

National OVP Network

November 2025 Newsletter

Welcome New Members

Event Calendar



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

- 11/20/25- Q4 Virtual Convening
- 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

Join us in welcoming the [Cuyahoga County, OH, Office of Violence Prevention](#), [Bakersfield, CA, Office of Violence Intervention and Prevention](#), and [Buffalo, NY, Office of Gun Violence Prevention to the Network!](#)

In the News



- [Richmond looks for holistic solutions to gun violence](#)
- [Office of Violence Prevention highlights community efforts to reduce crime in Columbia](#)
- [Office of Violence Prevention reports a decrease in violent crime](#)
- [Gun violence prevention initiative launches in west Columbus](#)
- [Reentry forum connects formerly incarcerated Staten Island residents to community resources](#)
- [Mayor Spencer reveals new St. Louis department appointments](#)

OVP Spotlight

NOVPN sends a big hat tip to [Hennepin County, MN, Safe Communities!](#) The Safe Communities initiative is dedicated to improving outcomes for youth aged 10 to 24 who are at risk of experiencing community violence. Through strong partnerships with local providers, Safe Communities funds and supports community-based prevention and intervention programs that create safer, more resilient neighborhoods. The initiative also works closely with the Domestic Abuse Service Center and the Department of Community Corrections and Rehabilitation to ensure survivors of domestic violence receive critical support and participants have access to treatment. By investing in trusted community partners and data-informed strategies, Safe Communities strengthens the local ecosystem of care, ensuring resources reach those who need them most. This comprehensive approach not only addresses the immediate challenges of violence but also builds long-term pathways toward safety, stability, and healing for Hennepin County residents.

On the Front Lines

Join us in applauding [Shaphat Outreach](#) in San Diego, CA! Shaphat Outreach is dedicated to transforming the lives of youth and adults who are actively involved in gangs or violence by empowering them to make meaningful self-change through cognitive behavioral therapy and educational programming. The organization's flagship initiative, No Shots Fired (NSF), is a comprehensive violence interdiction program focused on primary gun violence reduction, targeted intervention, tertiary deterrence, and hospital-based violence intervention and injury reduction. Through NSF, Shaphat Outreach works to detect and interrupt violent activities, support behavior change among high-risk individuals, and shift community norms toward peace and accountability. The program provides critical outreach and support services designed to help participants transition away from gang life and reintegrate into their communities. Shaphat Outreach continues to be a powerful force for change, fostering safety, healing, and hope throughout San Diego.

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

TTA Tip of the Month

An OVP is uniquely positioned to serve as the central hub for coordinating violence reduction efforts in its jurisdiction. Many jurisdictions have some strong partnerships across the public, private, and community-based sectors; however, these sectors can still operate in silos, limiting coordination and shared impact. To strengthen impact, OVPs should create regular spaces for communication and alignment, such as partner roundtables and shared data meetings. This coordination helps prevent duplication, fill service gaps, and ensure resources are used efficiently to drive measurable violence reduction.

Grant Opportunities

- Check out these funding opportunities and resources:
- [Ben and Jerry's Foundation National Grassroots Organizing Program](#) (Rolling LOI); 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:
- [Program Coordinator, Violence Prevention, Allegheny County Health Department - Pittsburgh, PA](#)
 - [Hate Crimes and Youth Violence Prevention Coordinator, Manhattan DA - NYC](#)
 - [Violence Prevention Program Manager, Medical College of Wisconsin - Milwaukee, WI](#)
 - [Policy and Grants Manager, Baltimore MONSE - Baltimore, MD](#)
 - [Contract Management Coordinator, Managing Director's Office - Philadelphia, PA](#)
- Got an opening? [Share it with us!](#)

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