

# National OVP Network

## July 2025 Newsletter

### From the Director

#### Greetings, Network members!

As we step into the third quarter of the year and move forward with the execution of the [NOVPN Strategic Plan](#), I'm proud to reflect on the powerful momentum we've built together.

In Q2, we launched several major initiatives that will strengthen the Network and deepen our collective impact. This includes rolling out the new data reporting requirements for NOVPN members, unveiling a restructured membership model, and opening registration for our [fourth Annual NOVPN Convening](#). We also held two powerful regional convenings in the Southeast and Mid-Atlantic that created space for collaboration, strategizing, and shared learning.

Looking ahead to Q3, we're keeping our foot on the gas. With your feedback, we're building out a national repository of training and technical assistance providers, preparing to launch our members-only NOVPN Dashboard to spotlight the data and stories you've been sharing, and bringing us all together for our upcoming convening. This year's annual convening theme, *Harnessing Community Power: The Path to Sustainability*, couldn't be more timely and aligned with the work you're doing every day.

Lastly, I'm happy to share that, due to high demand, we are extending the registration deadline for the Annual NOVPN Convening to **Tuesday, August 12, 2025**.

We're proud to be in this movement with you.

**Shantay Jackson**, Director, National Offices of Violence Prevention Network

### Welcome New Members Event Calendar

Join us in welcoming the [Alameda County Office of Violence Prevention](#) to the Network!



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

- 8/21/25: Q3 Virtual Convening
- 9/9/25 - 9/11/25: Annual Convening, St. Louis, MO
- 10/16/25 - 10/17/25: Midwestern Regional Convening, Cleveland, OH
- 11/13/25 - 11/14/25: State Convening, Providence, RI
- 11/20/25: Q4 Virtual Convening

### NOVPN National Convening



Network members and partners, [register](#) now for the fourth annual in-person National Offices of Violence Prevention Network Convening!

### In the News



[New York codifies into law the state Office of Gun Violence Prevention](#)

[Indianapolis is working on a strategy to stop youth gun violence](#)

[New Orleans homicide rates at an all-time low in first six months of the year](#)



[Montgomery crime rates declined 1st half of the year, says mayor](#)

[Midyear crime report shows decrease in gun violence, homicides, shootings, Baltimore police say](#)

[Murders are down nationwide, researchers point to a key reason](#)



NOVPN cofounder DeVone Boggan recently published his book, *Leading Peace: A Leadership Mandate for Community Violence Intervention Practice*. *Leading Peace* is a tribute to the Neighborhood Change Agents and Peacekeepers working on the frontlines of Advance Peace Zones to interrupt retaliatory gun violence. It serves as both a guide and a call to action for those across the community violence intervention ecosystem, highlighting the transformative power of leadership in achieving lasting public health and safety outcomes.



NOVPN extends a heartfelt thank you to all the OVP leaders who joined us for last month's Mid-Atlantic/Eastern Regional Convening in Philadelphia, PA. A special thank you to the Philadelphia Office of Safe Neighborhoods for graciously hosting us in their city, and to their community partner, the Philadelphia Anti-Drug/Anti-Violence Network, for welcoming us into their space. The convening began with opening remarks from the NOVPN team, followed by a detailed community violence intervention landscape analysis covering multiple jurisdictions across the Mid-Atlantic region. Participants engaged in forward-looking discussions and activities, including our NOVPN case study designed to explore the real-life challenges OVPs are facing across the country.



Join us in applauding the [Paterson Healing Collective](#) in Paterson, NJ. This comprehensive hospital-based violence intervention program is dedicated to addressing the deep and lasting impact of violence on individuals and communities throughout Passaic County. Through a trauma-informed approach, the Paterson Healing Collective provides support, healing, and empowerment to those affected by violence, with a strong focus on breaking cycles of harm and fostering long-term change. The program includes skilled intervention specialists who respond to violence-related incidents within the hospital. These specialists offer emotional support, crisis intervention, and resource referrals to individuals and families, helping to address immediate needs and promote safety during vulnerable moments.

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



A theory of change is more than just a planning tool; it's the foundation that connects your OVP's mission to your day-to-day work. It's your roadmap for how you get from vision to impact. Developing a theory of change helps you clarify what you're working toward, why it matters, and how each part of your office contributes to the bigger picture. It strengthens strategic planning, increases accountability, improves communication, and creates space for continuous learning and adaptation.

### Grant Opportunities Job Board

#### Check out these funding opportunities:

- [Kaiser Permanente Center for Gun Violence Research and Education 2025 Funding Opportunity \(Due 9/3\)](#); focus: research projects that advance evidence-informed clinical care models to address community firearm violence or firearm suicide)

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

- [Domestic Violence Program Director, Solid Ground - Seattle, WA](#)
- [Administrator, Office of Violence Prevention - Boston, MA](#)

