

Trauma and stress from life events and during police interactions, such as questioning or reporting a crime, have shown to be a primary deterrent for community connectedness and accessing services or reporting a crime. However, research suggests that trauma-informed care (TIC) training increases community connectedness, trauma understanding, and use-of-force incidents, improving community-police relationships. This study aims to explore the impact of a TIC policing initiative on violent crime rates in Kensington, Philadelphia. The Police Trauma Training Pilot Program recruited officers in Kensington Police District 24 for training sessions in Summer 2021 focusing on trauma-informed policing, adverse childhood experiences, and community engagement. This will serve as the intervention variable. Violent crime data from January 1, 2017, to December 31, 2023, will be accessed via the Philadelphia Police Department and used to assess the Program's impact using an interrupted time series (ITS) design. The study aims to evaluate whether this Program is effective in relation to community violence.