

National OVP Network

June 2026 Newsletter

Welcome New Members

Event Calendar

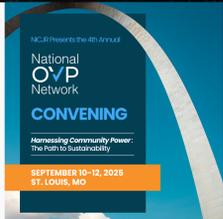


Join us in welcoming the South Carolina Community Violence Intervention and Prevention Unit to the Network!

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

- 6/26/25 - 6/27/25: Eastern/Mid-Atlantic Regional Convening, Philadelphia, PA
- 7/1/2025: OVP Toolkit Webinar
- 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

NOVNP National Convening



The NOVNP team is excited to welcome all Network Members and Partners to join us for a dynamic 2.5 days of connection, learning, and action. Together, we'll dive deep into what it truly means to harness community power in ways that drive sustainable impact, strengthen our Offices of Violence Prevention, and build safer, healthier communities for the long term. The convening will take place at the Marriott St. Louis Grand, located at 800 Washington Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63101. We are excited to see you in St. Louis!

[Register Here](#)

In the News



[Cuvahoea County launches new violence prevention office, begins search for administrator](#)

[4th annual 'Stop the Violence' sneaker ball held in Montgomery](#)

[New data reveals a decrease in gun violence in Buffalo and across NYS](#)



[City of Milwaukee offers free summer programs to keep kids safe, engaged](#)

[Manhattan DA Alvin Brase Allocates \\$295,000 to Combat Youth Gun Violence Through Summer Programs](#)

[Austin's fight against gun violence: A public health-based strategy in uncertain times](#)



NOVNP sends a big hat tip to the [Denver Office of Community Violence Solutions \(OCVS\)](#)! OCVS plays a key role in Denver's comprehensive, collaborative strategy to reduce violence by investing in community-driven solutions like the Safe Haven Initiative, a faith-led response designed to support residents impacted by trauma, fear, or grief following acts of gun violence. When activated, the nearest Safe Haven church opens its doors for three days, offering emotional support, mental health services, and a place for community healing. This powerful model of rapid response, grounded in trust and local leadership, exemplifies what it means to center community in violence intervention. Through OCVS's deep coordination with City agencies and community partners, Denver is seeing results. In 2024, the city experienced its lowest rate of violent crime since 2020, according to Denver Police Department data.



Join us in applauding [The Bullet Related Injury Clinic \(BRIC\)](#) in St. Louis, MO! The BRIC is a groundbreaking, community-based clinic that supports individuals healing from bullet-related injuries, threats, or the loss of a loved one due to gun violence. The clinic offers free, comprehensive support that addresses physical injuries through pain management and wound care while also providing trauma-informed mental health support and spiritual care, including counseling and grief therapy. The BRIC's holistic model centers dignity, compassion, and community healing at every step. The Clinic's work is a powerful example of what it means to truly show up for survivors and restore hope in the aftermath of violence. Attendees of the 4th Annual NOVNP Convening will have the opportunity to participate in a site visit to the BRIC and learn more on the ground.



Preliminary 2024 data show that community violence intervention efforts and public safety strategies are resulting in measurable progress across the country, with several cities and states seeing significant declines in gun violence.

- The US saw a 12% decrease in firearm deaths in 2024, with 16,576 gun-related deaths compared to 18,854 in 2023. There was also a 14% decrease in nonfatal firearm injuries, with 31,409 shootings in 2024, down from 36,338 in 2023. ([Gun Violence by the Numbers, 2024](#))
- Detroit, MI, experienced a continued historic decline in violent crime. The city ended 2024 with 203 criminal homicides—a 11% decrease from 2023 and the city's lowest number since 1965). Detroit also recorded 606 nonfatal shootings in 2024, marking a 25% decrease from 2023 and an impressive 48% decline compared to 2022. ([Detroit partnerships result in another historic drop in violent crime in 2024](#))
- Bakersfield, CA, saw a 57% decrease in homicides and 60% fewer shootings since 2021. ([Gun violence, homicides reduced in Bakersfield in 2024](#))



Developing a comprehensive approach to violence reduction requires a jurisdiction-wide perspective that actively engages public agencies, community-based organizations, academic institutions, and the broader public. Every office of violence prevention should lead the development of a strategic plan that incorporates input from all partners to ensure a unified, inclusive, and transparent vision for public safety. This collaborative process not only strengthens coordination across sectors but also ensures that all voices are heard and communities feel genuinely invested in and protected.

Grant Opportunities

- [AmeriHealth Caritas Foundation ACEs](#) (LOI due: 6/25; focus: funding for nonprofits that work to end ACEs by supporting families and children and equipping them for an emotionally healthy future; NOTE: only open to Delaware, District of Columbia, Louisiana, Michigan, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and South Carolina)
- [DOJ Office on Violence Against Women](#) (multiple grant opportunities with due dates ranging from 6/9-7/18)
- [Walmart Spark for Good Local Grants](#) (Quarterly deadlines, next due: 7/15; focus: local organizations that meet the unique needs of communities where Walmart operates; note: Both 501(c)3 nonprofits and government entities are eligible)
- Search [Candid's Philanthropy News Digest](#) for national and local private grant opportunities

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