

THE SOCIAL WELFARE ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 280 of 1939

400.89 Definitions; community violence prevention services.

Sec. 89.

As used in this section and section 89a:

(a) "Community health worker" means an individual who meets all of the following conditions:

(i) Is a frontline public health worker.

(ii) Is a trusted member of the community and has an unusually close understanding of the community served that enables the individual to serve as an intermediary between health or social services and the community to facilitate access to services and improve the quality and cultural competence of service delivery.

(iii) Builds individual and community capacity by increasing health knowledge and self-sufficiency through a range of activities, including, but not limited to, outreach, community education, informal counseling, social support, or advocacy.

(b) "Community violence" means an intentional act of interpersonal violence committed by an individual who is not intimately related to the victim.

(c) "Community violence prevention services" means evidence-informed, trauma-informed, culturally responsive, supportive, and nonpsychotherapeutic services provided by a violence prevention professional, within or outside of a clinical setting.

(d) Community violence prevention services include, but are not limited to, peer support and counseling, mentorship, conflict mediation and crisis intervention, targeted case management, referrals to certified or licensed health care or social services providers, community and school support services, patient education and screening services, group and individual health education and health coaching, health navigation, transitions of care support, and screening and assessment for nonclinical and social needs, provided by a violence prevention professional to do all of the following:

(i) Promote improved health outcomes and positive behavioral change.

(ii) Prevent injury recidivism.

(iii) Reduce the likelihood that victims of acts of community violence will commit or promote violence.

(e) "Health professional" means an individual who is licensed, registered, or otherwise authorized to engage in a health profession under article 15 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.16101 to 333.18838.

(f) "Prevention professional" means an individual who works in a program that is aimed at addressing specific patient needs, including, but not limited to, suicide prevention, violence prevention, alcohol avoidance, drug avoidance, or tobacco prevention, and reducing the risk of relapse, injury, or re-injury to the patient.

(g) "Violence prevention professional" means a prevention professional who meets all the requirements of section 89a(2).

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