



VAUGHN BRYANT

Executive Director

Vaughn Bryant is Executive Director of Metropolitan Peace Initiatives (MPI), a division of Metropolitan Family Services which features a team of professionals working in partnership with community-based and citywide organizations to coordinate, support and sustain comprehensive services designed to heal communities that have experienced the highest levels of gun violence. Core specialties include the Metropolitan Peace Academy, behavioral health, workforce readiness, legal aid and street outreach supervision.

Metropolitan Peace Initiatives emerged from and supports Communities Partnering 4 Peace (CP4P), an unprecedented partnership of leading outreach and restorative justice organizations that are reducing gun violence in Chicago with a comprehensive, evidence-based, trauma-informed approach. Convened by Metropolitan Family Services and working with police as well as the private and public sectors, CP4P is a coordinated response to the public health crisis that is gun violence. CP4P has expanded to include 15 organizations serving 21 communities. Since CP4P's launch in April 2016, Bryant has led CP4P to provide case management, re-entry and victim assistance services to more than 3,000 individuals, host 1,636 Light in the Night (LIN) events, and mediate 2,177 violent incidents in key communities.

Bryant previously held leadership roles with the Chicago Park District, Chicago Public Schools (where he developed the "Safe Passage" program), the NFL and Stanford University. He also was a former fourth-round draft choice of the Detroit Lions, a three-year starter, and a two time All-Pac-10 selection at Stanford, and a 1994 inductee into the Detroit Catholic League Hall of Fame.

A graduate of Leadership Greater Chicago, Bryant serves on the National Advisory Board of the Haas Center for Public Service at Stanford University and on various committees with the Chicago Community Trust. He is also a board member for the Positive Coaching Alliance - Chicago.

Bryant has a BA in Sociology from Stanford University and holds a Master's Degree in Marital and Family Therapy from Northwestern University.