

Healing Hurt People Portland (HHP) - Fact Sheet:

In 2019 Portland Opportunities Industrialization Center (POIC) and Legacy Emanuel Medical Center are continuing to focus on reducing community violence through Healing Hurt People Portland (HHP).

HHP Portland was originally launched in 2013 through Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare, and transitioned to POIC as a service partner with Legacy Emanuel Hospital in 2018

The HHP program serves individuals of color, ages 10 to 35 years, who have experienced intentional trauma such as gunshot or stab wounds.

HHP Portland is modeled from the Healing Hurt People Philadelphia and has proven effective in 22 other major cities across the country.

While in the emergency department at Legacy Emanuel a multi-disciplinary team that will include social workers, chaplains, and emergency and trauma physicians will address the trauma and find ways to connect the victim and their families to resources provided by Portland Opportunities Industrialization Center staff to include, but not limited to emotional support, family support, housing, medical follow-up, substance abuse treatment, legal and educational support.

HHP Portland employs a trauma-informed approach, which takes into account the adversity clients have experienced over their lives, and recognizes that addressing this trauma is critical to breaking the cycle of violence.

Expected outcomes include:

- * Reduction in repeat emergency room visits
- * Reduction in retaliatory violence
- * Reduction in arrest and re-arrests
- * Reduction in the development of Acute Stress and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder

What makes HHP Portland unique?

The POINT of intervention - HHP Portland will have the opportunity to intervene in the emergency department, when people are the most ready to consider making real change



The TIMING - Research suggest that intervening within four hours of a trauma increases the likelihood of preventing future violence. HHP Portland makes use of this "timing." There is the critical window for intervention and then there is the TIME over the course of six months to a year, helping victims and their families get on the road to healing.

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