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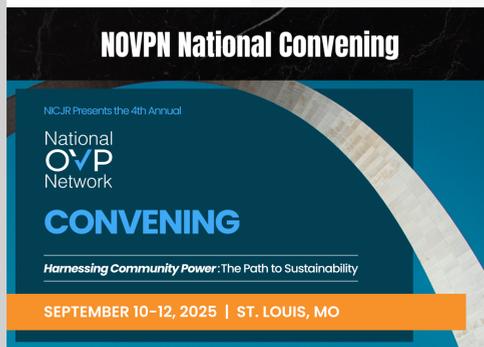
Event Calendar



Join us in welcoming the [Pittsburgh, PA, Office of Community Services and Violence Prevention](#) and the [Gary, IN, Office of Violence Prevention](#) to the Network!

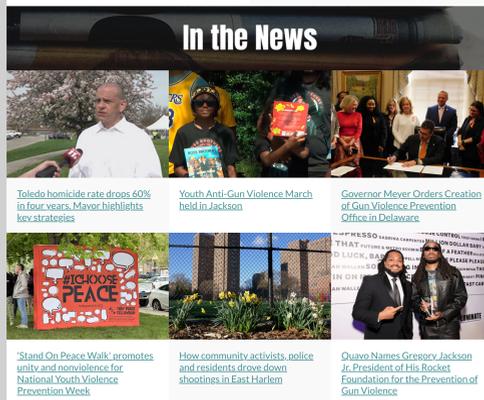
Find all important Network events here! **NOTE: Events are invitation only. Let us know if you haven't received an invitation.**

5/22/25: Q2 Virtual Convening
 6/26/25 - 6/27/25: Eastern/Mid-Atlantic Regional Convening, Philadelphia, PA
 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



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Registration for the 4th Annual National Offices of Violence Prevention Network Convening is open!

[Register Here](#)


[Toledo homicide rate drops 60% in four years. Mayor highlights key strategies](#)

[Youth Anti-Gun Violence March held in Jackson](#)

[Governor Meyer Orders Creation of Gun Violence Prevention Office in Delaware](#)

['Stand On Peace Walk' promotes unity and nonviolence for National Youth Violence Prevention Week](#)

[How community activists, police and residents drove down shootings in East Harlem](#)

[Queen Names Gregory Jackson Jr. President of His Rocket Foundation for the Prevention of Gun Violence](#)



NOVPN extends a heartfelt thank you to all the OVP leaders who joined us for April's Southeast Regional Convening. A special shoutout to Birmingham Community Safety Initiatives for warmly hosting all 25 attendees! The day kicked off with a welcome from the NOVPN team and a deep dive into a community violence intervention landscape analysis of multiple jurisdictions across the southeast. Attendees also participated in forward-thinking activities, including our first-ever NOVPN case study, which was built to explore the real-life challenges OVPs face nationwide. Big thanks to Director Shantay Jackson and Program Manager Tracie Campbell for guiding rich, solutions-driven conversations across the day-and-a-half convening.



Join us in applauding the [67th Precinct Clergy Council, Inc. AKA 'The GodSquad'](#) in Brooklyn, NY! The GodSquad is a coalition of clergy dedicated to easing neighborhood tensions and bridging the gap between communities and law enforcement. Building on its local impact, the GodSquad launched Clergy for Safe Cities (CSC), a national initiative uniting clergy in the fight against gun violence through coordinated, community-rooted strategies. CSC has already equipped over 500 faith leaders with tools, training, and proven models to strengthen their role in preventing youth involvement in crime and violence.



Gun violence leaves deep and lasting scars both on those directly impacted and on entire communities. Research shows that gun violence is a public health crisis with wide-reaching mental health impacts:

- A national survey of 8,009 individuals by the New Jersey Gun Violence Research Center found that exposure to gun violence is linked to higher rates of depression, increased use of mental health services, and greater risk of suicidal thoughts ([New Research Links Gun Violence Exposure to Higher Rates of Depression and Suicidal Ideation](#)).
- Between January 1, 2024, and April 30, 2025, 1,547 people in the US died by murder-suicide involving a firearm ([Gun Violence Archive](#)). In April 2025 alone, the US recorded 54 firearm-related murder-suicide incidents, resulting in 62 deaths.
- A CDC-funded study found that, among a large cohort of youth in 16 US cities, one in four lived within a half mile of a gun homicide occurring in the last year. The study found also that Black and Latino boys in under-resourced communities are disproportionately impacted, whether or not they directly witness violence, experiencing higher rates of school struggles, behavioral issues, and use of mental health services ([Inequities in Community Exposure to Deadly Gun Violence by Race/Ethnicity, Poverty, and Neighborhood Disadvantage among Youth in Large US Cities](#)).



How many of you have taken time off and truly rested in the past quarter? Not a day where the email slows down, but real, intentional rest? This work is heavy, and we carry so much on our shoulders daily. If we don't take time to rest, recharge, and reset, we risk burning out before the mission is complete. Your community deserves your best. You deserve your best. You can't give that if you're running on empty. And modeling this behavior signals to your team that you have the expectation that they will also rest before the point of exhaustion. NOVPN team members are required to take off at least two days per quarter.



- [Tox Foundation Innovation Fund](#) (Preliminary proposal due: 5/23; focus: improving youth mental health and well-being, broadly defined, with a focus on underserved populations; open to nonprofits in CA, CT, MA, NC, NY, PA)
- [DOJ Community-Oriented Policing Services Hiring Program](#) (Due: 6/25 grants.gov, 7/1 JustGrants; focus: funding for law enforcement agencies to hire career law enforcement officers to increase community policing capacity and crime prevention efforts, including engagement in community partnerships and implementation of projects to analyze and assess problems)
- [DOJ Office on Violence Against Women](#) (multiple grant opportunities with due dates ranging from 6/9-7/8)
- [Walmart Search 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)
- [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:

- [Program Manager, Violence Intervention Team - Birmingham, AL](#)
- [Youth Engagement Program Manager, Office of Violence Prevention and Trauma Recovery - Jackson, MS](#)
- [Domestic Violence Program Director, Solid Ground - Seattle, WA](#)
- [Director of Outreach, Suicide Prevention Initiatives at Johns Hopkins University - Baltimore, MD](#)
- [Community Intervention Specialist, Office of Neighborhood Safety - Richmond, CA](#)

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