

Senate Appropriations Committee Report 106-166, Accompanying S 1650, 2000

Recent incidents of school violence highlights the need for a long term response that incorporates prevention of problem issues for youth before they become manifested in violent behavior. The Committee has allocated \$12,500,000 above the request to initiate a national strategy. Of the increase provided, the Committee has included \$10,000,000 to support the establishment of ten national centers of excellence at academic health centers that will serve as national models for the prevention of youth violence. These centers should: (1) develop and implement a multi-disciplinary research agenda on the risk and protective factors for youth violence, on the interaction of environmental and individual risk factors, and on preventive and therapeutic interventions; (2) develop and evaluate preventive interventions for youth violence, establishing strong linkages to the community, schools, and social service and health organizations; (3) develop a community response plan for youth violence, bringing together diverse perspectives, including health and mental health professionals, educators, the media, parents, young individuals, police, legislators, public health specialists, and business leaders; and (4) develop a curriculum for the training of health care professionals on violent behavior identification, assessment, and intervention with high risk youth, and integrate this curriculum into medical, nursing, and other health professional training programs.

Senate Report 109-103 - DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATION BILL, 2006

Youth Violence.—The Committee has included \$2,500,000 above the fiscal year 2005 level for CDC's youth violence prevention activities. The Committee notes that the level of youth violence in cities around the Nation is troubling. The city of Philadelphia, in particular, has experienced a spike in youth violence. The Committee encourages CDC to use some of the increase to address the growing number and seriousness of violent acts committed by youth in urban areas such as Philadelphia.