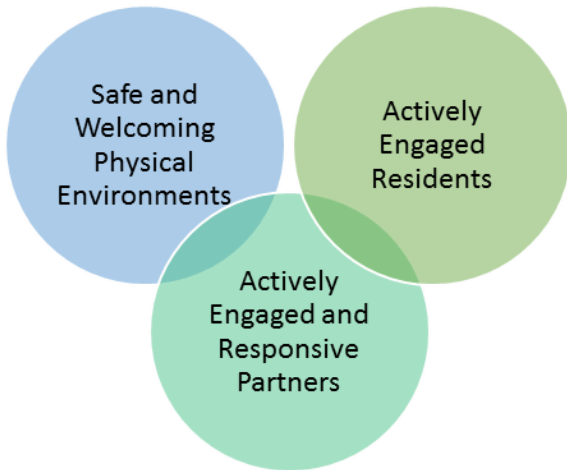


# Improving Neighbourhood Safety

## Highlights 2016



RESEARCH SHOWS THAT COMMUNITY-BASED APPROACHES TO CRIME PREVENTION CAN HAVE A MUCH GREATER IMPACT ON CRIMINAL BEHAVIOUR THAN ENFORCEMENT ALONE. ...BY TAKING JOINT ACTION THAT BRINGS IN EXPERTISE AND INSIGHTS FROM ALL CORNERS OF THE COMMUNITY, THERE IS MUCH GREATER POTENTIAL FOR LONG-TERM, SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS.

Crime Prevention Ottawa (2012). [Why Community-Based Crime Prevention Works: Case Studies From Three Ottawa Communities](#) (Summary Report)

### How Much Did We Do?

**165**  
community leaders and  
**3,028**  
residents participated in  
CDF safety initiatives

**39**  
safety initiatives  
create change in  
**9**  
neighbourhoods



Personal and  
Property Safety



Traffic and  
Pedestrian Safety

Initiatives included safety through design (safety audits, walk-abouts, beautification), capacity building (women's safety training, mental health first aid, personal safety practices), increasing belonging, connections & access to supports (social activities) and cross-sector collaboration (MSAPA & post critical incident response protocol).

### How Well Did We Do It?

<i>Best and promising practices used, by % of CDF neighbourhoods</i>		<b>Mental Health First Aid Training:</b> All the participants became certified and learned new skills necessary when helping someone with a mental illness.
Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design	42%	<b>Caldwell Safety Audit:</b> Participants reported feeling good about the safety changes made, and empowered by their role in those changes.
Increasing inclusion for residents experiencing exclusion	100%	<b>Women's Safety Training:</b> "This was a fantastic activity. It helped reduce my anxiety. I came away more aware."
Personal safety training (eg. women's safety, bike safety)	25%	
Mental Health First Aid	8%	
Post Critical Incident Support Protocol	42%	
Multi-Stakeholder Approach to Problem Addresses	8%	

### Is Anyone or Any Neighbourhood Better Off?

<b>150</b> Individuals were trained on personal safety practices or promising practices in community based crime reduction	<b>52</b> partners leveraged <b>\$31,872</b> (cash and in-kind) to address safety issues prioritized by residents	<b>91%</b> of the 23 physical safety concerns identified through walkabouts and surveys were resolved (e.g. improved lighting)	The <b>Multi-Stakeholder Approach to Problem Addresses</b> and the <b>Post-Incident Neighbourhood Support Network model</b> are important cross-stakeholder initiatives being rolled out in neighbourhoods across the City, to improve neighbourhood safety and enhance supports available to residents
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Goal: Increased resources for neighbourhood based safety

CDF OBJECTIVE 1

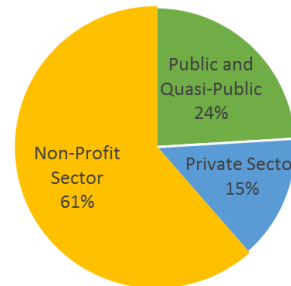
Increased resident engagement in neighbourhood life

165 residents played leadership roles in CDF neighbourhood based safety initiatives  
 278 volunteers contributed to CDF neighbourhood based safety initiatives, of which 32% were new to CDF safety initiatives  
 3,028 people participated in CDF activities to increase safety, including 1,276 contacts with people in 6 recurring social activities to engage people experiencing exclusion.

CDF OBJECTIVE 2

Shared ownership of how to address neighbourhood issues

Leveraged Resources for Safety by Sector, 2016



CDF OBJECTIVE 3

Action plans are being developed, implemented and revised / updated annually

- ✓ 9 of 12 neighbourhoods (75%) had improving safety as part of their local plan, and implemented locally prioritized actions.
- ✓ Personal and property safety was a priority issue for cross-neighbourhood work and systems level change. Partners advanced their plan to expand adoption of the MSAPA initiative.
- ✓ There was mixed progress in addressing the reality of different segments of the community with differing experiences of safety – identified as an area for improvement in 2015. Progress was made in involving people with lived experience of mental illness, but little progress involving young men or people with lived experience of drug use or the sex trade.

CDF OBJECTIVE 4

Leveraged support from community partners to assist neighbourhoods to achieve action plans and goals

1,325 hours of volunteer time were contributed to safety issues  
 The value of leveraged resources for safety issues across the neighbourhoods was:

\$ 5,400	cash
<u>26,472</u>	in-kind
\$31,872	Sub-total
<u>\$30,680</u>	value of volunteer hours
<b>\$62,552</b>	<b>Total leveraged (cash, in-kind &amp; volunteer hours)</b>

CDF OBJECTIVE 5

Increased ability to implement and sustain positive change as defined by the neighbourhoods

Key sustainability strategies for the sustainability of safety initiatives include:

- ✓ **Training** such as Mental Health First Aid, which builds on-going capacity of residents and other stakeholder
- ✓ **Systems-level collaboration** such as the MSAPA, in which cross-agency stakeholders change the way they work together for better resident and neighbourhood outcomes.