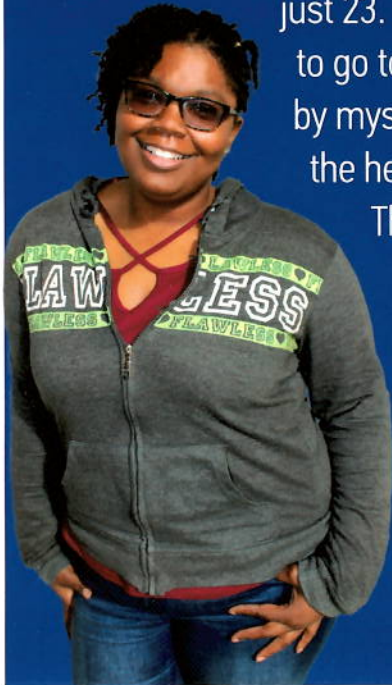




HOSPITAL VIOLENCE INTERVENTION PROGRAM

“ I never understood being at the **wrong place** at the **wrong time** until I experienced it. It’s taken some time but I realize I have to live my life. I’m just 23. I can’t be afraid to go to the grocery by myself. I need all the help I can get.



The **Hospital Violence Intervention Program** is helping me a lot. ”

Eboni Woodard
Gun violence victim and Rx for Change participant

Rx for Change is Regional One Health's Hospital Violence Intervention Program (HVIP) that is designed to intervene and offer support and guidance to victims of violence. Staff Interventionists engage with patients who present to the Elvis Presley Trauma Center as a result of gun-shot wound, knife-stab wound and assaults, and who are between the ages of 14 and 24 and live in the Memphis/Shelby County area.

Rx for Change connects clients with community resource partners with three objectives: reduce retaliation levels, allow clients to achieve personal goals and reduce repeat intentional injuries.

We meet our clients at the hospital bedside to begin assessing their needs and appropriate resource partner, such as:

- Connect clients to programs and organizations that help participants make better life choices
- Encourage education and job readiness training
- Assist clients in job search
- Refer clients to community resources
- Encourage clients to complete medical appointments in order to ensure physical recovery
- Assist clients with completion of paperwork, including Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund

PROGRAM IMPACT

THE PERCENTAGE OF TRAUMA VICTIMS WHO RETURNED FOR A SEPARATE VIOLENT INJURY

44%
BEFORE
THE PROGRAM

4%
AFTER
THE PROGRAM

Regional One Health, in collaboration with then-Memphis Mayor A C Wharton Jr.'s Memphis Gun Down effort, started Rx for Change in August 2013.

Rx for Change partners with community organizations that provide a range of services to clients, including job training, GED assistance, health services, violence support and job placement. It's our job to help clients get back to life after a traumatic event. Our mission is to offer support and guidance along with connecting clients to meaningful resources.

VIOLENCE IS A PREVENTABLE HEALTH CARE ISSUE.

For further information and opportunities in regards to the Hospital Violence Intervention Program, please call **901-515-HVIP** or email **violenceintervention@regionalonehealth.org**.