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HOPE IN ACTION

ANTI-GUN VIOLENCE PROJECT



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2021 - 2023 IMPACT REPORT



HOPE IN ACTION

The Hope In Action Anti-Gun Violence Project implements interventions that focus on targeted, trauma-informed care designed to interrupt cycles of violence that can produce life-saving and cost-efficient results without contributing to the school-to-prison pipeline and mass incarceration. This effort has identified individuals (youth and adults) at the highest risk of gun violence to coordinate individualized wraparound resources.

The Hope In Action Anti-Gun Violence Project's intervention plan consists of four steps:

STEP 01.

VIOLENCE INTERRUPTERS

STEP 02.

DIVERSION + REENTRY

STEP 03.

WRAPAROUND SERVICES

STEP 04.

**VIOLENCE PREVENTION
TASK FORCE**

IMPACT REPORT

Through American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding, Hope In Action has received **2 Million** dollars, which has been used to support vulnerable communities in the following ways:

55,000+

County residents served
via HIA Programming

23

Nonprofits funded through
the Hope Collective

\$1M+

Grant funding dispersed
to nonprofits

These nonprofits provide afterschool support services, mental health services, and wraparound services (eviction and foreclosure services, grief counseling, basic needs services, and supply giveaways).

COMMUNITY BENEFITS & STATISTICS

AFTERSCHOOL SUPPORT

11

Nonprofits
funded

1,500+

Youth supported via academic enrichment and homework assistance, one-on-one mentoring peer support activities and extracurricular activities.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

7

Nonprofits
funded

206

Individuals received mental health services to include counseling services, workshops, and case management, including sessions with accredited mental health clinicians and referrals to appropriate services and resources.

WRAPAROUND SERVICES

5

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26,737 +

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WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

7

Nonprofits
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1,663

Individuals served who received workforce development instruction and training certification in customer service, commercial driver's license training, OSHA inspection training, and basic computer skills.

VIOLENCE INTERRUPTERS

This impact report provides a comprehensive overview of the efforts and outcomes achieved by HIA Violence Interrupters in the Forest Creek, Suitland, and Marlow Heights communities. Violence Interrupters are vital community-based individuals and organizations dedicated to preventing and mitigating violence, promoting peace, and fostering positive change in these areas. The data and insights presented in this report are based on statistics and observations gathered over the last two years.

The communities of Forest Creek, Suitland, and Marlow Heights located in Prince George's County, MD, have faced long-standing challenges related to violence, crime, and community safety. These areas have been identified by the Prince George's County Police Department as high-risk zones where Violence Interrupters have been actively engaged in their mission to reduce violence and promote social cohesion.

VIOLENCE INTERRUPTERS' ACTIVITIES & FOCUS AREAS

01.

**CASE MANAGEMENT AND
CONFLICT RESOLUTION**

02.

**COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

03.

YOUTH OUTREACH

04.

RESOURCE REFERRALS

IMPACT REPORT

VIOLENCE INTERRUPTERS' ACTIVITIES & FOCUS AREAS

ONE-ON-ONE

50

Families

WORKSHOPS

20

Participants

COMMUNITY EVENTS

45

Events

COMMUNITY CANVASSING

300

Families

VIGILS

12

9

Violence Interrupters serving our most vulnerable communities in Suitland, District Heights, and Capitol Heights.

15

Anti-violence Task Force County resident members assist with developing a plan of action around community resource building.

7,500

Total number of families impacted by community canvassing, vigils, and community events.

VIOLENCE PREVENTION TASK FORCE

Gun violence remains a pressing issue in Prince George's County. These recommendations aim to provide a framework for addressing the complexities of this issue through evidence-based solutions. It is crucial to note that there is no one-size-fits-all approach to reducing gun violence, and collaboration between stakeholders is vital for the successful implementation of these strategies. By taking decisive steps now, we can protect our community and secure a safer, more prosperous future for all residents.

RECOMMENDATIONS

01.

**ADDRESS SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC
INEQUALITY**

02.

IMPROVE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

03.

**STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY
PARTNERSHIPS**

04.

RESOURCE REFERRALS

05.

**SUPPORT VICTIMS AND THEIR
FAMILIES**

06.

RESOURCE REFERRALS

07.

RESOURCE REFERRALS

08.

**INCREASE PUBLIC EDUCATION AND
AWARENESS**