



Violence in the Community: Impact On Youth

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Mission

YouthBuild Newark is a youth and community development agency that serves at-risk young adults aged 16 to 24, most of whom are out of school and re-entry or gang-affiliated. Through rigorous academic instruction and vocational training, YouthBuild Newark has established itself as one of the most effective youth development programs in the greater Newark area and the state of New Jersey. The effectiveness of YouthBuild has garnered local, state and federal support.

Project

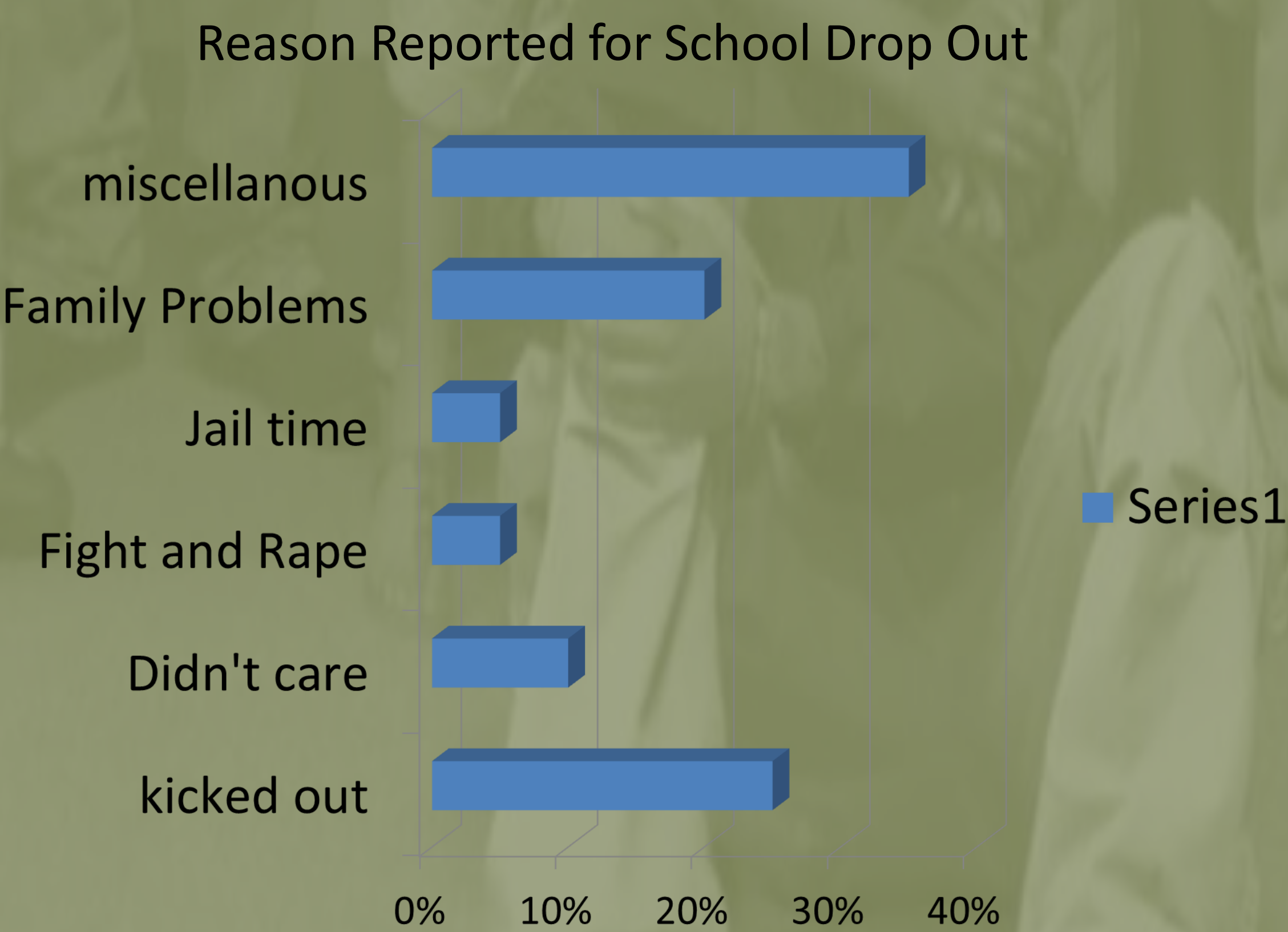
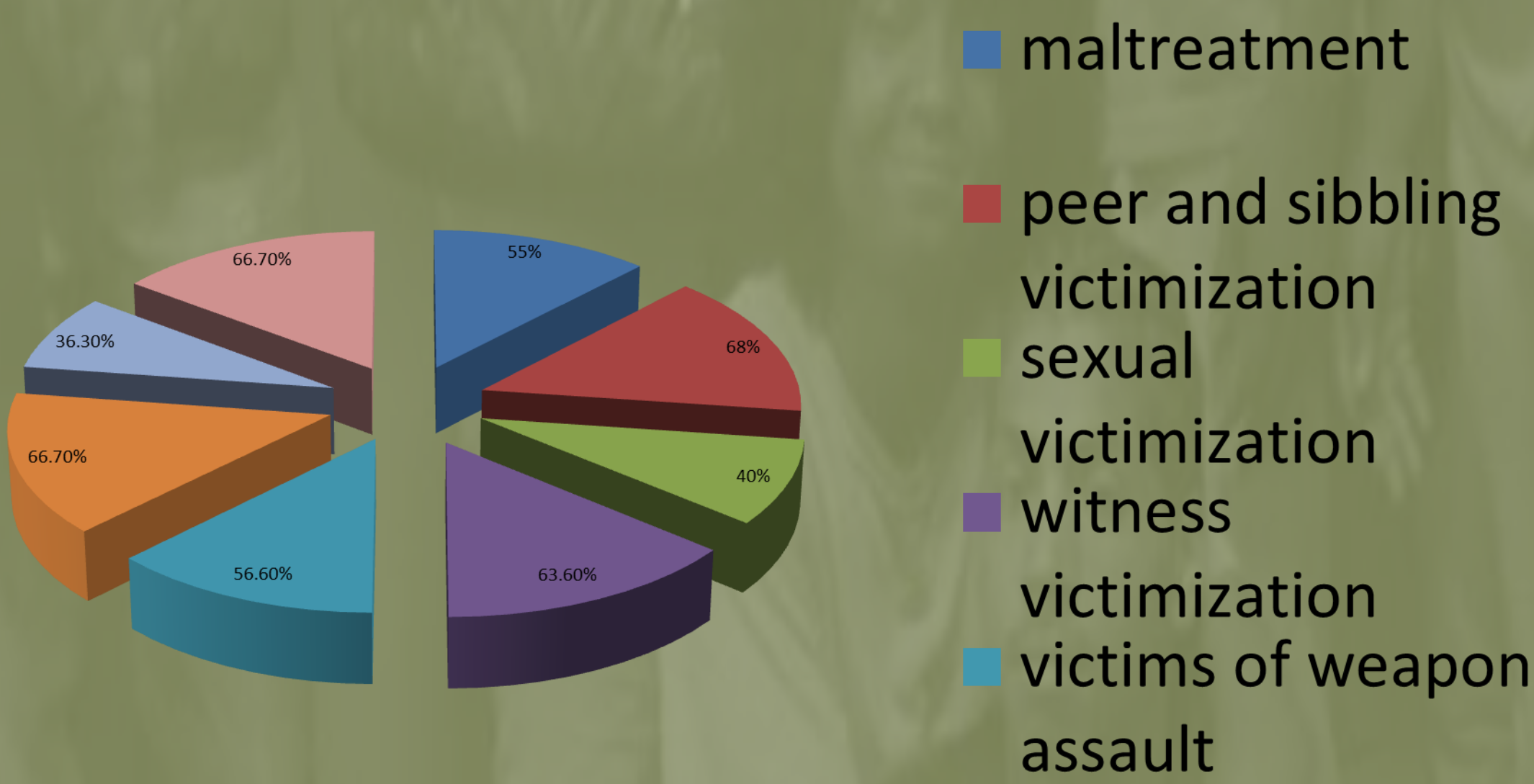
We provided academic instruction to young people preparing for the General Educational Development (GED) test as well as life skills development instruction for students preparing for job interviews. In addition we developed a short survey that was given to youth at Youth Build on their perceptions of violence in the community. Data from the survey will be used by YouthBuild to pursue additional program support from funders

Bridging the Gaps Focus Areas
Adopted from Healthy People 2010 and HP 2020: Health Communication; Injury and Violence Prevention; Mental Health; Responsible Sexual Behavior; Substance Abuse

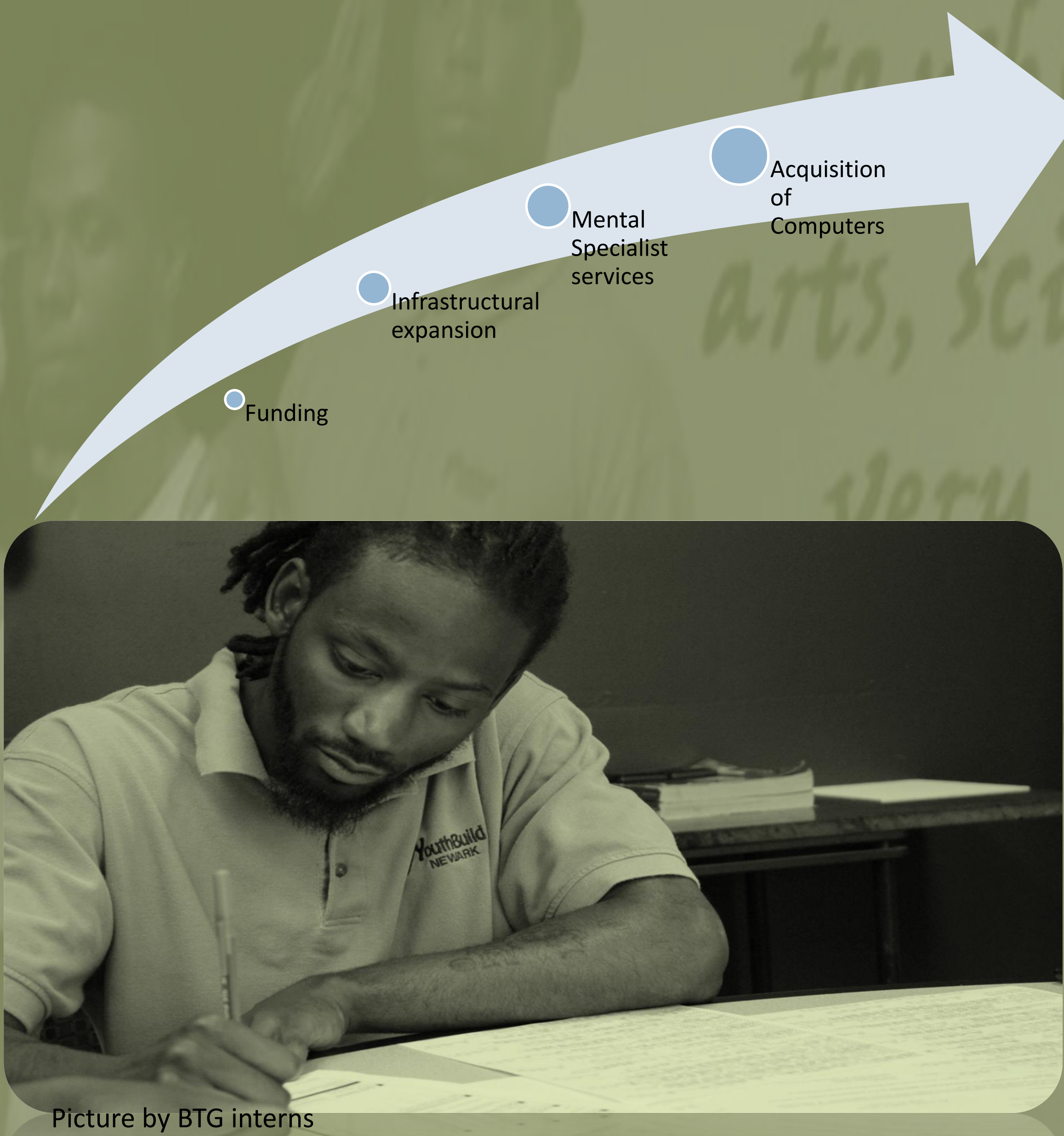
Survey

- A total of 26 participants were recruited for the survey but 24 participated (14 males and 10 females ranging in age between 16-24 years)
- Stage 1 Our survey asked questions about client experiences with violence. In addition we used different scenarios to explore perceptions of violence including sexual abuse, domestic violence and physical abuse.
- Stage 2 Survey data was analyzed

Results



Future Plans



Picture by BTG interns

Conclusion

- Violence is a public health issue. Its impact on mental health cannot be over emphasized. Community agencies such as YouthBuild are attempting to work with young people who are confronted with violence in their everyday lives. This presents many challenges and requires considerable resources. Additional funding to support YouthBuild programs is needed.

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