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Introduction

Youth violence is a major contributor to youth mortality worldwide. In 2000 an average of 565 youths died each day as a result of interpersonal violence and many more were hospitalised and otherwise negatively affected by the direct and indirect impacts of violence. 77% of homicide victims are male, and the age group most at risk are males aged 15 to 29. (Krug et al. 2002; Dahlberg & Krug 2002) This review defines youth violence as perpetrated by or against youths between 10 and 29 years old.

Violence levels vary greatly across neighbourhoods and concentrated poverty is correlated with high levels of violence. (Gennetian et al. 2012) High concentrations of poverty have arisen in many urban areas for reasons ranging from unsuccessful housing projects to the collapse of industry and subsequent

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