Science in Service of Cities.
Killing of Chicago Student Unsettles Campus Life
OUR APPROACH

DEMONSTRATION ➔ $$$
REDIRECT PUBLIC RESOURCES
Gun violence in the US

• 41 gun homicides and 192 non-fatal gun injuries per day in US

• Young black men die from homicide at 24 times the rate of their white counterparts

• Social cost of gun violence on order of $100 billion per year, or ~90% of social cost of violence

Sources: Centers for Disease Control, NEDS, Cook & Ludwig 2000
Chicago homicide rate in the middle of other big cities

Source: FBI Uniform Crime Reports (UCR)
Chicago homicide rate, 1985-2016

- 1985: 768 Homicide Victims
- 2016: 27.8
- 2015: 17.5

Homicides per 100,000

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But 87% of shooting victims 18+

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Ages of Shooting Victims (2016)

Source: FBI Uniform Crime Reports (UCR)
Evidence that CBT and jobs can reduce violence involvement
READI Chicago
Programming

**RELENTLESS ENGAGEMENT**
Intensive outreach that won’t give up on difficult-to-engage participants

**COGNITIVE BEHAVIORAL THERAPY**
CBT infused throughout READI including group sessions

**CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**
Increased responsibilities, pay raises, sector-based training

**SUPPORT SERVICES**
One-on-one development sessions, referrals to critical supports
What would have happened without READI?
Shooting and homicide victimizations per 100 people over 20 months

- **READI Control Group**: 11
- **READI Neighborhoods, Men 18-34**: 3.2
- **Chicago, Men 18-34**: 0.9
- **Chicago, All**: 0.2
We are learning a lot about their experiences

- 95% Have ever been arrested
- 79% Have been a victim of a violent crime
- 37% Have ever been shot
- 75% Have lost a family member to gun violence
- 58% Have children
- 14% Are housing insecure
Thank you

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