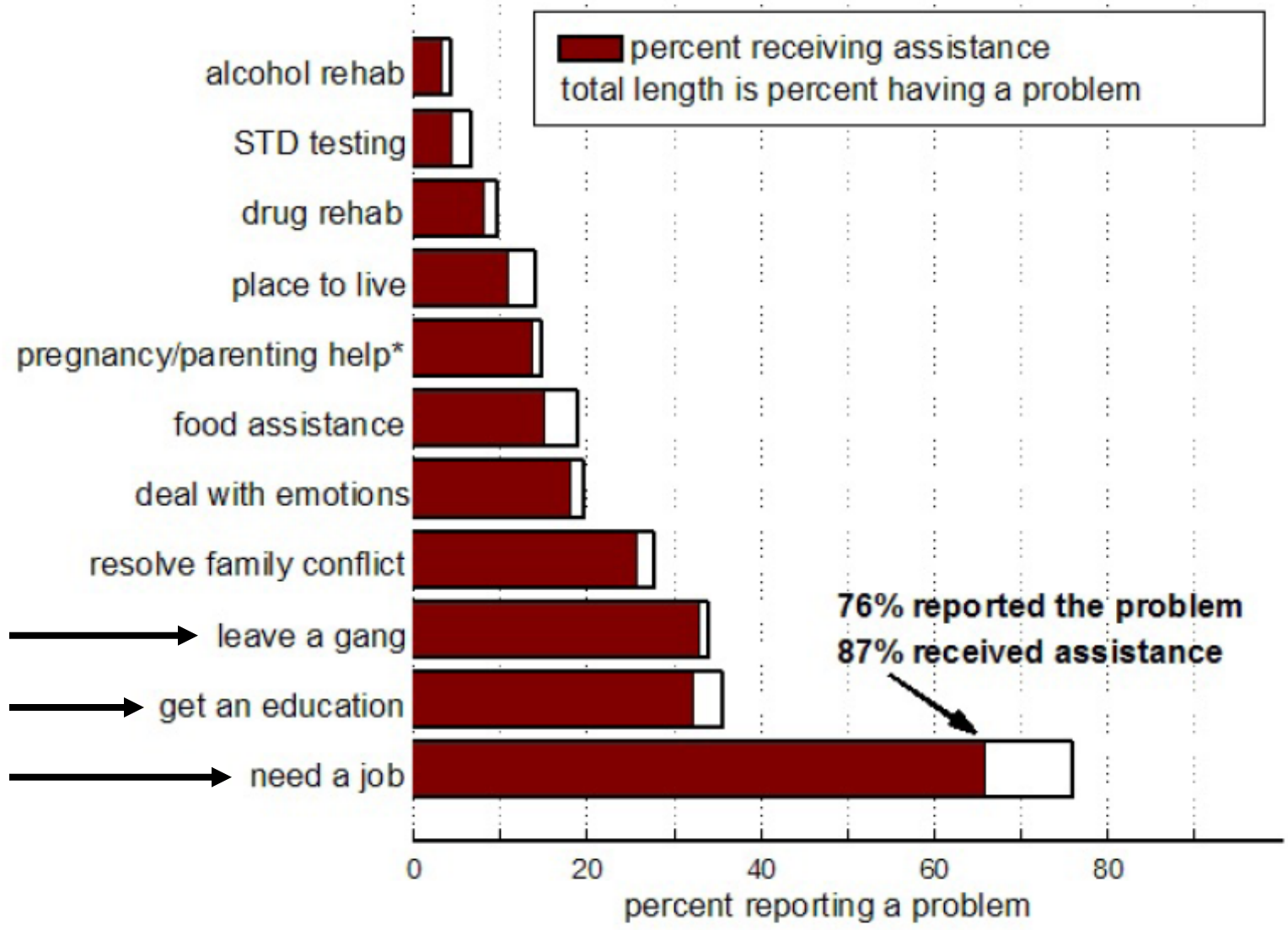
Up to 100% Percent Drop in Reciprocal Murders

Results from Gang Network Analysis

	program	control
Auburn Gresham	-100%	-25%
Englewood	-100%	-100%
Logan Square	-100%	+100%
Rogers Park	no change	n/a
Southwest	-100%	no change
West Garfield Park	-46%	+41%
West Humboldt Park	-50%	-57%
East Garfield Park	-100%	+60%

Helped 85-99% of highest risk clients with job, education or get out of gang

(Department of Justice study - interviews of 297 clients)



76% reported the problem
87% received assistance

*clients with children only

Selected Quotes from DOJ Evaluation Study

Impact on Individuals

- “CeaseFire tried to focus on ‘high risk’ This goal was achieved.”
- “after [the clients’] parents, their outreach worker was rated the most important adult in their lives.”

Reducing Retaliations and Murders

- “It was clear that Violence Interrupters provided men and women with the opportunity to resolve their grievances.... Their efforts were groundbreaking.”
- “One measure in which the CeaseFire areas displayed consistent changes was with regard to reciprocal murders.”

Impact on Community

- “Overall, the impact of the CeaseFire Program is significant and moderate-to-large in size.”
- “In every program area there was a substantial decline in the median density of shootings following the introduction of CeaseFire.”

“I found the statistical results to be
as strong as you could hope for.”

Prof. Wes Skogan
Department of Justice Study Lead investigator

Quoted in
New York Times Magazine, May 4, 2008