

Violence Prevention Symposium Program

We are bringing science, public health and the community together to address conflict resolution and violence.

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**Co-Chairs: Larry Johnson, Past President, 100 Black Men of Atlanta
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February 16, 2023

10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Clark Atlanta University

Student Center

223 James P Brawley Dr SW, Atlanta, GA 30314

Violence is a Public Health Crisis

"Our nation must not become so desensitized to gun violence that we barely pay attention. These are not just numbers and statistics, they are moms, dads, brothers and sisters. Families destroyed, communities decimated, and a nation traumatized yet again." #ThisIsOurLane

-Dr. Joseph Sakran

*Vice Chair, Clinical Operations at Johns Hopkins Hospital
Fellow, Satcher Health Leadership Institute*

"If gun violence were not a public health problem, then why are all these people dying from it?"

"We can shape a different future for this country."

- Dr. David Satcher

*16th Surgeon General of the United States
Founder of the Satcher Health Leadership Institute
Morehouse School of Medicine*

"The first priority and the first objective is to find out the answer to what's the problem and what are the causes."

- Dr. Mark Rosenberg

*Former CEO of Task Force for Global Health
Renowned Public Health Researcher*

"Multiple factors contribute to firearm homicide and suicide risk and racial and ethnic inequities. A comprehensive approach and partners working with communities can reduce inequities and prevent firearm deaths. Firearm deaths are preventable—not inevitable—and everyone has a role to play in prevention."

*Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, June 6, 2022 - Vital Signs Report entitled
Firearm Deaths Grow, Disparities Widen: Comprehensive Strategies Can Prevent Violence and
Help Reduce Racial and Ethnic Disparities*

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Symposium Goals

- **To reduce violence by presenting facts and arguments which underscore violence as a public health crisis that requires a public health response**
The public health response should be relative to the awareness model that has traditionally been used to educate and inform the public on the consequences of cigarette smoking on individuals.
Dr. Joseph V. Sakran, Vice Chair Clinical Operations at Johns Hopkins Medicine and Senior Fellow, Satcher Health Leadership Institute will call for a national response which will include a National Awareness Program guided by research.
- **To emphasize an evidence-based violence prevention awareness model**
Dr. Mark Rosenberg has designed strategies to address gun violence without infringing on second amendment rights.
- **To understand youth's perspectives on strategies to prevent violence and identify opportunities to co-create interventions with youth to address violence prevention**
- **To enhance collaboration among community-based organizations addressing violence prevention**
- **To provide ideas and strategies for the development of violence prevention programs that will have long-term impacts**

Symposium Origins

- **The Violence Prevention Symposium** was initiated by 100 Black Men of Atlanta who have made significant, nationally recognized strides in violence prevention. Their Conflict Resolution training programs, led by Joshua Byrd, have been featured in multiple media outlets, including national TV networks like CBS (<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/gun-violence-atlanta>). This effort has positioned 100 Black Men of Atlanta as a resource for violence prevention.
- **The Violence Prevention Symposium, 100 Black Men of Atlanta's** collaboration with the **Satcher Health Leadership Institute, Morehouse School of Medicine** and the **Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change** is a continuation of their now nationally recognized efforts for violence prevention.
- ***We would like to thank Richard Byrd, member of 100 Black Men of Atlanta for ideating and helping to plan this Violence Prevention Symposium.***

Symposium Timeline

Time	Description	Speaker
9:55 am	Presentation of Colors	Lt. Colonel Robinson and the BEST Academy ROTC
10:00 am	Prayer	Reverend Eason
10:05 am	Welcome	Dr. George French President, Clark Atlanta University
10:10 am	Occasion	Co-Chairs: Larry Johnson Past President, The 100 Black Men of Atlanta Andjela Kessler President, Incentive Travel & Meetings
10:15 am	Greetings	Dr. Valerie Montgomery-Rice President, Morehouse School of Medicine
10:20 am	Reflection Address	Dr. David Satcher 16th Surgeon General of the United States Founder of the Satcher Health Leadership Institute Morehouse School of Medicine
10:35 am	Opportunities and Strategies for Public Health to Mitigate Gun Violence	Dr. Mark Rosenberg Former CEO of Task Force for Global Health Renowned Public Health Researcher
11:15 am	Violence is a Public Health Issue	Dr. James Mercy Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Director, Division of Violence Prevention
12:00 noon	A Clinician's Approach to Violence Prevention	Dr. Joseph Sakran Vice Chair, Clinical Operations at Johns Hopkins Hospital Fellow, Satcher Health Leadership Institute
12:30 pm	Panel Discussion Moderated by Dr. Alex Crosby Morehouse School of Medicine	Dr. Satcher, Dr. Rosenberg, Dr. Mercy and Dr. Sakran
1:15 PM - Networking Lunch		
2:00 pm	Remarks	Keith Millner Chairman of the 100 Black Men of Atlanta
2:05 pm	Our Purpose, Our Projects & Our Plans	Joshua Byrd 100 Black Men of Atlanta
2:15 pm	Panel Discussion Part II	Community, Youth and Government Leaders in the Field
3:00 PM - Question and Answer Session		

First Session Speakers



**Dr. David
Satcher**

Reflection Address Topic: Public Health Call to Action on Gun Violence

David Satcher, MD, PhD is Founding Director and Senior Advisor of The Satcher Health Leadership Institute which was established in 2006 at the Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta, Georgia. The mission of the Satcher Health Leadership Institute at the Morehouse School of Medicine is to develop a diverse group of exceptional health leaders, advance and support comprehensive health system strategies, and actively promote policies and practices that will reduce and ultimately eliminate disparities in health. Dr. Satcher was sworn in as the 16th Surgeon General of the United States in February 1998 and served until 2002. He also served as the 10th Assistant Secretary for Health in the Department of Health and Human Services making him only the second person in history to have held both positions simultaneously. His tenure of public service also includes serving as Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Administrator of the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry. He was the first person to have served as Director of the CDC and Surgeon General of the United States.



**Dr. Mark
Rosenberg**

Speaker Topic: Opportunities and Strategies for Public Health to Mitigate Gun Violence

Mark Rosenberg, MD, MPP, was president and chief executive officer (CEO) of The Task Force for Global Health from 2000-2016. Under Dr. Rosenberg's leadership, The Task Force grew to be one of the largest nonprofit organizations in the country, and in 2016 won the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation Humanitarian Prize, the world's largest annual humanitarian award. Dr. Rosenberg's leadership was characterized by a commitment to collaboration and compassion in global health. While Dr. Rosenberg was president and CEO, The Task Force was instrumental in providing people in the developing world with greater access to vaccines for influenza, cholera, and other deadly diseases, and medicines for multi-drug resistant tuberculosis. Dr. Rosenberg also was an influential voice in persuading the United Nations (UN) to recognize road safety as a public health issue, at the time only the second such declaration that the UN had made. Before joining The Task Force, Dr. Rosenberg served for 20 years with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), including conducting early work in smallpox eradication, enteric diseases, and HIV/AIDS. He was instrumental in establishing CDC's National Center for Injury Prevention and Control. His areas of expertise include infectious diseases, mental health, epidemiology, motor vehicle injuries, firearm injuries, suicide, intimate partner violence, and sexual assault. He became the first permanent director of the injury center in 1994, serving as director and Assistant Surgeon General.

First Session Speakers



**Dr. James
Mercy**

Speaker Topic: Violence is a Public Health Issue

James A. Mercy, PhD is Director of the Division of Violence Prevention in CDC's National Center for Injury Prevention and Control. As such, he provides leadership for innovative research and programs to prevent violence. He received his doctorate in sociology from Emory University. He has worked to develop the public health approach to violence prevention for more than 40 years.



**Dr. Joseph
Sakran**

Speaker Topic: A Clinician's Approach to Violence Prevention

Joseph V. Sakran, MD, MPA, MPH is a trauma surgeon, coalition builder, policy advisor, public health practitioner, and nationally recognized advocate for gun violence prevention. He is currently Director of Emergency General Surgery, Associate Professor of Surgery and Nursing, Associate Chief of the Division of Acute Care Surgery, and Vice Chair of Clinical Operations at The Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland. Dr. Sakran is also a Senior Fellow at the Satcher Health Leadership Institute at Morehouse School of Medicine.

A survivor of gun violence himself, Dr. Sakran's interest in medicine and trauma surgery began after a stray bullet nearly killed him during his senior year of high school. He has subsequently dedicated his life to treating the most vulnerable, reducing health disparities among marginalized populations, and advancing public policy that alleviates structural violence in low-income communities. In addition to being an active clinician, Dr. Sakran is widely known for building diverse coalitions and advocacy efforts within public health and policy communities. He has been recognized for his public health research, specifically on firearm injury prevention and is an active leader in the medical and gun violence prevention communities.

Second Session Speakers

Keith Ivory Millner
Chairman of the Board
100 Black Men of Atlanta, Inc.



Joshua Byrd
Anti-Gun Violence Committee Chair
100 Black Men of Atlanta, Inc.



Second Session Panelists

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