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## Micro Aggression and Implicit Bias Trainings

United Neighbors sponsored a series of micro aggression and implicit bias trainings that began at the Boys and Girls Club on November 9th. Various youth from around the city attended the first training, including representation from the Mayor's Youth Council, Boys and Girls Club, and Citizen for Citizen's Family Planning Peer Leaders group. Further trainings took place with Re-Creation's Youth Outreach Program, as well as with students from Durfee High School and Diman Regional High School. It was a great way to confront discrimination in our lives and hear perspectives from one another! To read more: [CLICK HERE!](#)



## Culminating Session for Micro Aggression and Implicit Bias

Following a series of 5 workshops around the city at Boys and Girls Club, Durfee, and Diman, United Neighbors hosted a culminating event at Drums Alive on November 18th. This safe, healthy activity was an evening of fun, play, and unity for youth from various backgrounds!



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## New England Streetworkers Conference

The 3rd Annual New England Street Worker Conference took place on November 16, 2016 at Gillette Stadium. Over 100 workers from 15 communities took part in the day-long event which focused around building a stronger bond between street worker teams, further strengthening street outreach as a profession, sharing through talking circles and networking between programs. Fall River Shannon Community Safety Initiative and the Safe and Successful Initiative outreach programs participated in the conference.

The keynote speaker was one of the nation's top gang experts, Victor Gonzalez, whose work with at-risk youths depends upon prevention, intervention and suppression strategies all working together simultaneously. He spoke about establishing rapport and developing trust with gang members and the importance of understanding gang activity in the community. Mr. Gonzalez described what can be accomplished once the street worker profession becomes a recognized one.



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## Shannon Partner Receiving Humanitarian Award

Peter McCarthy, Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Club, is awarded the prestigious Reverend Doctor Robert P. Lawrence Humanitarian Award. The Humanitarian Award recognizes a citizen or an employee whose actions exemplify excellence in performance of civic responsibilities, show unselfish devotion to his/her fellow man and the community in which he/she lives; or whose actions bring honor to themselves and recognition to the City. It also recognizes outstanding volunteer public service that significantly contributes to individuals, groups, organizations or communities in Massachusetts.



## School Community Partnership Hosts Opioid Awareness Training

The School Community Partnership has had a wonderful monthly educational series this school year at Diman Regional High School. On November 22nd, partners received a presentation related to local opioid trends and local responses by Mike Aguiar, the Substance Abuse Grants Coordinator for the City of Fall River, and FRPD Captain Joseph Cabral.



Please remember to email [FRYouthViolencePrevention@gmail.com](mailto:FRYouthViolencePrevention@gmail.com) with any information for the Fall River Youth Violence Prevention website, newsletter, and Facebook page. Thank you!

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