The Case for MassHealth Coverage of Violence Prevention Better Tomorrow: (Baystate Health & Roca)

PURCH Population Health Clerkship 2022





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Who We Are

Clinical students (MD, PA), nurses, social workers, and "victim-advocates"







Goal of our PCHC

Better understand the work that Better Tomorrow is doing as a **tertiary violence intervention program** and learn how to advocate for **long-term sustainable funding** for this program.

Why addressing this issue is important?

We must stop young people from shooting other young people by addressing the ROOT of the cause: Trauma. The most rigorous studies have shown that tertiary violence intervention programs like Better Tomorrow WORK.

Experiential Learning

How?

- 1. Listen to the community: Roca open house and team meetings, C3 meetings
- 2. Learn from prior successes: discussing HVIPs with Lilli Elkins (CT, CA, MD, NJ)
- 3. Solidify our message: presentation to the UMass community about the connection of Roca and Baystate Medical Center to create Better Tomorrow







Advocacy Pitch

- We want to put an end to young people shooting other young people. Better Tomorrow is based on models that WORK.
- The systems are already in place. This will not cost extra money.
- Our community deserves to heal from intergenerational trauma and live to see tomorrow.

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