What’s happening to our kids? Almost all of us have read about or experienced an incident of bullying or violence directed toward youth in our communities or neighborhood schools. Youth violence, defined as “harmful behaviors that can start early and continue into young adulthood,” is a significant public health problem that affects not only the victims, but also offenders and witnesses to the violence. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, violence is the second-leading cause of death among young people ages 10-24. Every year, millions of youth seek medical help for violence-related injuries, including gunshot wounds and broken bones. Communities across Michigan have been particularly affected by youth violence, with the unfortunate resulting injuries and convictions. But what do we do to stem this tide of youth violence and self-destructive behavior? Please join us as we seek answers with U-M Professor Marc Zimmerman who will share his views with us in this very timely and important discussion.

University of Michigan Professor Marc Zimmerman directs both the Prevention Research Center and the Michigan Youth Violence Prevention Center in Michigan. One of the accompanying programs, the Youth Empowerment Solutions for Peaceful Communities (YES), is a community-academic partnership between the University of Michigan School of Public Health, Flint Community Schools, and the Genesee County Intermediate School District. YES focuses on middle-school students in specific areas of Flint and Genesee County with high levels of youth violence and crime. Through the YES program, high-risk youth have opportunities to learn and practice empowerment skills and establish social and cognitive resources that will help them effectively navigate and change their social settings.

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