Assessing Need Among Non-Fatal Gun Violence Victims

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2,240 non-fatal gun violence victims in Chicago in the first half of 2020

Afterwards, victims can suffer from:
- Depression
- Fear
- Aggression
- Anxiety
- Low self-esteem
- PTSD
- Acute stress disorder
- Self-destructive behavior
- Suicidal behavior

What are the immediate, comprehensive needs of non-fatal gun violence victims?

Current data are old and anecdotal, a systematic needs assessment will fill the knowledge gap that exists.

Methods:

Case Record Analysis
Analyze a sample of case record assessments from the Crime Victims Advocacy Support Pilot.

Advocate Interviews
Interview the three CVASP victim advocates on staff and identify the most frequently cited victim needs.

Victim Interviews
Conduct interviews with non-fatal gun violence victims and identify their common immediate needs.

Implications:

- Provide a comprehensive needs assessment
- Inform CVASP advocates about the needs of the victims they are serving
- Inform program stakeholders about gaps in the services provided and potential services that need to be developed
- Evaluate CVASP’s intake process, allowing for revision of intake/assessment documents

Sources: