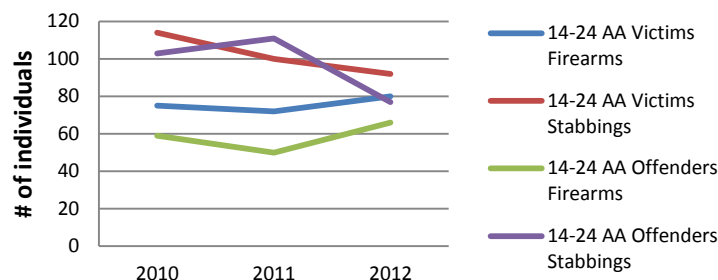


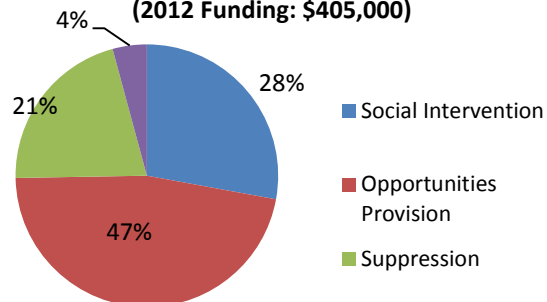
Worcester Shannon CSI

Partners: *Worcester PD *Boys & Girls Club *Worcester Community Action Council *Worcester Youth Center

Aggravated Assault Victims and Offenders 14-24 years old since 2010 (by Firearms and Stabbings)



Worcester's Shannon CSI Funding Allocation (2012 Funding: \$405,000)



Community Conditions Driving Youth and Gang Violence in Worcester

- Community conditions:** The city's population exhibits many factors known to contribute to gang violence, such as high population density, and a high poverty rate.
- Student performance:** The public school population has higher than state average rates of MCAS warning/failing, grades 9-12 drop-outs, in-school and out of school suspensions, and truancy. The graduation rate is 71.4% compared to a state average of 82.1%.
- Gun and gang violence:** In 2011, there were 20 shootings resulting in 24 victims including 5 fatalities; WPD determined that 22 gang members were involved as either a victim or an offender in these shootings. In the majority of gun violence incidents, both the victim and offender knew each other and the offense was often retaliatory. In 2011, 75% of shooting victims were under the age of 30. In 2011, WPD Gang Unit arrested 409 people and confiscated 9 firearms. Gunshot calls jumped by 25% in gang hot spot neighborhoods of Piedmont, Main South and Vernon Hill. Police know of approximately 800 self-identified gang members in the city; a core group of 50-60 are the most criminally active.
- Service gaps:** Shannon partners have identified a need for a stronger education component with outreach efforts, additional job placement/training programs, and more wrap-around services such as counseling and intensive case management.

Worcester CSI Successes in 2012

- Collaboration:** Clark University hosted G.A.N.G. Camp for the second year for high-risk youth referred by the public schools, Shannon partner agencies, and the Gang Unit. Clark has become a strong partner and is conveniently located in the neighborhood of many of our Shannon youth. Police Athletic and Activity League (PAAL) and Project Night Light II youth participated in a community service program and painted a basketball court in the Main South section of the City, a high crime area and scene of many youth/gang incidents.
- Public safety:** Made 40 probation warrant arrests during Night Light home visits. Conducted 30 late night patrols in targeted gang areas in an effort to mitigate and reduce gun violence. The Shooting Response Team (SRT) responded to 4 shots fired calls in concentrated gang areas and identified 2 new gang members and seized 1 handgun and made multiple arrests of gang members for weapons charges.
- Youth outcomes:** 17 participants of the Shannon funded Gang Prevention through Targeted Outreach program at the Boys and Girls Club returned to high school or college at the end of the summer. Five secured year-round part time jobs. Worcester Youth Center's GED program continues to be a major source of referrals for youth who have been disconnected from the educational system. Ten earned their GED's. Three completed the culinary arts program and earned their ServSafe, MA Food Equipment and Safety Training and National Restaurant Association Manage First Program Food Production certifications. Nine youth maintained job placements for at least three months.
- Community conditions:** Because of the strong partnerships established through Shannon, Worcester is able to create new crime initiatives with relatively little effort.

Worcester Shannon Numbers at a Glance

Number of funded programs	12
Number of targeted youth participating in youth development programs on a regular basis	900+
Number of youth served by the school based G.A.N.G. talks (all 6 th graders)	2,585
Number of high risk or gang involved youth 16-24 employed	23
Number of youth enrolled in GED programs	54
Number of new gang members identified	8
Number of hot spot patrols	63
Number of home visits to probationers	884
Number of referrals made to other programs during home visits (e.g. GED)	73
Number of arrests of probationers	48
Number of individuals in reentry program receiving referrals for employment	48