10 THINGS YOU REALLY NEED TO KNOW ABOUT VIOLENCE

10. Violence is never inevitable; it is preventable.
Most people are not violent, and those who are can change. Potential acts of violence can be detected and prevented.

9. Everyone has a right to be free of violence.
There is no good reason for violence. Every person has a right to live free from violence anywhere—at home, at school, and in their communities.

8. Moral judgments will not solve violence.
People are not inherently “evil” or “bad.” In most cases, people who act violently believe they are justified and morally right: believing they are defending their honor, avenging a friend, defending a religion.

7. More punishment will not solve violence.
Science has shown punishment is generally ineffective or overvalued as a method of influencing and changing behavior.

6. More jobs will not solve violence.
Being employed does not stop people from committing violence if they feel they are justified. Jobs programs on their own have not made communities safer; the United States is one of the world’s most prosperous and most violent societies. Violence is a contagious behavior, and stopping it requires more than getting a job.
How Cure Violence Can Help

- A proven theory of change - across types of violence
- Training in implementing health approach
- Community assessment and capacity building
- Interruption and outreach training
- Cure Violence Model replication
- Immediate and sustained reductions in violence