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**Psychological Intervention and Prevention Programs for Exposure to Community Violence: A Systematic Review**

The increasing rate of exposure to community violence (ECV) among children, adolescents, and young adults has been identified as a public health concern (Antunes & Ahlin, 2017; Kennedy & Ceballo, 2014).

Community violence poses risks to well-being and mental health. Extensive research has uncovered risk and protective factors that mediate and moderate the negative effects of such exposure at the individual, family, and community levels, suggesting potential pathways for intervention and prevention.

Data suggest that exposure to community violence requires intervention at multiple levels (universal, selective, indicated) with multiple population targets (parents, children, and youth) and across settings (home, school, and community).

There is some evidence for the effectiveness of these programs, the majority of which have been developed in the US, but no systematic review of programs in different contexts, and across countries has been undertaken.

In this presentation I report on some of the results of a systematic review the existing literature regarding intervention and prevention programs to reduce and ameliorate its negative consequences. The Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Review Guidelines (PRISMA, Moher et al., 2009) was employed to obtain a comprehensive update on the most current articles that deal with intervention and prevention programs for people affected by ECV and to synthesis the extant peer-reviewed empirical literature on these topics.

The review was conducted on the Psych-Info, Ovid Medline, PILOTS, Google Scholar, Academic Search Premier (EBESCO), Cochrane Library academic databases. The Results revealed 543 items, of which 22 found suitable according to the inclusion criteria. The results of the review and implications for future research will be discussed.

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