

# Strategies for Building Healthy Communities

Public Safety Partnerships:  
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# The UMass Boston Mission

*“The urban university must stand with the city, must serve and lead where the battle is.”*



- **33% of the university’s partners are within the City of Boston representing 240 projects**
- **Our work aligns with the vision of the USU and operates under the leadership of Chancellor Motley, whose engagement with the community sets an example**

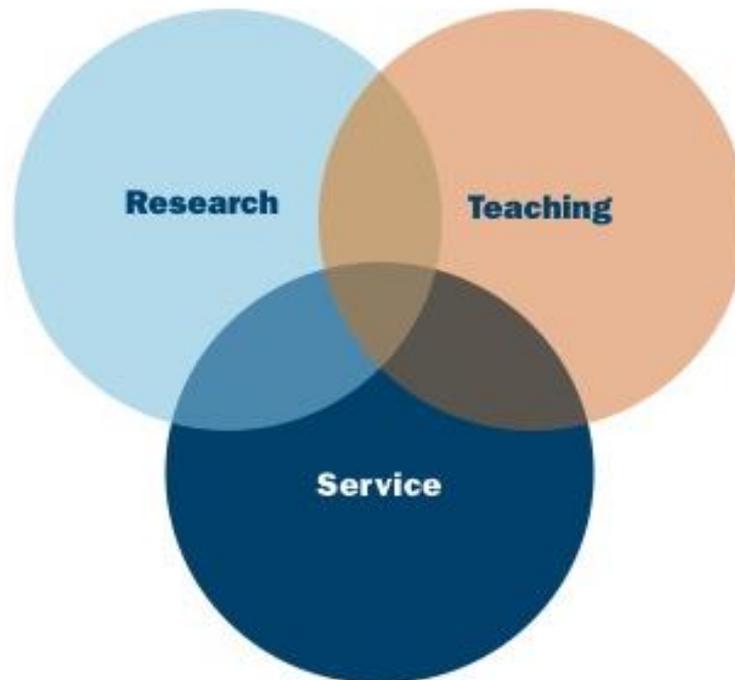
# Understanding The Value of Public Safety Partnerships

- UMass Boston has rich history of social research
- Strength in Criminal Justice/Sociology Programming
- Educating leaders in public safety field
  - Bill Bratton, Police Commissioner NYC
  - Paul Evans and Mickey Roache, former Police Commissioners, Boston
  - Blake Norton, VP and COO of the Police Foundation



# Public Safety Partnerships Cut Across Three Categories

- Use research and evaluation to affect policy
- Provide technical assistance
- Involve teaching and learning



# Research and Service Examples

## **Intergenerational Justice Program with Peace Institute, Span Inc., Visions:**

Working with all families affected by homicide, both victim's and perpetrators

## **Sexual Exploitation Study with Boston Police Department, Mayor's Office, and Councilor Baker:**

Providing research as basis for major effort to combat sexual exploitation

## **Predictive Policing with Boston Police Department:**

Geo-coding crime data to reliably predict location, time, and/or likelihood of future criminal activity and facilitating efficient use of police resources

## **Evaluation of Teen Empowerment:**

Demonstrating impact of model with potential expansion in partnership with City of Boston and Boston Police Department

## **Youth Violence and Conflict Resolution Programs through MOPC:**

Reducing disciplinary action through peer mediation in public schools

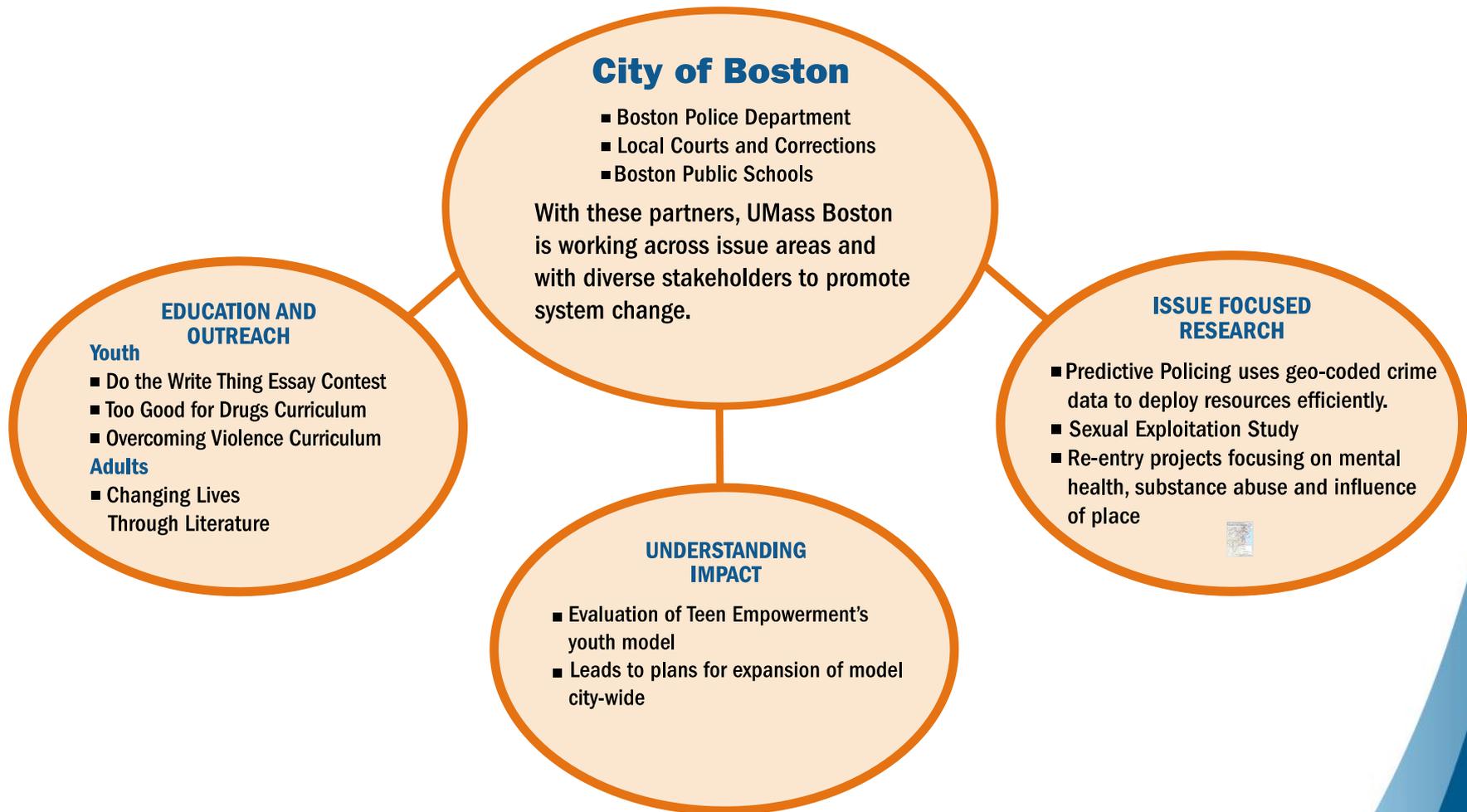
## **Influences of Place in Community Reintegration of Former Prisoners with MA Corrections Department:**

Understanding how factors of community context affect desistance

## **Boston Offender Needs Delivery with Span, Inc.:**

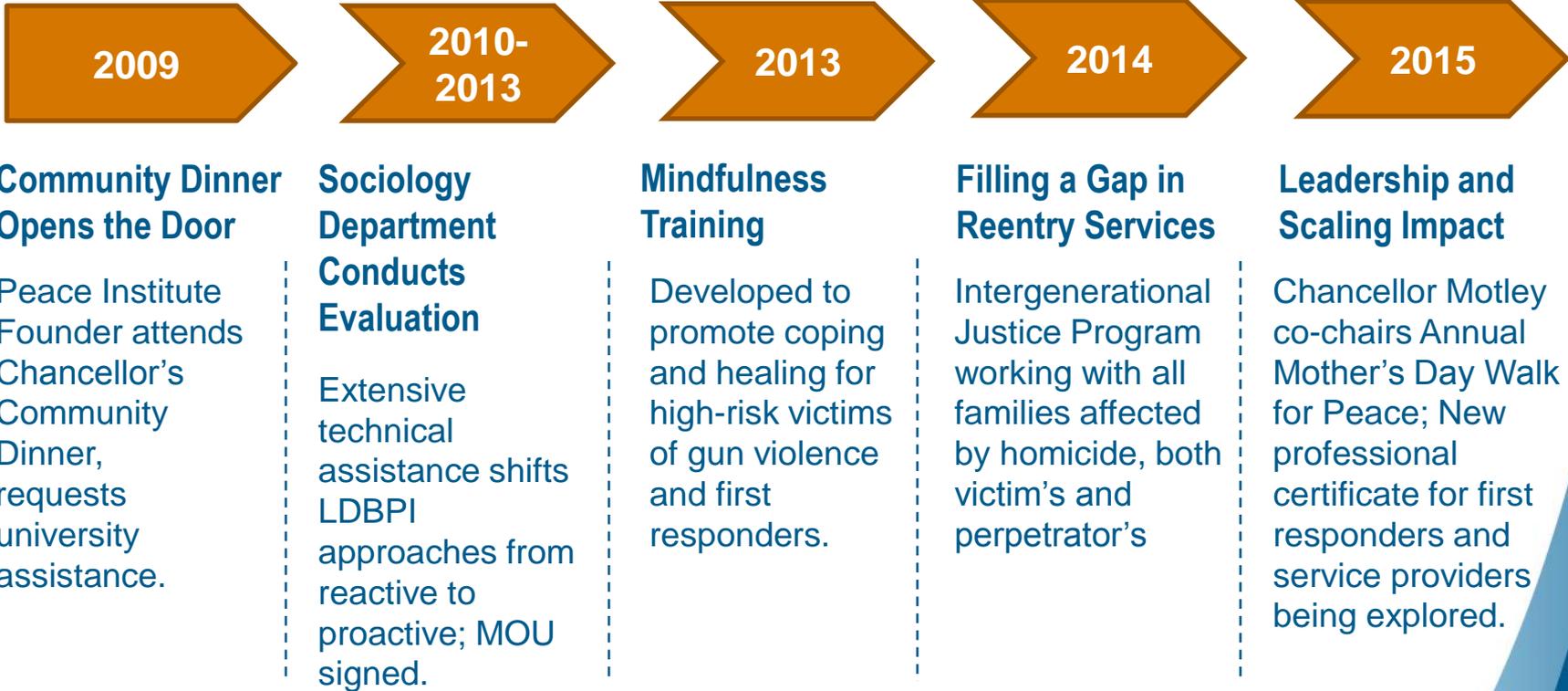
Supporting prisoner release and resettlement by enhancing substance abuse and reentry services

# Developing a Comprehensive and Coordinated Approach



# Exploring Depth and Sustainability

Louis D. Brown Peace Institute (LDBPI) provides programs, services & trainings for families and communities dealing with murder, trauma, grief and loss. Today it serves 98% of Boston families affected by homicides and provides crisis response training for service providers.



# Raising Awareness and Building Relationships

- **Youth/Police Dialogues** aimed at increasing trust and cooperation (YWCA Boston and Boston Police Department).
- **Shop with a Cop** pairs police officers with urban youth to purchase holiday gifts.
- **Inclusion of at-risk teens in positive programming** such as on-campus theatre events and athletic clinics (with BPD and DA's Office).
- **Joint presentations at neighborhood meetings** by City of Boston and Campus Police.
- **Conflict Resolution programs** use peer mediation to reduce disciplinary actions in schools.
- **BRIDGES** fosters dialogue and quality communication between the Greater Boston Muslim, Arab, and Sikh communities with regional law enforcement and customs officials.

# Informing our Work; Making us Better



- Responsiveness
- Comprehensive and Coordinated
- Collaborative, long term relationships
- Inclusive
- Shared values
- Sustainable
- Leadership across institutions
  - Chancellor Motley
  - City of Boston Mayor Walsh
  - USU membership, Strengthening Communities Strand

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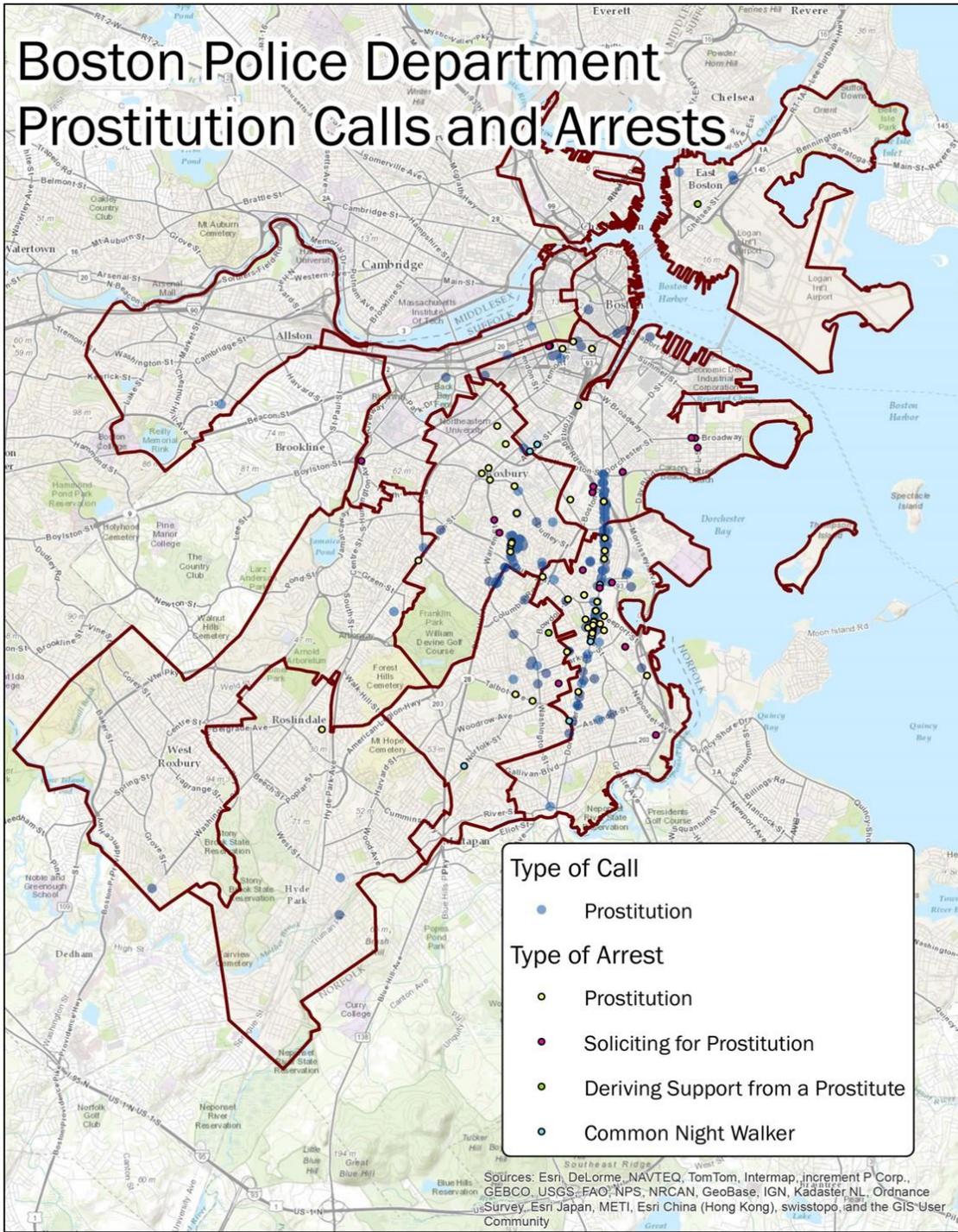
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# Boston Police Department Prostitution Calls and Arrests

The Boston Police Department shared data with UMass Boston researchers who created this map to help visualize prostitution calls and arrests.



Sources: Esri, DeLorme, NAVTEQ, TomTom, Intermap, increment P Corp., GEBCO, USGS, FAO, NPS, NRCAN, GeoBase, IGN, Kadaster NL, Ordnance Survey, Esri Japan, METI, Esri China (Hong Kong), swisstopo, and the GIS User Community

