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Preventing Violence: The Counselor, The Community, The Child

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ABSTRACT OF PAPER

Homes, schools communities all contribute to teaching youth how to be violent. Violence is not found only in public schools, urban centers, nor particular geographical locations. Young people seeking a sense of belonging in groups such as home, school and community increasingly find these environments full of stress, anger, intolerance and impatience with others. The prevention of youth violence requires a layered approach by the counselor, the community and the adolescent.

Counselors may need to do an internal review of the profession to determine the impact that the feminization of the field, the lack of minority counselors, and the increased use of mental health professionals in the schools has on prevention of violence. Community members need to examine social determinants of violence such as poverty and the justification and tolerance of violence in our society. Finally, youth may need an informed approach to living in a violent society without becoming violent.