

Presentation title:

International adaptations of focused deterrence & Sweden's Group Violence Intervention

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Over the past decade, NNSC has expanded to partner with cities in countries including Mexico, El Salvador, Brazil, Australia, Denmark, the Netherlands, and Sweden. This presentation will discuss the challenges encountered and lessons learned in the process of creatively adapting "what works" to diverse international settings. Specifically, we will highlight the successful adaptation of NNSC's Group Violence Intervention in Sweden, starting in 2017 in Malmö and expanding to five additional cities by 2022. We will address the barriers and facilitators to the uptake of NNSC's evidence-based strategy and highlight similarities (e.g., principle of concentration and group dynamics) and differences (e.g., level and scale of group organization) observed in urban violence dynamics and how those shape the task of disrupting group-driven violence. We will also discuss how the process of leveraging "what works" – and altering what doesn't work – takes nuance and precise action-research and can result in significant impact. Ultimately, this presentation aims to add valuable insight to the existing focused deterrence knowledge base that, while robust, is largely US-based.