

## **Mayor and Councilmembers:**

This is the weekly report for the week ending March 4th, 2011.

### 1. **Meeting Notes**

There is a special meeting of the City Council on Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, beginning with a closed session at 5:00 PM, followed by a discussion and possible action on a sales tax and advisory measure at 5:30 PM, and followed by City Council consideration of the Pt. Molate EIR beginning no earlier than 6:30 PM.

### 2. **Celebratory Event this Saturday at the Nevin Community Center**

In partnership with the Recreation & Parks Commission, Opportunity West, the Richmond Police Department, LEAP, Building Blocks for Kids, the Iron Triangle Neighborhood Council, CCISCO, the East Bay Center for the Performing Arts, and First 5, the Recreation Department will be celebrating the launch of a number of new programs at a spruced up Nevin Community Center on Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> (tomorrow) from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. There will be raffle prizes, crafts, sports, games, food, performances and a bounce house. Prior to the celebration, several groups and organizations will meet at Nicholl Park and parade from the park to the Nevin Community Center to start the event. The event is free to the public and open to all ages.

### 3. **RichmondBUILD Academy Receives a \$400,000 “Bonus” Award for Exemplary Performance**

The Employment & Training Department was notified by the State Employment Development Department’s Workforce Services Branch that the RichmondBUILD Academy will be receiving an additional \$400,000 as a bonus for exemplary performance on the Clean Energy Workforce Training grant. The additional funding will be used to enhance current programs and to increase the number of student slots for training in construction skills, energy efficiency, solar installation, and Building Performance Institute (BPI) certification with Build it Green.

### 4. **RichmondBuild Health Fair**

The City of Richmond’s nationally-recognized RichmondBUILD Academy, in partnership with Brookside Community Health Clinic and Network for Healthy California Worksites and a host of partners, officially launched the “Healthy RichmondBUILD Initiative” today. The Academy is expanding its successful program model to go beyond training and employing graduates

to include addressing the health inequities that arise from the lack of resources, knowledge and opportunities.

The Friday event that launched this initiative was attended by such luminaries as California State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson, and Richmond City Councilmember, Dr. Jeff Ritterman. Approximately 100 RichmondBUILD and YouthBUILD participants received cholesterol screenings, body mass index ratings, diabetes screening, blood pressure checks, and a host of resources and materials provided by local agencies and non-profits. In addition three different food preparation and nutrition workshops were provided.

This resource fair and health screening will be offered to all participants in the RichmondBUILD Academies three times a year.

Community partners for the event included: Bay Area Green Tours, Brookside Community Health Clinic, Contra Costa College, Contra Costa Health Services, Eco-Village, State Employment Development Department, H.E.A.L, Gardener's Guild, LEAP, Opportunity West, Network for Healthy California, RD3 Enterprises LLC, Weigh of Life, Opportunity West, and the San Francisco Foundation.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson addresses RichmondBUILD/YouthBUILD participants



Photo by Ellen Gailing

5. **City Submits Response to Lawrence Berkeley National Lab RFQ**

On behalf of the Richmond community, and with the unanimous support of the Richmond City Council, the City Manager submitted today a community response to the Request for Qualifications for the second campus of the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (“LBNL”). In that response, we believe that we made a strong case that the City of Richmond offers several outstanding locations for LBNL to continue its excellence in delivering solutions to complex problems of national significance, with its emphasis on energy efficiency and carbon reduction.

We understand that several property owners/managers are submitting responses to the RFQ for a second LBNL campus, and made it clear in the City’s response that we support all such proposals in the context of the resolution approved by the City Council. In the absence of a specific developer to present the attributes of the Richmond Field Station (“RFS”), our response provided some conceptual guidance to decision makers who may be interested in understanding the exciting opportunity that the RFS site represents.

6. **Vice-Mayor Butt is Elected Alternate Representative to LAFCO**

At its meeting this past Thursday, representatives of the nineteen cities at the Contra Costa Mayors Conference voted to appoint Vice-Mayor Tom Butt as its alternate representative to the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO).

7. **Office of Neighborhood Safety “Beyond Violence” Program Evaluation**

*Beyond Violence* is a program launched in 2010 by Richmond’s Office of Neighborhood Safety in collaboration with John Muir Health’s Trauma Department, Contra Costa Health Services (CCHS) and community based organizations. The program, which began in the City of Richmond, and is also being developed in the City of Antioch, identifies trauma patients between the ages of 14-25 who are victims of intentional injuries (e.g. knife assault, gunshot, assault) and reside in the cities of Richmond or Antioch. Identified patients are referred to a *Beyond Violence* Intervention Specialist (IS) from their community. The IS supports the injured patient and their family and friends in coping with the injury, and assists the patient with follow-up care and connects them to community resources to promote healthy choices and avoid street violence.

Recently, John Muir completed their 2010 year end evaluation of the effectiveness of the *Beyond Violence* program. In transmitting this evaluation, Aiyana Johnson, MSW, MPH, of the John Muir Health

Community Health Alliance, stated that, "Beyond Violence demonstrated extraordinary success in 2010. A total of 38 individuals were referred and participated. Together, the Office of Neighborhood Safety, The Williams Group and One Day at a Time connected with these individuals over 900 times through frequent check-ins, family interventions, school meetings, court appearances, etc. The services that were provided contributed to high levels of engagement and positive improvements in health status and behavior change."

Attached to this weekly report is the complete 2010 Year End Program Evaluation.

8. **Stormwater Program Updates**

On Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, Engineering Services' Stormwater Division and Public Works' Parks Division conducted a volunteer creek maintenance project on Baxter Creek at Booker T. Anderson Park. The Watershed Project recruited high school students from Making Waves to participate and earn community service hours. They removed invasive plants and placed effective weed control using integrated pest management (IPM) practices. The recycled newspapers, cardboard, and tree trimming mulch provide an effective pesticide-free barrier that prevents weeds from returning and allows the California native plants on the top of creek banks to flourish. On Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, the Kiwanis clubs in the area will provide another volunteer opportunity at this same site on Baxter Creek. In addition to providing valuable work in this beautiful section of stream, participants learn IPM, to identify native and invasive plants, and creek restoration techniques.

9. **Recreation Highlights**

**Black History Celebration:** The Recreation Department hosted the annual City-wide Black History Celebration on Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. Over 400 guests dined while watching "The Black List," followed by a singing performance from City of Richmond employee Jacqueline McBride, a history of Richmond discussion, presentation of the Civil Rights Flag by former Mayor Irma Anderson, an African dance and ballet from Art of Ballet in Richmond, demonstrations from the Yuan Ji class of the Richmond Senior Center, line dancing from the seniors of the Booker T. Anderson Community Center, and praise dancing from Divine Angelz of Praiz, Roland Byrd, Jr., and Nakita D. Thomas. There was also a fashion show featuring senior citizens and youth, in addition to an honoring of community members Lee Ester Lovingood, Mary Peace Head, Mildred Scott McConnell and the Martin Luther King Jr. Youth Advisory Group, all of whom have made positive contributions to the City of Richmond.

Winter Break: The Shields Reid Community Center hosted youth, ages 6 to 11, from the North Richmond area, during winter break recess, from February 22<sup>nd</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup>. Participants spent the week working on arts and crafts, swimming at the Plunge, playing games, and attending the snow tubing trip where the Youth Activities Section escorted 29 youth, ages 9 to 17, to Boreal Snow and Ski Resort on Thursday, February 24<sup>th</sup>.

10. **Engineering Services Capital Improvement Project Updates**

Martin Luther King Jr. Park: The green synthetic turf started rolling out this week at the Martin Luther King Jr. Park signifying a major milestone in its construction. It will take another couple of weeks to complete this phase of the work. Next week, the restroom building will be installed and the field lights will go up. All of this work is focused on completion by the end of April.

Quiet Zone West 5 (Port Honda): Engineering staff continues to work on the vacation of 4<sup>th</sup> Street. The site map and legal description is complete. Approval of the street vacation resolution is scheduled for the March 15<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting. Notifications have been sent to all utility owners.

11. **Public Works Updates**

Facilities:

The carpenters and utility worker crews have completed all preparations for Saturday's celebration at the Nevin Community Center.

The Utility Division will be preparing to pressure wash Civic Center Plaza and clean the windows at the Art Center and Auditorium.

The stationary engineers have been working on the heating units and furnaces at the Richmond Art and Richmond Recreation Centers, and have ordered a new unit for the Art Center.

Painters have been repainting portions of the Richmond Recreation Center.

Electrical:

The electricians have been working on repairing the lighting at the Richmond Auditorium and on the replacement of the Civic Center sign. They have also been working with PG&E on the series lighting re-lamp project and will start the disconnections to replace lamps on Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup> (weather permitting). The first areas scheduled for lamp replacement are around the John F. Kennedy Park/Park Plaza

neighborhood, Overend Avenue and path, Reece Court and path, Taft Avenue and path, Wall Avenue, South 39<sup>th</sup>, South 41<sup>st</sup>, South 42<sup>nd</sup>, South 45<sup>th</sup>, South 46<sup>th</sup>, South 47<sup>th</sup>, South 49<sup>th</sup>, and South 50<sup>th</sup> Streets.

Parks:

Parks crews repaired irrigation on the East Macdonald medians and prepared ball fields at all City parks, as they opened on March 1<sup>st</sup>. The tree crew trimmed 14 trees and removed 2 large trees. Next week, crews will be continuing with planting and irrigation work on Carlson Boulevard, weed abatement in the Hilltop Business District, as well as general maintenance throughout the City.

Streets:

The weather prevented crews from paving this week, but crews worked from the pothole list, patching various locations throughout the City. Staff was also on “storm patrol” where they tried to prevent flooding by clearing drains in various areas that Veolia may not have been able to service.

Next week, crews will continue to work on potholes, and if weather permits, will begin with dig-outs on Burlingame Avenue to Santa Clara Avenue.

*Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments about these or any other items of interest to you.*

***Have a great week!***

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2010 Community Benefit Year-End Program Evaluation
Beyond Violence

I. PROGRAM INFORMATION

Program Manager: Kacey Hansen Entity/Location: Trauma
Evaluation Period: 2010 Annual Budget:
Program Year: [ ] Planning Year [X] New Program (1st year) [ ] Ongoing Program (2+ years)

A. Program Description

Beyond Violence is a program launched in 2010 in the cities of Richmond and being developed in the city of Antioch with the collaboration of John Muir Health's Trauma Department, Contra Costa Health Services (CCHS) and community based organizations. The program identifies trauma patients between the ages of 14-25 who are victims of intentional injuries (e.g. knife assault, gunshot, assault) and reside in the cities of Antioch or Richmond. Identified patients are referred to a Beyond Violence Intervention Specialist (IS) from their community. The IS supports the injured patient and their family and friends cope with the injury, and assists the patient with follow-up care and connects them to community resources to promote healthy choices and avoid street violence.

B. Program Goal

To reduce recidivism and retaliation in Contra Costa County, specifically in Richmond and Antioch

C. Program Objectives

- 1. By March 2010, the Beyond Violence pilot in Antioch will be implemented
2. In 2010, JMH social workers will obtain signed consents from 80% of eligible patients
3. In 2010, Interventionists will obtain signed consents from 60% of referred patients
4. In 2010, 70% of clients will remain engaged in the program for at least 6 months
5. In 2010, 90% of clients will still be alive after 12 months
6. In 2010, 70% of clients will not have been involved in a criminal incident within 12 months of beginning the Beyond Violence program

II. VULNERABLE POPULATION CRITERIA

A. Describe the target population

Intentional injury victims ages 14-25 and their families in the cities of Richmond and Antioch

B. Barriers to Care (check all that apply)

- [X] Racial/Cultural [X] Low Income [X] Uninsured/Underinsured
[ ] Frail Elderly [ ] Language [ ] Lack of Transportation
[ ] Social Isolation [ ] Mentally Ill [X] Limited Voice (e.g. kids, disabled)
[ ] Undocumented [X] Other (please specify) Street Violence

C. Social Determinants of Health (check all that apply)

- [ ] Education [ ] Physical Environment [ ] Employment & Working Conditions
[ ] Gender [ ] Income & Social Status [X] Personal Behavior & Coping Skills
[X] Culture [X] Health Services [X] Social Support Networks

III. PARTNERSHIP CRITERIA

A. Describe the role of JMH

JMH receives trauma patients and refers intentional injury victims to Intervention Specialists.

B. What JMH skills and expertise does this program relate to?

Beyond Violence uses the capacity of the JMH trauma and social services department to identify eligible patients and refer them to Intervention Specialists.

**C. Please list and describe the roles of partnerships with existing community-based organizations**

The following partnerships with local cities and health organizations have been developed.

- *City of Richmond Office of Neighborhood Safety* provides intervention specialists and support services to patients and families on reentry to home environment.
- *Contra Costa Health Services* is a referral partner and accepts referred patients and provides them with needed services.
- *One Day at a Time* provides intervention specialists and support services to patients and families on reentry to home environment.
- *Williams Group* provides intervention specialists and support services to patients and families on reentry to home environment.
- *Youth Intervention Network* is a referral partner and accepts referred patients and provides them with family mediation and case management.

**D. Please list and describe the roles of new or potential partnerships with community-based organizations**

**IV. IMPACT CRITERIA**

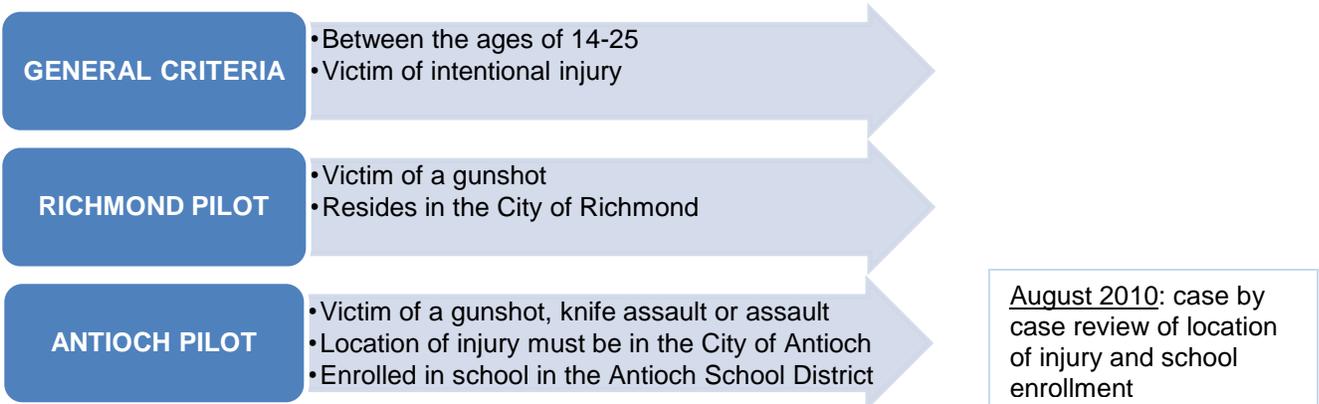
**A. How Much Did You Do?**

Objective 1: By March 2010, the Beyond Violence pilot in Antioch will be implemented

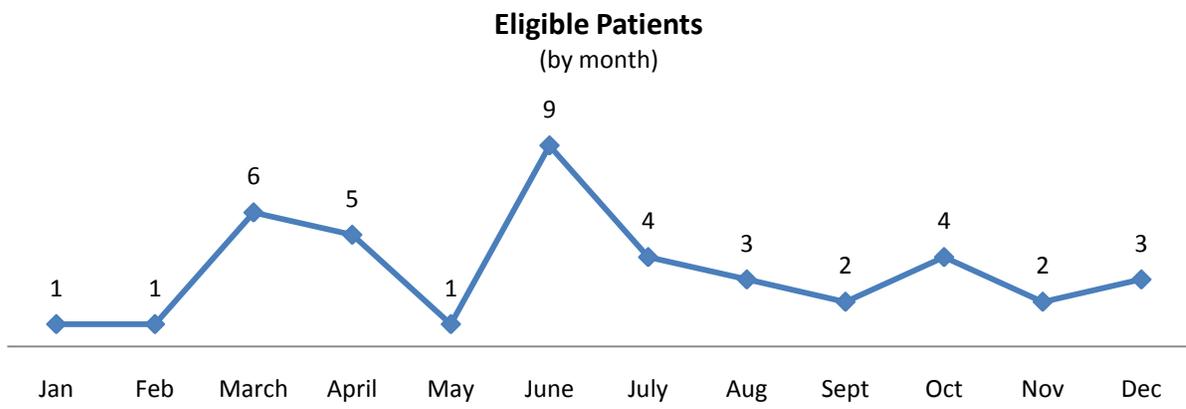
As of February 2010, all contracted One Day at a Time (ODAT) and The Williams Group (TWG) staff had completed the appropriate hospital orientation for contractors (e.g. background check, TB tests, etc.) and a service agreement between ODAT and TWG and JMH had been signed. **The protocols have been put into position and the program officially began in March 2010.**

Objective 2: In 2010, JMH social workers will obtain signed consents from 80% of eligible patients

**Beyond Violence Eligibility**

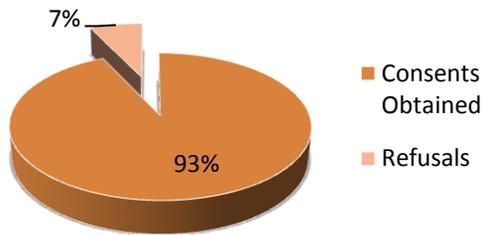


Between January and December 2010, a total of **41 patients were identified** by JMH staff as eligible for the Beyond Violence program. June had the largest number of referrals (9 referrals); consistent with research stating that the violence rate typically increases when the weather becomes warmer.



### Consent Received by JMH Social Workers

In 2010, *John Muir Health Social Workers obtained consents from 93% of eligible patients.*



The 2 of the 3 refusals to consent were patients who were 21 years of age or older. The inclusion of the 21-25 year old population in the eligibility criteria presents a challenge as this population is harder to engage because they are less likely to have familial connections and support.

The other refusal was from a patient who was moving to another city outside of Contra Costa County.

### Referrals to Beyond Violence

After identifying eligible patients and obtaining consent, *JMH Social Workers referred a total of 38 patients* to the Beyond Violence program in 2010.



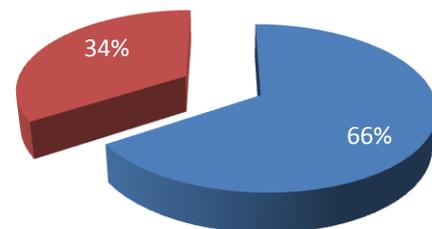
The 38 patients with obtained consents were referred to either the Richmond or Antioch pilot depending on the location of the intentional injury and the residence of the victim. *The majority of patients (66%) were referred to the Richmond pilot.*

When patients are referred to a pilot, they are connected with Interventionists from community based organizations.

All patients referred to the Richmond Pilot work with Interventionists from the Office of Neighborhood Safety (ONS). Patients referred to the Antioch Pilot work with Interventionists from One Day At A Time (ODAT) if the patient is between the ages of 14-18, or The Williams Group (TWG) if the patient is between the ages of 19-25

### Referrals

(by pilot)



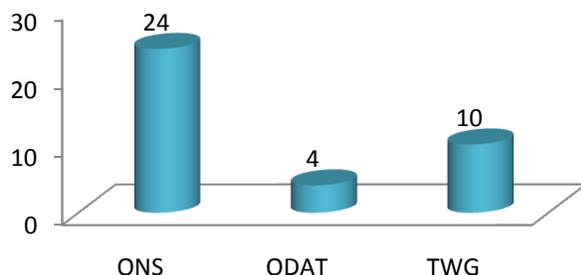
■ Richmond Pilot ■ Antioch Pilot

### Client Volume and Contacts

The 38 patient referrals were referred to interventionists from the following organizations: Office of Neighborhood Safety (ONS), One Day At A Time (ODAT), and The Williams Group (TWG)

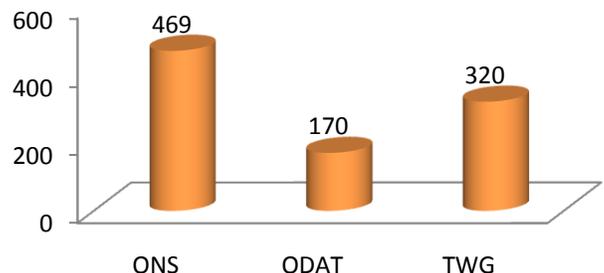
#### Client Volume

(by organization)



#### Client Contacts

(by organization)



ONS had the largest number of clients (24), followed by The Williams Group (10), and ODAT (4). ODAT had a smaller client load because there were fewer 14-18 year old victims of intentional violence.

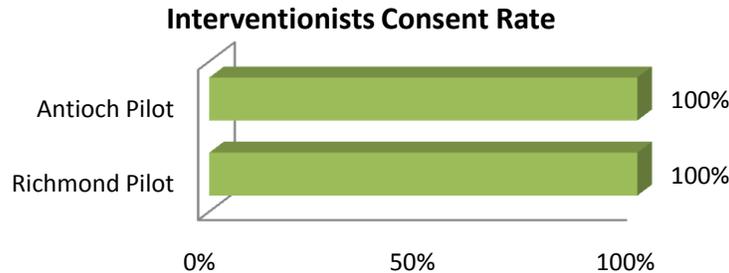
“Client contacts” refers to the number of times an Interventionist connected with the client via a phone check-in, one on one meeting, family meeting, etc.

**B. How Well Did You Do It?**

Objective 3: In 2010, Interventionists will obtain signed consents from 60% of referred patients

**Consents Received by Beyond Violence Interventionists**

After consent is obtained by the social worker a referral is issued to Beyond Violence and an interventionist visits the patient to establish a relationship and introduce the Beyond Violence program. The Interventionists obtains consent from the patient to participate in Beyond Violence. **The combined consent rate for both the Richmond and Antioch pilot was 100%, exceeding the objective.**



The interventionists attribute their success in obtaining consents to their ability to relate to the clients and familiarity with the communities. Both Richmond and Antioch Interventionists share that the relationship with the client begins at the bedside by expressing empathy and demonstrating genuine care and respect for the client, their family, and neighborhood. The Interventionists in both pilots have a strong presence in the community and are known by many community members. This adds an element of trust that allows the client to be more receptive to a program like Beyond Violence.

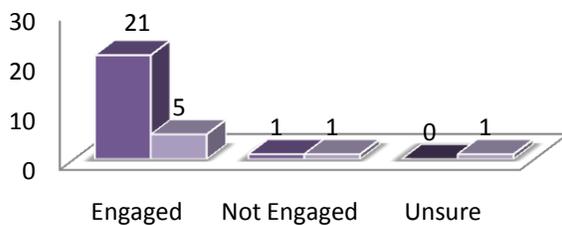
Objective 4: In 2010, 70% of clients will remain engaged in the program for at least 6 months

**Client Engagement**

Follow-up is conducted every 3, 6 and 12 months from the referral date to assess if the clients remain engaged. Client engagement begins at the first initial contact upon providing consent. Engagement continues when the client does the following:

- Responsive to the Interventionists' phone calls and text messages
- Attends scheduled meetings
- Makes an effort and/or progress toward individualized goals
- Follows-up and/or attends programs, events or activities recommended by the Interventionists.

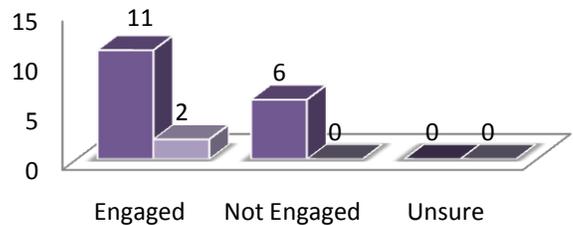
**3 Month Follow-up: Client Engagement**



■ Richmond Pilot (out of 22) ■ Antioch Pilot (out of 7)

In 2010, **90% of clients remain engaged** in Beyond Violence after 3 months.

**6 Month Follow-up: Client Engagement**



■ Richmond Pilot (out of 17) ■ Antioch Pilot (out of 2)

In 2010, **68% of clients remain engaged** in Beyond Violence after 6 months.

Please note: 12 month follow-up data was not available for any clients because both pilots did not receive their first referral until the beginning of 2010.

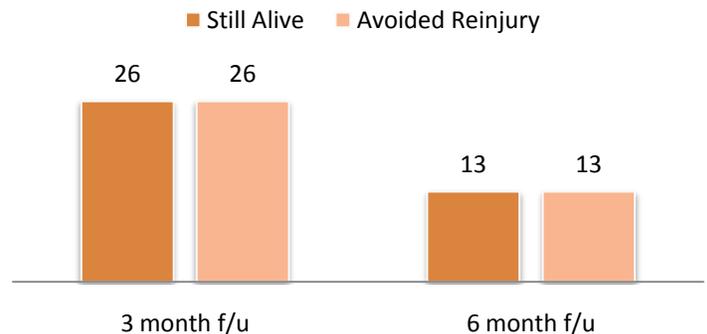
### C. Is Anyone Better Off?

Objective 5: In 2010, 90% of clients will still be alive after 12 months

#### Health Status of Client

Follow-up is conducted every 3, 6 and 12 months from the referral date to assess if the clients are alive and have avoided reinjury.

- 3 Month Follow-Up: Out of the 26 engaged clients from both pilots, **100% remain alive and avoided reinjury after 3 months.**
- 6 Month Follow-Up: Out of the 13 engaged clients from both pilots, **100% remain alive and avoided reinjury after 6 months.**



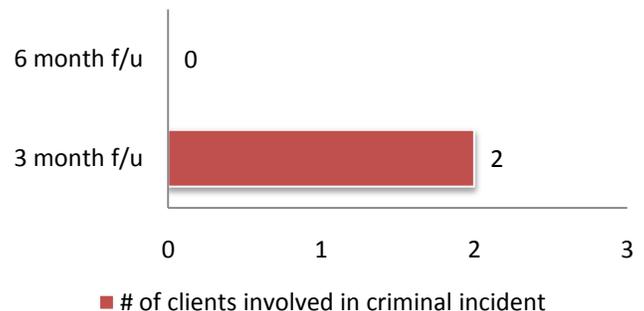
Note: Data only reported on engaged clients

Objective 6: In 2010, 70% of clients will not have been involved in a criminal incident within 12 months of beginning the Beyond Violence program

#### Behavior Change

Follow-up is conducted every 3, 6 and 12 months from the referral date to assess if the clients have been involved in a criminal incident.

- 3 Month Follow-Up: After 3 months of participating in the program, 2 out of 26 engaged clients (8%) were involved in a criminal incident. The remaining **23 clients were not involved in a criminal incident.**
- 6 Month Follow-Up: After 6 months of participating in the program **none of the engaged clients were involved in a criminal incident.**



Interventionists report that the key to facilitating change is connecting with the client, providing a consistent source of support, and encouraging involvement in positive alternate activities. The consistency and authenticity of the Interventionists has been critically important in forging a trusting relationship where the client feels comfortable reaching out for help. The client-interventionist relationship is complimented with intensive wrap-around services that provide clients with resources to meet their immediate needs (e.g. food, housing, employment, etc) as well as a supportive network of peers and adults that promote positive lifestyles and the development of decision-making skills. The interventionists also encourage client involvement in positive recreational/social activities that provide alternatives to situations that could potentially put the client at risk for re-injury, re-entry or death. Another source of support in keeping these clients alive and clear of criminal incidents are the street engagement/outreach teams that are deployed to the neighborhoods where the incidents occurred. These teams mitigate conflicts and prevent further escalation of violence.

#### Success Stories

Stopping the Cycle of Violence – Richmond Pilot

*JR is a 25 year old African American male who suffered several gunshot wounds to the neck and head area. Prognosis for his survival when shooting first occurred appeared extremely bleak, but due to the excellent care he received at JMH and a strong supportive family he survived. JR has been connected to in-home therapy sessions and the ONS Interventionist is a constant source of encouragement. JR asked the ONS Interventionist to work intensively with his younger brother whom he feared would befall injury or become a perpetrator of violence in retaliation of what happened to JR. The ONS Interventionist immediately began engaging JR's younger brother who is now involved in another ONS program. Both JR and his brother have not been involved in any retaliation and JR continues to consistently improve.*

### A Paraplegic For Life – Antioch Pilot

*CJ is a 23 year-old single father of one and a complete paraplegic as a result of four gunshot wounds to the neck and chest at point blank range. He dropped out of high school in 9<sup>th</sup> grade was unemployed and homeless at the time of his injury. CJ was released to his mother's home and the Interventionist began to help CJ work through his Post Traumatic Stress, the anticipation of criminal proceeding against the perpetrator, and the denial of his new reality of being unable to walk at 23 years of age. CJ's resiliency and the support of the Interventionist have contributed to his success thus far. CJ is excelling in physical therapy and participated as a member of a panel for Contra Costa County's District 5 Supervisor Federal Glover's Gang Summit. CJ is determined to learn from his near death experience, taking a perceived obstacle and converting it into an opportunity! CJ is anxious to complete his education and launch his business venture and is driven by his second chance at life, God and giving back to his community.*