

## Psycho-ED on Community violence

Highlighted yellow are my notes to you, Lucretia. Red is my suggestion for how to ask things in an open ended, general way.

Client

What is community violence?

Many people think that community violence only happen in gangs and in inner cities. What do you think? ~~Is this true?~~ Nice!!

How common is community violence? What is the percentage of children are exposed to community violence? 55%

What does community violence look like in your neighborhood?

Who commits community violence? (get at what type of people)

Who is at-risk when community violence occurs? Love this

What are the effects of community violence in the community? In the home? And this (Option: How do you think living in a violent community affects the ways people parent their kids? How do you think it affects the ways the kids act/the beliefs they develop about the world?)

Does community violence only happen in low income communities? Instead of asking this as yes/no question, try open ended – What kinds of communities experience community violence?

~~Can community violence happen anywhere? If so, where?~~ (I think this is addressed by the question above)

How do young ladies like you feel after encountering either witness and by actually being there feel? Yes! How might it be different for young men?

What are things that teenagers who encounter community violence worry about? Yes!!!! THIS IS THE IDEA!

How might a teenage who has experienced community violence act? You've got it

~~How has your experience with community violence changed you?~~ (Not till we start reprocessing the trauma narrative. Keep it general now. At this point, you could ask the good two questions above that you came up with.)

~~What as your personality like before you experience he violence?~~ (same here. Not yet)

What is your belief about why people engage in community violence? YES!

What coping strategies **might** children who experience **community violence** use? (Assume you're getting at some unhealthy things, like drugs, avoidance, staying in, seeking protection, the way she runs upstairs)

~~What do you recall about the event?~~ No – this is deeper in the pool than where we are in the model. Not ready for this yet, though I like your efforts at going there.

On a scale 0-- 5 where do you rate you symptoms. (do this at beginning of session instead of as part of your Socratic questioning)

~~Do you blame anyone for what happen at her home?~~ Let's change it to more general – Name all the people victims of community violence might blame for what happened to them.

Mother

What is community violence?

Many people think that community violence only happen in gangs and in inner cities. What do you think? (I stole this from you above; I think all of your questions for the kid above would be good for the Mom, too. I would replace the next 4 questions with those.)

What does community violence like in your neighbor?

Who commits community violence?

What is the percentage of children are exposed to community violence? 55%

Can you share your thoughts about what your experience encountering community violence.

~~How does this make you feel, that your child was in the home at the time of the shooting?~~ How do parents feel when their home is involved in shootings? How is that different when your children are present when it happens?

How do families normally recover from this type of event? This is nice! I like the unspoken message that they do.

~~How has your this experience impact your relationship with you daughter?~~ Try this more general way of asking the very same question: How does community violence affect a parent's relationship with her child?

~~Has this experience changed you? If so how?~~ How do you think living in a violent community affects the ways people parent their kids?

What kinds of thoughts do parents have when they and their children have experienced violence in their home and neighborhood?

How do you think it affects the ways the kids act/the beliefs they develop about the world?

Name all the people victims of community violence might blame for what happened to them.

~~What can you do now to keep your family safe?~~

Then, I stole these good ones you had above for the kid and added them to your list for mom. See how it's a parallel process? We just put the parent perspective on the questions for the mom in addition to helping her understand what it was like for her kid and what her child's concerns/behaviors might be.

What coping strategies **might** children who experience **community violence** use? (Assume you're getting at some unhealthy things, like drugs, avoidance, staying in, seeking protection, the way child runs upstairs)

What is your belief about why people engage in community violence? **YES!**

How might a teenager who has experienced community violence act ? **You've got it**