

Primordial Prevention Subcommittee Meeting
Washington State Domestic Extremism and Mass Violence Task Force
August 6, 2025

Attendees: Dyneeca, Juan, Luis, Emmett (on behalf of Mary)

Not in Attendance: Miri, Sharonne

Staff: Manveer, Sahba

SME: Cynthia

- The meeting began with AGO staff welcoming the group and doing a round of quick introductions. AGO staff reminded the subcommittee that the goal of the Task Force's final report is to provide a community-based, public health framework for addressing and preventing domestic extremism and mass violence in Washington State.
- AGO staff went over the goal of the subcommittee work: to develop potential recommendations for that public health framework for the full Task Force to discuss, finalize, and vote on next year for the final report. Each subcommittee will focus on developing recommendations within their level of prevention.
- Subcommittee members asked questions about what primordial prevention is, if a public health approach is the answer to keeping Washingtonians safe, and how broad or specific recommendations can be. Staff and SME shared the history of the DEMV work that began with the 2022 Domestic Terrorism Study, and how a public health framework works in tandem with existing security-based approaches. The public health approach, specifically in the primordial and primary prevention levels, are upstream/downstream initiatives that intend to prevent harm before it occurs by strengthening protective factors and addressing risk factors.
- The group discussed what risk factors and protective factors are, and that risk/protective factors aren't unique to just extremism and mass violence, but are common across multiple types of societal harms such as intimate partner violence, suicidality, youth violence, substance abuse and violence, child abuse, and more. Staff shared that the CDC has several informational pages about risk & protective factors for different topics.
 - [Risk and Protective Factors | Adverse Childhood Experiences \(ACEs\) | CDC](#)
 - [Risk and Protective Factors | Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention | CDC](#)
 - [Risk and Protective Factors for Suicide | Suicide Prevention | CDC](#)
 - [Risk and Protective Factors | Intimate Partner Violence Prevention | CDC](#)
 - [Connecting the Dots | VetoViolence](#)
- The group then had a short discussion about subcommittee logistics. Members asked AGO staff to provide options for subcommittee meeting dates in October and November so the group can continue getting to know each other & learn more about primordial prevention before diving into developing recommendations.