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About Us

The Center for Nonviolence and Social Justice was established at the Drexel University Schools of Public Health and Medicine in 2007 with generous support from the [Thomas Scattergood Behavioral Health Foundation](#). The mission of the Center is to decrease violence and trauma through public health policy, practice, research and training. To learn more about our work, visit www.nonviolenceandsocialjustice.org.

Healing Hurt People expansion

The [Healing Hurt People](#) program at the Center for Nonviolence and Social Justice will be expanding its services to the trauma department at **St. Christopher's Hospital for Children**. This expansion will enable St. Christopher's to provide additional mental health and social support to young victims of trauma and intentional injury between the ages of 8 and 21. Located in close proximity to several public schools, a primary impetus for this expansion is the high incident rate of intentional injury among school-age children. This partnership will utilize St. Christopher's pre-existing relationship with the Philadelphia School District to connect intentionally injured youth identified by the Office of School Climate and Safety with Healing Hurt People.

In its expansion to St. Christopher's, HHP will seek to engage parents and guardians and include them in the healing process, including participation in [S.E.L.F. psychoeducational groups](#). The program will continue to act as a bridge between physical and mental health services for its clients using a trauma-informed approach.

In the news

A new F.B.I. report shows a decrease in the rate of violence crimes in 2008; however, the same report reveals a huge disparity in the rates of homicide in black males versus white males. A recent *New York Times* article states: "The F.B.I. figures show that nearly as many black people as white were homicide victims in 2008, even though 80 percent of Americans are white, compared with 13 percent who are black... To put it another way, based on census figures for white and black men of all ages, a black man was roughly six times as likely to be a homicide victim as a white man in 2008." Read the full article [here](#).

Sandra Bloom invited to study effects of paternal incarceration

Via [PA House of Representatives Resolution 203](#), the Joint State Government Commission has invited [Dr. Sandra Bloom](#) to be part of a committee that will study the effects of parental incarceration on children. The committee has been charged with recommending a system to assess the needs of children of incarcerated parents, services available to them, and barriers to providing those services. The committee is expected to make their recommendations by June of 2011.

