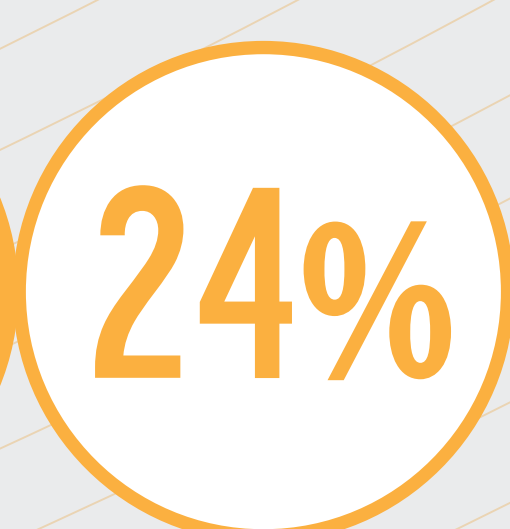
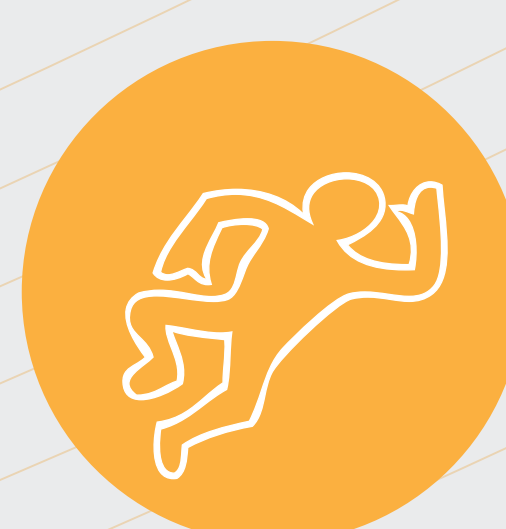




# HOMICIDE

## AMONG YOUTH IN THE AMERICAS

Homicide is the **leading cause of death** among youth in the Americas



Homicides

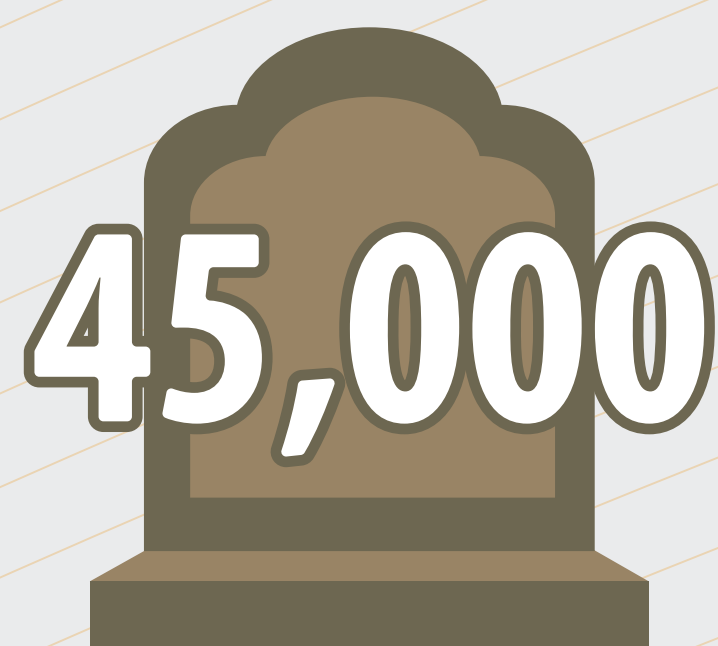


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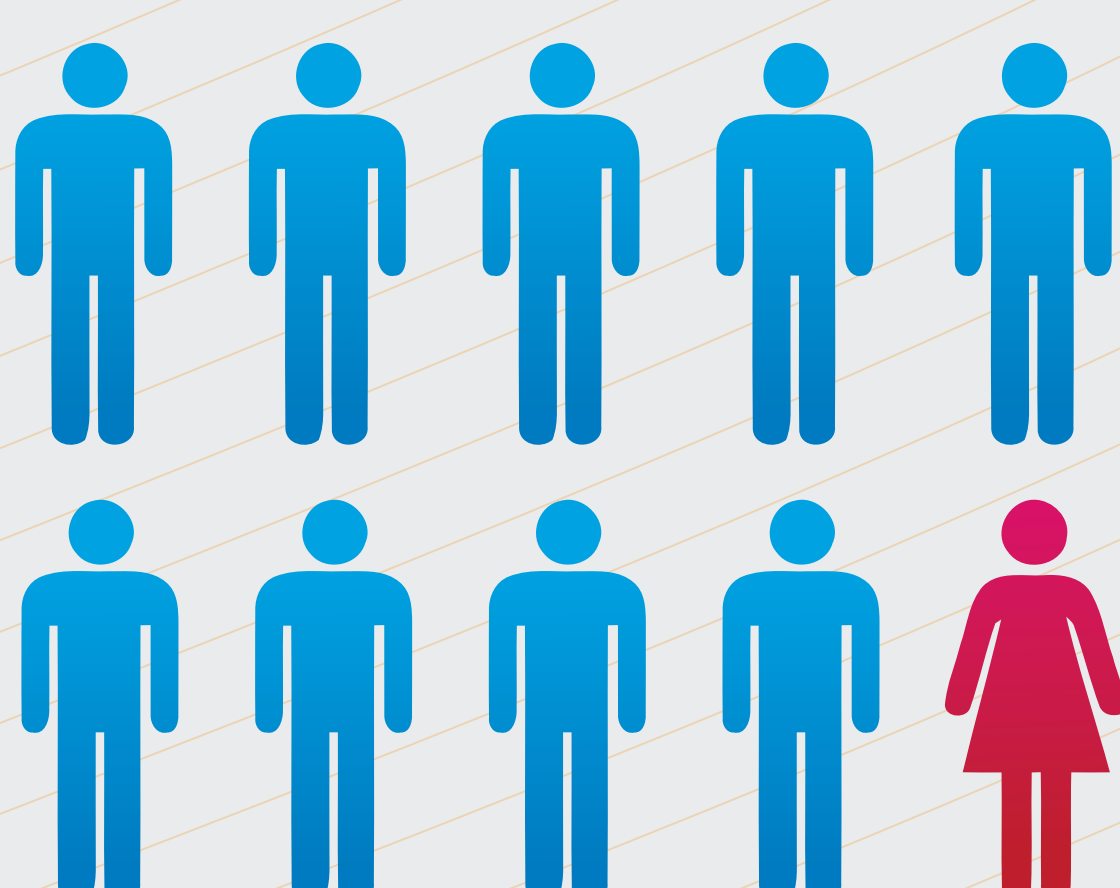


Suicides

MORE THAN



YOUNG PERSONS AGED 15-24 YEARS DIE FROM HOMICIDE EACH YEAR



9 OUT OF 10 ARE MALES



HOMICIDE AND NON-FATAL ASSAULTS INVOLVING YOUNG PEOPLE CONTRIBUTE GREATLY TO THE BURDEN OF PREMATURE DEATH, INJURY AND DISABILITY AMONG YOUTH

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RISK FACTORS FOR INVOLVEMENT IN OR EXPOSURE TO YOUTH VIOLENCE INCLUDE:

LOW ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

BEHAVIORAL DISORDERS

ENGAGEMENT IN CRIMINAL ACTIVITY AND GANGS

EASY ACCESS TO ALCOHOL, DRUGS AND GUNS

LIVING IN COMMUNITIES WITH CONCENTRATED POVERTY

LOW LEVELS OF PARENTAL AND CAREGIVER INVOLVEMENT AND SUPERVISION

LIVING IN AREAS WITH HIGH LEVELS OF CRIME AND GANGS

## YOUTH HOMICIDES ARE PREVENTABLE



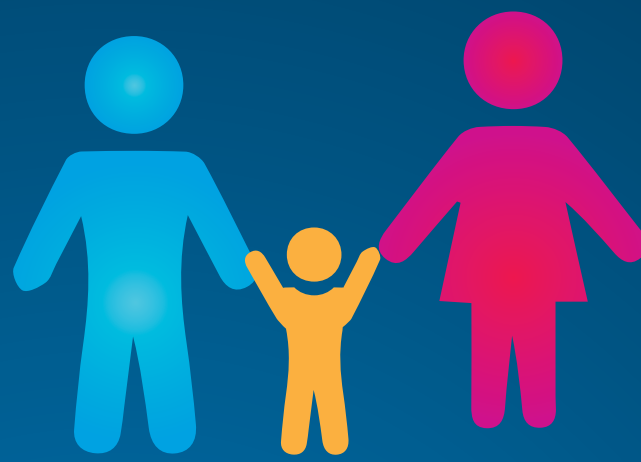
ENFORCE laws to prevent youth alcohol and drug use



PROVIDE counselling and therapeutic interventions to help teens manage anger and behavioral problems



LIMIT youth access to firearms and other weapons



IMPLEMENT economic strengthening programs for families and communities



INCREASE school enrollment and promote a safe and enabling school environment



ADDRESS "hot spots" and improve the built environment



IMPLEMENT life and social skills development programs to help young people build healthy peer relationships



PROMOTE equitable and positive peer, gender, and social norms



PROMOTE responsible and safe bystander interventions



PROVIDE comprehensive health services for survivors, including emergency and mental health services



IMPLEMENT positive parenting and caregiver programs

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