

Healthy Neighborhoods Committee Cincinnati City Council January 25, 2022



#### The Reality (July 2019)

# Cincinnati Officials Outline Immediate Plans to Address Spike in Gun Violence — But What About Deeper Issues?

Overall, shootings have trended down in Cincinnati, but a large spike in violence this summer has caused concerns. Data, and some experts, suggest reducing violence long-term may involve struggling with difficult, deep-rooted socioeconomic problems.





#### The Reality (July 2020)

## Community leaders say money, resources needed to stop, reduce gun violence in Cincinnati

CIRV officials say program funding gutted leaving it ineffective









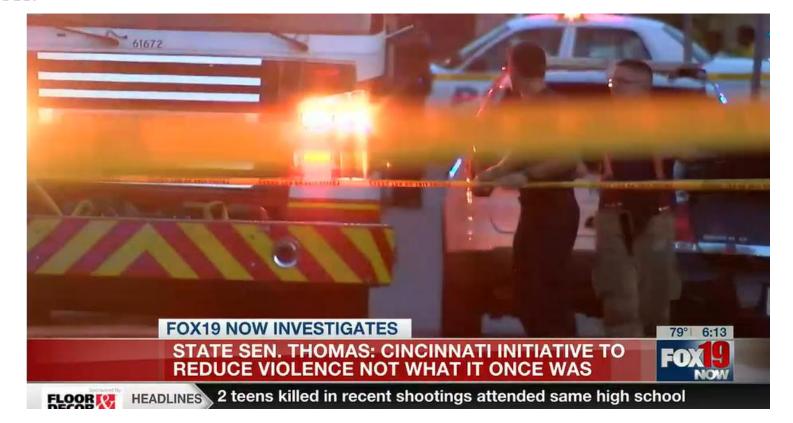


Updated: 11:40 PM EDT Aug 17, 2020

#### The Reality (July 2021)

# Squandered Cincinnati crime initiative could have prevented Smale Park, state senator says

The search is on for a solution to Cincinnati's rash of youth gun violence. Cecil Thomas says it's been hiding under our noses.



#### The Reality (July 2021)

# Youth gun violence alarming, and it has been at this level for a decade



Cameron Knight
Cincinnati Enquirer

Published 10:31 p.m. ET July 6, 2021 | Updated 11:04 a.m. ET July 7, 2021











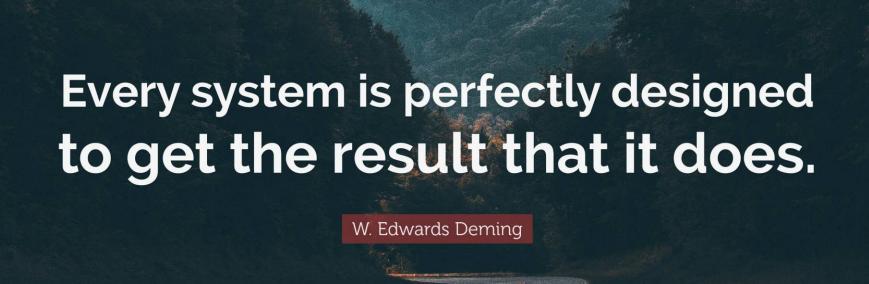
#### The Reality (December 2021)



#### **KIDS WHO KILL**

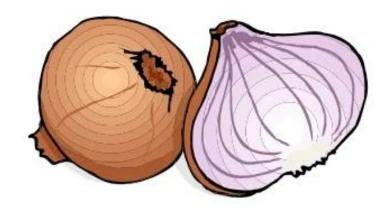
More teens are facing murder charges. How it came to this

Kevin Grasha and Cameron Knight, Cincinnati Enquirer
Published 10:00 PM EST Dec. 8, 2021 | Updated 7:41 AM EST Dec. 18, 2021

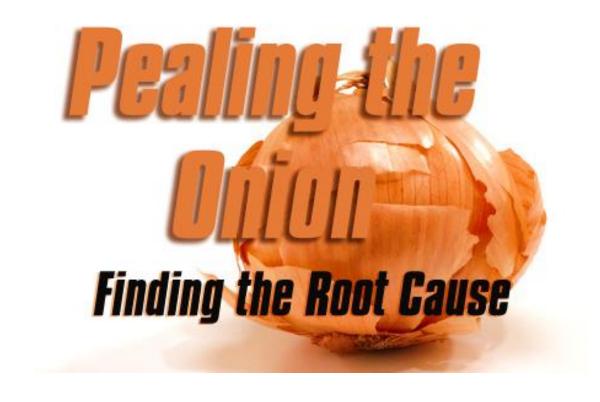


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#### The complexity of today's reality is great



Peel back the layers of the onion to avoid jumping to incorrect conclusions and applying incorrect solutions.





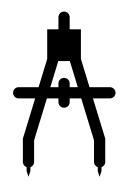
To assist our youth, we must start with understanding the etiology of their issues.

# The Social Innovation Lab Approach

Dr. Victor Garcia Children's Hospital









Multi-Stakeholder Groups

**Apply Systems Thinking** 

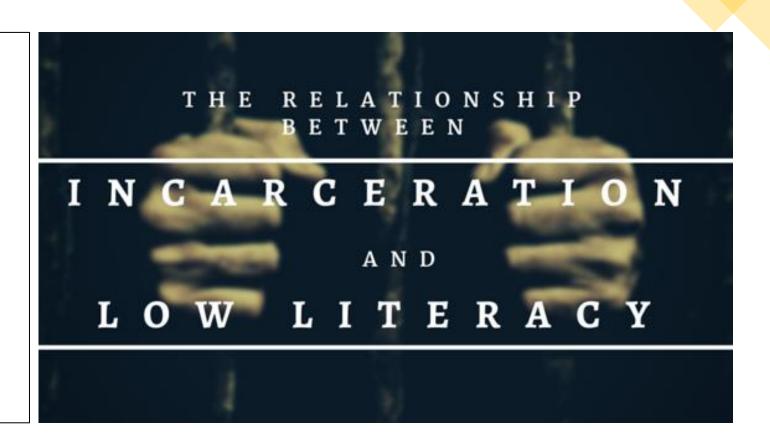
Apply Design Thinking

Prototype and Test Solutions

#### = Tackle Complex Problems

#### High school and college graduates do not...

- ¹85% of all juveniles involved in the justice system are functionally illiterate
- <sup>2</sup>HS Dropouts are 3.5x more likely than high school graduates to be arrested
- Some suggest that 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading Proficiency scores inform the need for prisons



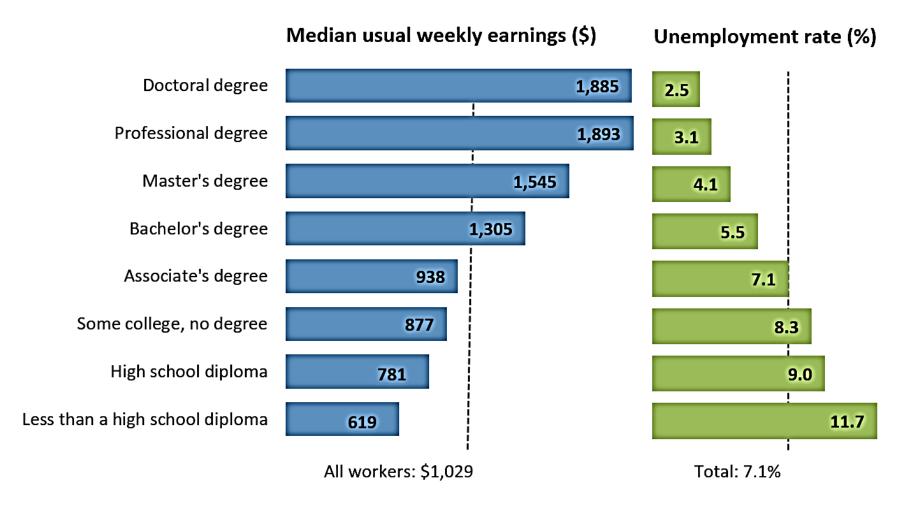
#### Sources:

<sup>1</sup>National Assessment of Adult Literacy

<sup>2</sup>Fight Crime: Invest in Kids

#### **Education Pays**

#### Earnings and unemployment rates by educational attainment, 2020

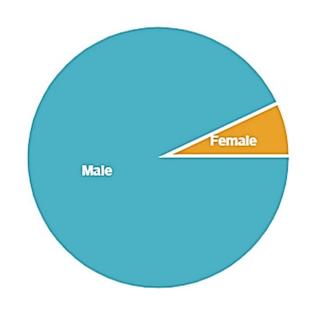


Note: Data are for persons age 25 and over. Earnings are for full-time wage and salary workers. Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey.

#### **Inmates**

#### Inmate Gender

Statistics based on prior month's data -- -- Last Updated: Saturday, 8 January 2022



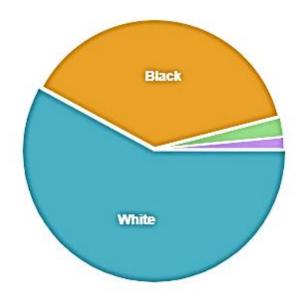
#### Gender # of Inmates % of Inmates

Female	11,036	7.0%
Male	146,169	93.0%

**Source: Federal Bureau of Prisons** 

#### Inmate Race

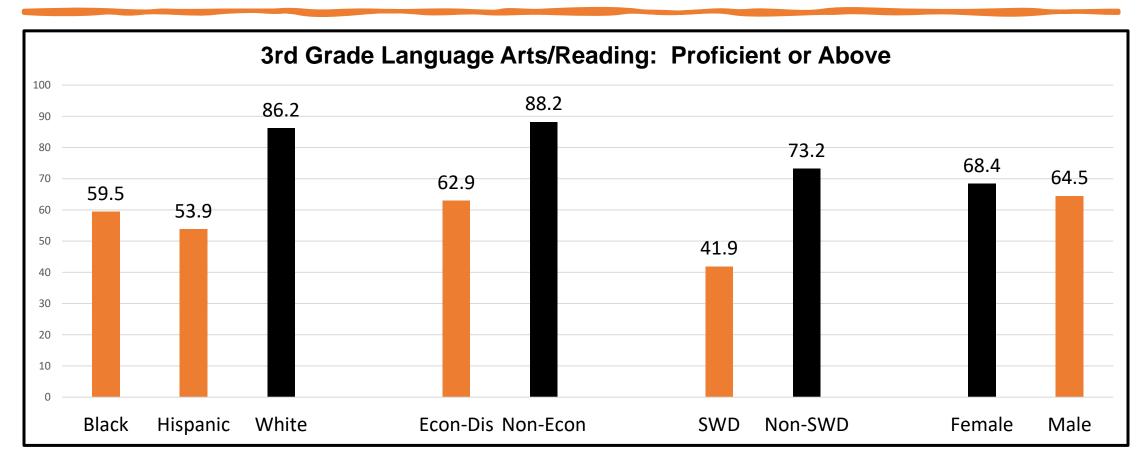
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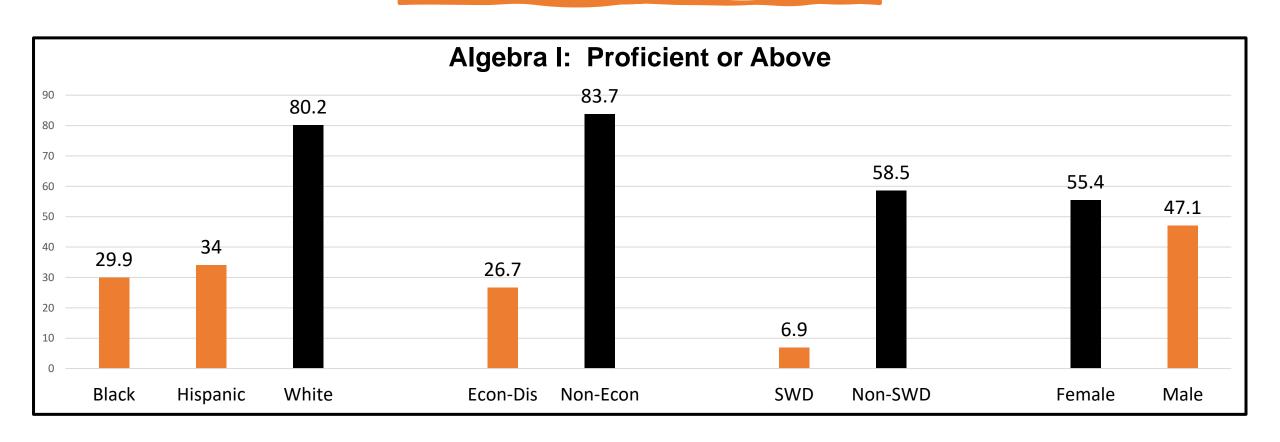
Race	# of Inmates	% of Inmates

Asian	2,339	1.5%
Black	59,913	38.1%
Native American	3,919	2.5%
White	91,034	57.9%
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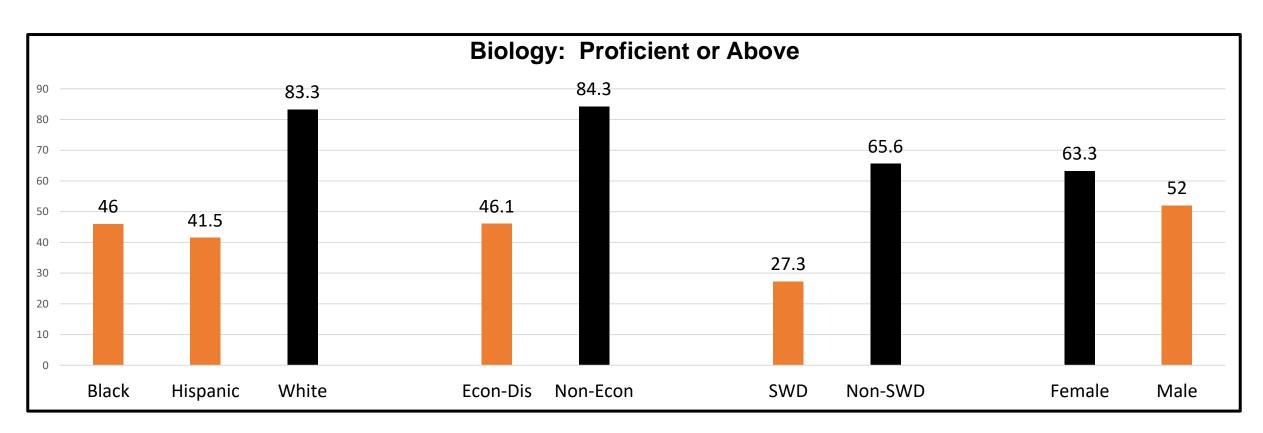
#### We can identify the kids



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- 38% home ownership
- Lost tax and economic benefits
- Unhealthy neighborhoods
- The cycle continues

#### The Impact on Cincinnati



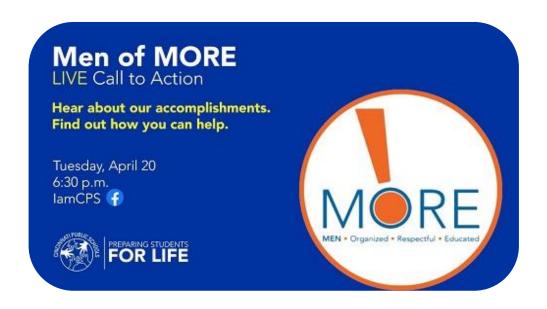
Is a more vibrant Cincinnati possible without solving this problem?

# The men & women in *blue* can't solve the problem, alone!





# Previous efforts have shown success...



Paul McMillan (Aiken HS Graduate)
Former M.O.R.E. Coordinator





### Dr. Shantel Thomas A Sound Mind Counseling

### The Children's Center: Healing the Hurt

The Three E's of Trauma:





#### Previous efforts have shown some success...



#### **Objectives for today:**

- Inform City Council that a multi-sector stakeholder group is exploring the value of a partnership between a *refreshed* CPS M.O.R.E. Program and a *refreshed* CIRV as a strategy to impact neighborhood violence.
- Request City Council's support for this exploratory effort.
- Seek invitation to next month's Healthy Neighborhoods Committee meeting to provide a status update.

# Additional preliminary partners from various sectors:

- Lee Black, SCPA MORE Coordinator, CPS
- Lathel Bryant, Assistant Director, Cincinnati Recreation Commission
- Kyle Cadena, Studio Director, Music Resource Center
- Rodney Christian, President, East Westwood Community Council
- Ozie Davis, Community Activist
- Brandon Elliott, College Success Advisor, University of Cincinnati
- Harold Howard, Vice-President, Talbert House
- Reverend Mingo Peterson
- Others