

National OVP Network

December 2025 Newsletter

NOVPN Cofounders Reflection



As 2025 comes to a close, watch NOVPN Cofounders David Muhammad and DeVone Boggan reflect on the remarkable growth of the Network. Their vision and commitment have shaped the Network into a national force in just a few short years. We are deeply grateful for their exceptional leadership, steady guidance, and unwavering trust as the NOVPN continues to expand and elevate offices of violence prevention nationwide. We look forward to continuing this momentum and growth in the new year!

Event Calendar

Find all important Network events here! **NOTE: Events are invitation only.** [Let us know if you haven't received an invitation.](#)

1/15/2026 - 1/16/2026: State Convening
 2/19/2026: Q1 Virtual Convening
 3/19/2026 - 3/20/2026: Western / Pacific Northwest Regional Convening
 4/9/2026 - 4/10/2026: Southeast/Southwest Regional Convening
 5/21/2026: Q2 Virtual Convening
 6/25/2026 - 6/26/2026: Eastern/Mid-Atlantic Regional Convening
 7/16/2026 - 7/17/2026: Midwestern Regional Convening
 8/20/2026: Q3 Virtual Convening
 9/8/2026 - 9/10/2026: Annual Convening
 11/19/2026: Q4 Virtual Convening

In the News

RECOMMENDATIONS TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE

- WAITING PERIODS & BACKGROUND CHECKS
- RAISE BUYING AGE TO 21
- CLOSE CPL LOOPHOLE
- BAN GHOST GUNS
- FOCUS ON SCHOOL SAFETY, STORAGE, MORE



Domestic Violence

[Michigan gun violence prevention task force releases report with recommendations to reduce gun violence](#)

[Research and Evaluation in Support of Mecklenburg County's 'The Way Forward' Community Violence Strategic Plan](#)

[Prince William County Forms Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team to Strengthen Prevention](#)



ENERGY EMERGENCY DECLARED

- Disruption from Midwestern pipeline distribution system
- High demand for heating fuel
- Executive order will help deliver materials through state



[City of Houston launches \\$500,000 taxpayer-funded gun violence dashboard](#)

[Gov. Evers, Office of Violence Prevention announces new grant program to reduce crime](#)

[Rochester's Office of Violence Prevention aims to 'warm up the community with coat drive](#)

OVP Spotlight

NOVPN sends a big hat tip to the [Columbia, MO Office of Violence Prevention](#). The Columbia OVP leads the city's efforts to coordinate, implement, and evaluate strategies that reduce violence and strengthen community wellbeing. Working closely with community-based organizations, public agencies, and law enforcement, the OVP aligns partners around prevention, intervention, and long-term community enrichment. Its work is driven by data, community voices, and programs designed to address the root causes of violence.



On the Front Lines

Join us in applauding the [Bronx Community Justice Center](#) in Bronx, NY! The Bronx Community Justice Center is dedicated to building safer, healthier, and more thriving neighborhoods by centering community safety, restorative practices, and youth and economic development. The Justice Center works to prevent violence at every level and supports residents and communities when violence does occur. Through efforts to reclaim and transform neglected public spaces, they help turn high-crime areas into vibrant, inclusive places where social and economic activity can flourish. The Justice Center also invests deeply in the potential of young people in the South Bronx, offering leadership development, entrepreneurship opportunities, paid internships, and pathways to employment through a neighborhood-based, creative social enterprise model that builds skills and expands futures.

Proud of one of your OVP's on-the-ground partnerships? [Tell us about it!](#)

TTA Tip of the Month

For OVPs to grow, get funded, and stay accountable to the community, they must treat documentation and data as core parts of their work. Start with a clear baseline of data so you understand your local violence dynamics, then add to relevant data points. Keep in mind that there's a difference between tracking data and collecting it. Collecting data simply means gathering information, but tracking data means analyzing it over time to understand patterns, inform decisions, and improve outcomes. When we only collect data, it sits in a file; when we track it, it drives strategy, strengthens accountability, and makes our work more effective. Data is your leverage, so use it.

Grant Opportunities

Check out these funding opportunities:

- [Ben and Jerry's Foundation National Grassroots Organizing Program](#) (Rolling LO); focus: unrestricted, general operating support for community-based, grassroots organizations confronting social and environmental injustice)
- Search [Candid's Philanthropy News Digest](#) for national and local private grant opportunities

Job Board

Here are some violence reduction-related positions that are open within the Network:

- [Director, Office of Community Violence Intervention - Detroit, MI](#)
- [Violence Prevention Program Manager, Office of Public Health and Safety - Indianapolis, IN](#)
- [Program Coordinator, Violence Prevention, Allegheny County Health Department - Pittsburgh, PA](#)
- [GRYP Community Intervention Worker, Mayor's Office of Gang Reduction & Youth Development - Los Angeles, CA](#)
- [Project Director, Brownsville Community Justice Center, Center for Justice Innovation - Brooklyn, NY](#)

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