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# **Integrating Lessons from Race and Trauma in Local Services: Achieving Better Results at Lower Costs**

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“[Cities are] indispensable to the world. The world changes according to the way people see it, and if you alter, even by a millimeter, the way a person looks at reality, then you can change it.”

— James Baldwin

**America's [civic] systems are neither healthy, caring, nor a system.  
– Walter Cronkite**

**Juvenile Justice and Corrections Systems**

**School Systems**

**Child Welfare Systems**

**Public Health Care Systems**

# The Significance of Race in Local Public Services



- **Juvenile Justice and Corrections**
- **Child Welfare**
- **Schools**
- **Health Care**



# The Role of Structural Trauma in Local Public Services

*By slow violence I mean a violence that occurs gradually and out of sight, a violence of delayed destruction that is dispersed across time and space, an attritional violence that is typically not viewed as violence at all.*

– Rob Nixon, 2011



# The Role of Gun Violence

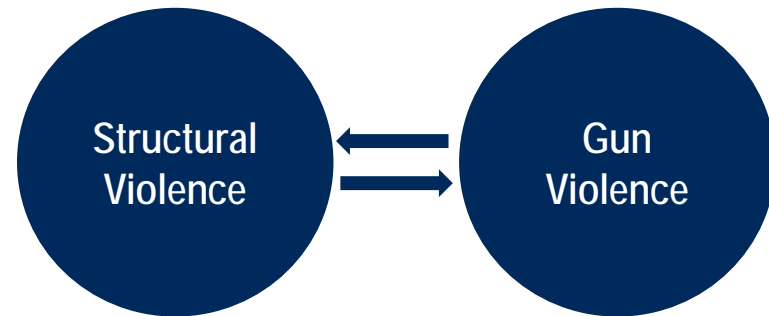
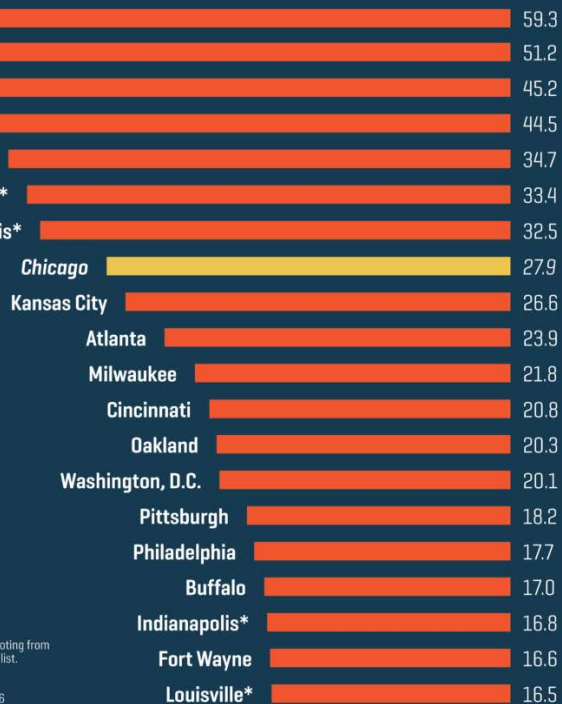
## CHICAGO'S HOMICIDE SURGE IN CONTEXT

*The 762 murders recorded by the city in 2016 place it eighth among large cities when adjusted for population.*



Note: The city of Orlando has excluded the victims of the Pulse nightclub shooting from its 2016 homicide count. Its adjusted rate was not high enough to make this list.

SOURCES: Police data, news reports  
\*reflects partial homicide counts reported as of November or December 2016



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## Loud vs. Silent Traumas

**Homicide**

Hearing Gunshots

Witnessing

Victimization

# Silent Traumas





# Lower Costs and Better Outcomes

- Increasing public awareness & campaigns
- Improving detection
- Increase evidenced-based interventions
- Locate mental health systems in principal settings
- Enhance interagency collaborations

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