



**Indianapolis**

*Gregory A. Ballard, Mayor*

# ***Early Education and Public Safety Initiative***

*Mayor Gregory A. Ballard*

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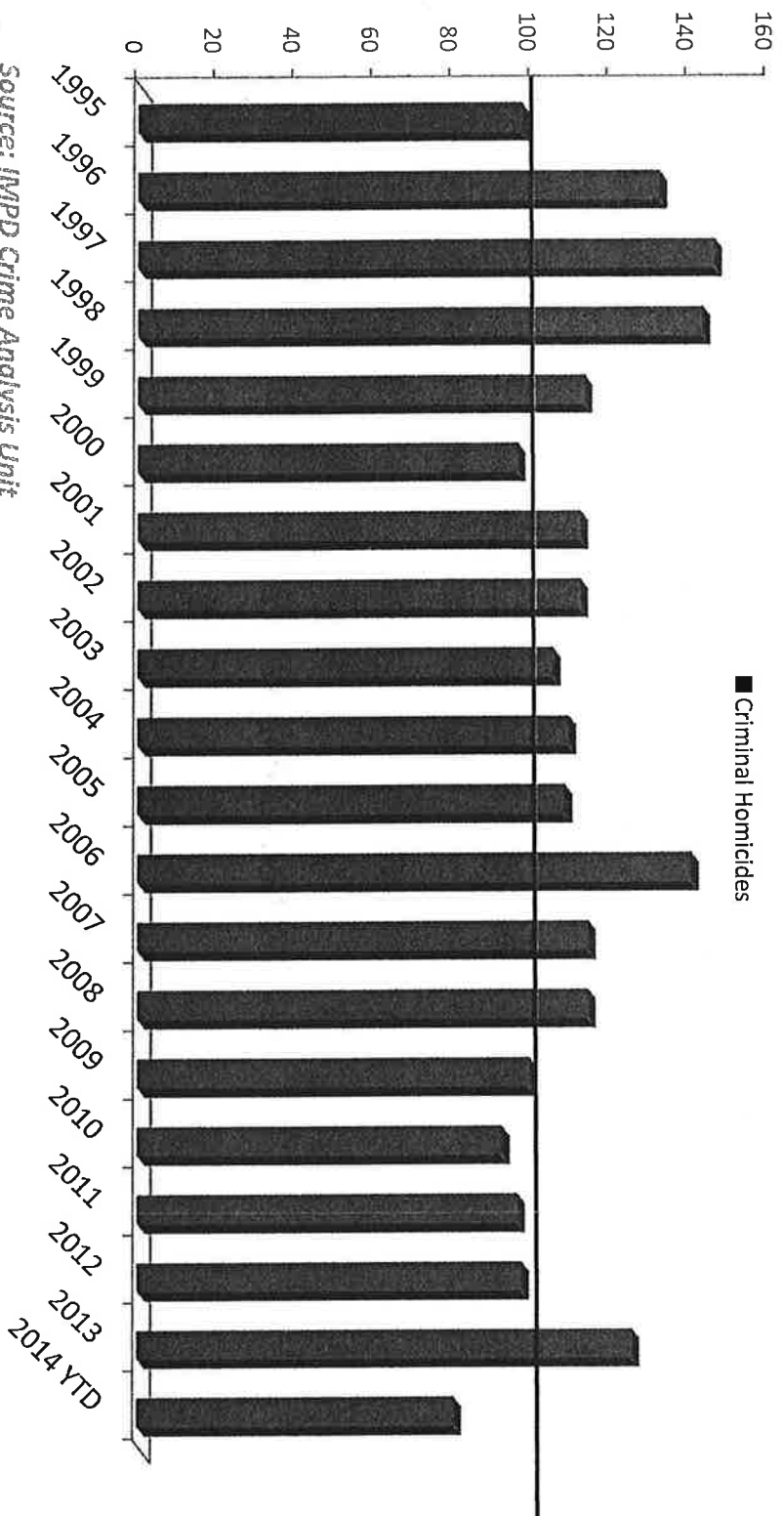
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## Current Murder Statistics



*Crime in Indy is a result of generations of  
not addressing the root cause with long-term solutions*



## Current Murder Statistics

- **92% of murder suspects had prior adult criminal history**
  - **71% had previous crimes against another person arrest**
  - **43% had previous drug arrest**
  - **39% had previous weapons arrest**
  - **These suspects accounted for 180 adult felony arrests.**
- **83% of murder victims had prior adult criminal history**
  - **66% had previous drug arrest**
  - **61% had previous crimes against another person arrest**
  - **45% had previous weapons arrest**
  - **These victims accounted for 260 adult felony arrests**
- **76% of murder victims knew their attacker**
- **48% of criminal homicides have drugs / robbery as the motive**
- **33% murders were related to fights/revenge**
- **9% of murders were domestic**

***Those with criminal histories continue to commit crime***

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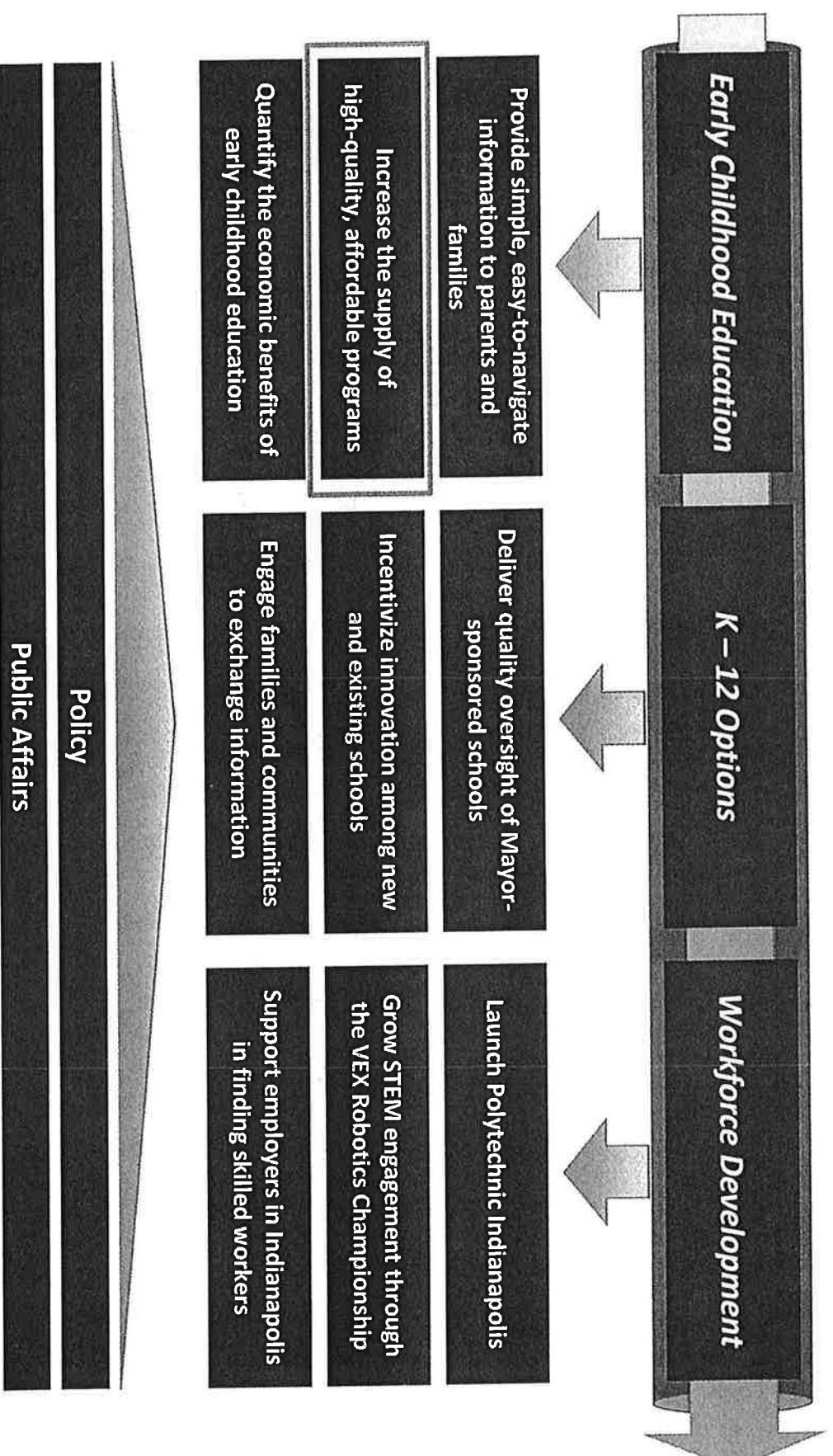
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# Prevention



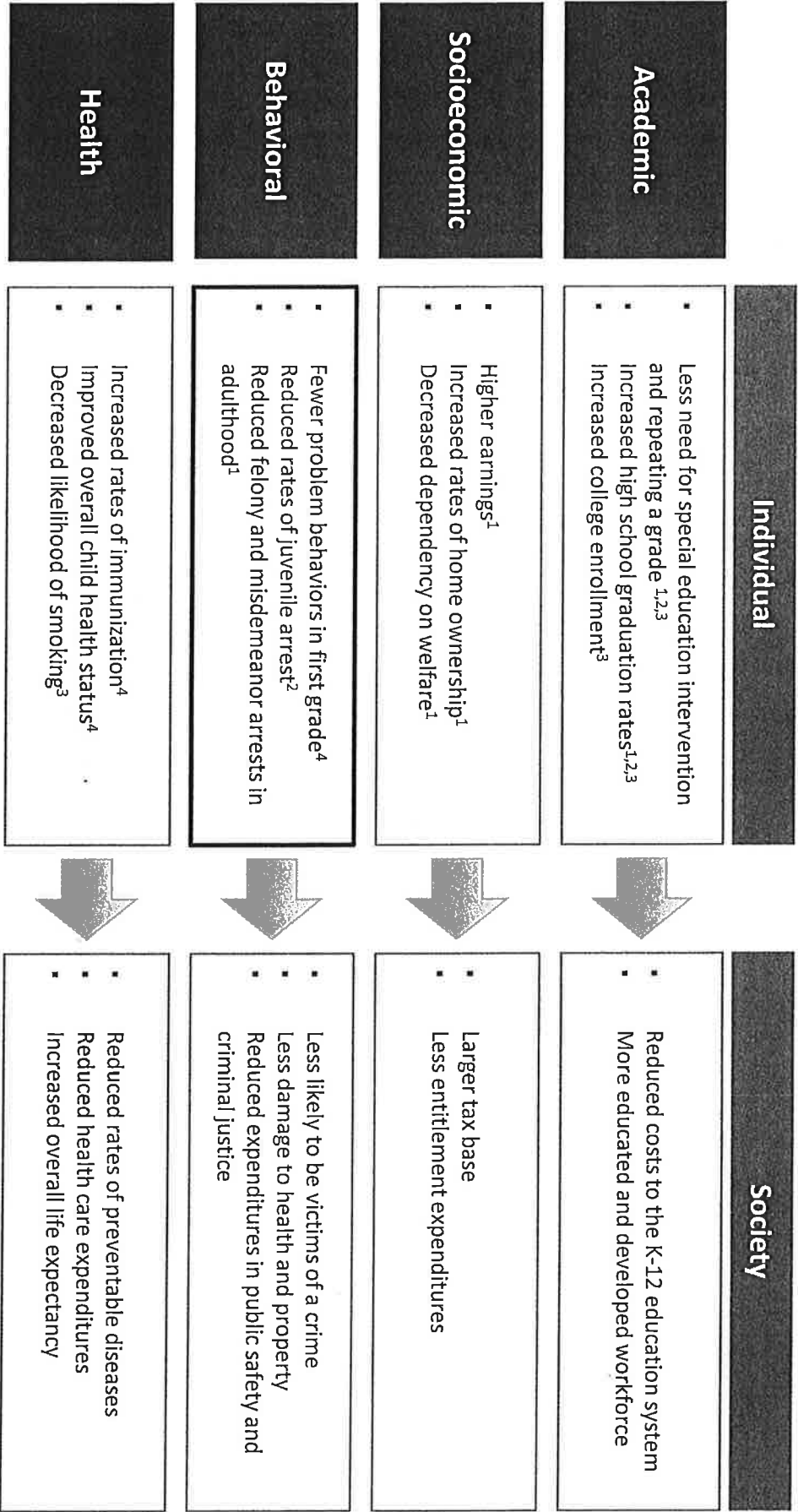
*Expanding access to high-quality pre-school was one of the fundamental elements in our strategic plan.*





# Prevention

*Evidence is clear. High-quality early preschool makes our city safer and improves academic, socioeconomic, behavioral, and health outcomes for children living in poverty.*



<sup>1</sup>Perry Preschool Project  
<sup>2</sup>Chicago Child-Parent Centers

<sup>3</sup>Abecedarian Project  
<sup>4</sup>Head Start



## Prevention

- *\$25M program expands scholarship/eligibility for pre-school*
  - *Scholarships designed to make pre-school affordable for families in need*
  - *1,300 children per year whose families qualify for free/reduced school lunch*
  - *Coordinated through United Way of Central Indiana*
  - *\$1M per year to expand and replicate high-quality (level 3 & level 4) preschool programs*
  - *Seek a one to one match to expand access to the full need*
- *Preschool scholarship program funded by elimination of local homestead credit*
  - *NOT \$45,000 state-controlled homestead deduction*
  - *40% of homeowners already at 1% cap – no impact*
  - *Average impact of \$1.84 per month for homeowners not at caps already*

*Scholarships could be available to children beginning in Fall of 2015*





## Prevention

- *Expand conflict resolution programs through Indy Parks*
  - *1/3 of expulsions for fights and other types of disagreements*
  - *1/3 of homicides from fights/revenge*
  - *Peace Learning Center teaches non-violent conflict resolution from Eagle Creek Park*
  - *Expand program to other parks and include new family focused conflict resolution program*
- *Ask Regional Council of Chief Elected Officials to Join a Heroin Awareness Initiative*
  - *Use of Anti-Heroin overdose medication up 60%*
  - *Metro Drug Task Force on pace to seize three times amount of heroin from last year*
  - *Regional approach to a regional problem*



## Prevention

- *Help students who have been suspended, expelled, or dropout from school*
  - *Nearly 1,800 students per year are expelled or dropout and 22,000 are suspended*
  - *Disproportionally impacts families in poverty and African-American children*
  - *Launch Francis Marion Academy to provide students detained in the Marion County Juvenile Detention Center, and others the opportunity to attain a quality education*
  - *Provide innovative schools such as The Excel Center and Christel House DORS*
- *Mayor Ballard asks “Your Life Matters” Task Force to study issue*
  - *Get better understanding of statistics and impacts*
  - *Make policy recommendations to reduce suspensions, expulsions, and dropouts to Indiana General Assembly*
- *Change Indy Curfew Ordinance*
  - *Current curfew permits 15-17 year olds out until 1:00am on weekends*
  - *Mayor proposes moving weekend curfew to 11:00pm*
  - *Exceptions for teens with parents, work or school/church events*
  - *Parents of curfew violators meet with police to pick up child*

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## Protection

Mayor Ballard has proposed long-term funding for more IMPD officers for three years straight.

- Increase Public Safety Income Tax to hire 280 new IMPD Officers
  - Recommended by bipartisan IMPD Staffing Commission
  - Increase 0.15%
  - Average household (median HH income \$42,603) = \$5.32 per month
  - Sunset increase if General Assembly passes a commuter tax
  - If funding approved, City will also explore applying for COPS grants

### IMPD New Recruit Hiring

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
New Recruits	80	90	90	50	50
Projected Attrition	-42	-42	-42	-42	-42
Projected Year-End Staffing	1,565	1,613	1,661	1,669	1,677

*Cost  
Expended*



## Protection

- *IMPD is aggressively pursuing illegally possessed guns*
  - *Detectives work with state and federal partners to trace guns used in crimes*
  - *IMPD has arrested 63 juveniles in 2014 for illegal gun possession.*

### *Guns Recovered by IMPD*

2010	2011	2012	2013	2014*
3001	2891	2864	3035	1079

*\*Through June 30, 2014*

- *Encourage people to call CrimeStoppers to report illegal gun possession*
  - *Friends and family are afraid to confront a young person about a gun*
  - *60% of victims of crimes against persons are not cooperating with police*
  - *CrimeStoppers will take an anonymous tips*
  - *If person is in illegal possession of a weapon, police will confiscate*
  - *Call 262-TIPS*
- *IMPD Recently Created new Full-Time SWAT Team*
  - *Old SWAT team pulled officers from units and away from districts as needed*
  - *New Full-Time SWAT Team has approximately a dozen officers*
  - *Use undercover and full tactical operations*

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## Punishment

- Ask State to enact 20-Year Mandatory Minimum Sentence for Gun Crimes
  - 25% of Indianapolis homicides in 2014 would have been prevented with 10-year minimum sentence
    - Suspects or victims would still be in prison from previous crime
  - Work with DOC to ensure offenders are getting services from "First Day In" such as education opportunities, social and conflict resolution skills, job training, substance abuse and mental health treatment
- Increase Funding for Sheriff, Prosecutors and Courts
  - Enacting IMPD Staffing Commission Recommendations provides up to \$10 million to Marion County criminal justice agencies
  - New funding could hire more prosecutors, benefit the courts and community corrections and help Sheriff add programs in jail to prepare inmates for release

*IMPD - \$27 mil report for IMPD*  
*15 mil*  
*\$10-11 long low long*



**Thank you for your attendance!**