



METROPOLITAN PEACE INITIATIVES MEDIA KIT 2024

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Metropolitan Peace Initiatives (MPI), a division of Metropolitan Family Services (MFS), convenes community-based and citywide organizations to help heal Chicago's communities experiencing the highest levels of gun violence.

MPI coordinates, supports and sustains a cross agency infrastructure comprised of local community-based and citywide hyperlocal organizations known as Communities Partnering 4 Peace (CP4P), which delivers a comprehensive set of services to heal communities at the highest risk of violence.

MPI's core focus areas include: **Behavioral Health Services, Workforce Development, the Metropolitan Peace Academy (MPA), and Justice Corps: Legal Aid.**

MPI's vision is to live in an equitable Chicago that is free of violence where all children, youth and families live happy and fulfilled lives.

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ABOUT MPI

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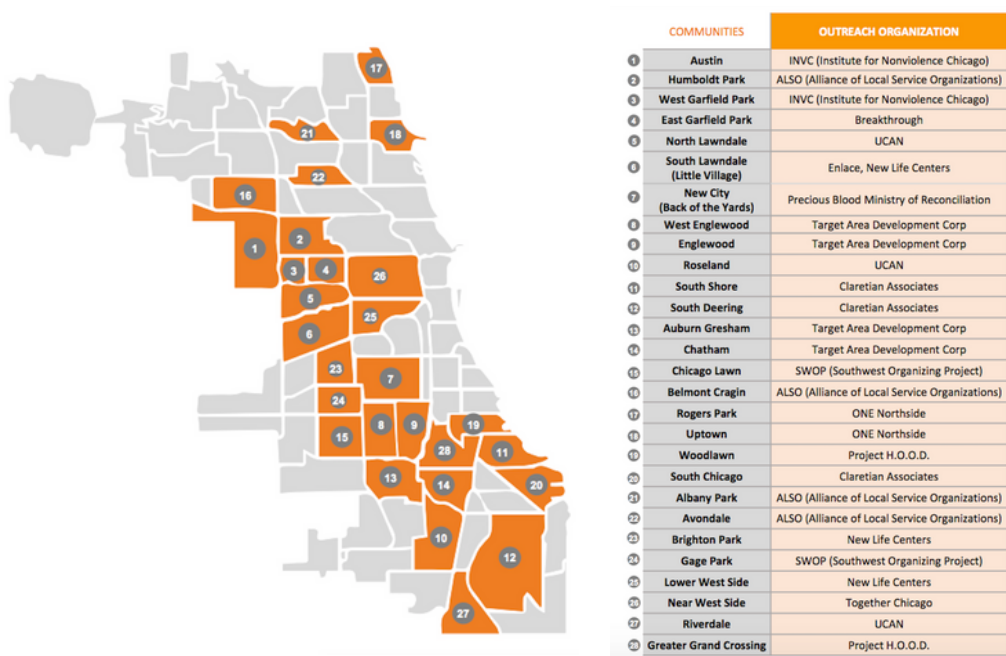
Convened by MPI, Communities Partnering 4 Peace (CP4P), is a framework that provides a comprehensive, long-term approach to reducing gun violence among the communities it serves.

Comprised of 13 hyperlocal organizations working across 28 neighborhoods, CP4P is reducing violence and saving lives.



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Our CP4P Partner Organizations & Communities



CP4P targets individuals most at risk of perpetrating gun violence or becoming victims of gun violence, and provides:

- Intervention by trained **street outreach workers** to stop violence before it occurs
- **Case management** services such as **victim services, behavioral health, education and job training, transitional housing, and re-entry support** services for returning citizens
- Community-based events, called **“Light in the Night”**; that build community safety and solidarity
- Intensive training for street outreach workers provided by the **Metropolitan Peace Academy**

Research released in 2023 by Northwestern University’s Center for Neighborhood Engaged Research & Science (CORNERS) reveals that CP4P prevented 355 shootings and homicides between 2014 and 2021.

ABOUT CP4P

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- 1 Define Community Violence Intervention (CVI) for a broad audience
- 2 Educate the public on the historic causes of community violence including systemic oppression and neglect
- 3 Raise awareness of MPI and CP4P's mission, programs and services in the 28 communities in which we serve. Those services include:
 - Street Outreach
 - Victim Services
 - Case Management
 - Civic Legal Aid
 - Behavioral Health Services
 - Trauma Recovery Services
 - Reentry Programs
 - GED attainment
 - Job Training/Certification Programs
- 4 Showcase success stories within MPI/CP4P's 28 highest risk communities, which often include life-changing transformations amongst CP4P participants, upward employee career mobility, certification attainment and financial stability
- 5 Highlight relevant partnerships that allow MPI/CP4P to better serve our clients where they are:
 - Southland RISE, a unique collaboration with the University of Chicago Medicine and Advocate Health which strengthens and integrates existing violence recovery and trauma care services throughout Chicago's South Side and across the south suburbs
 - City Colleges of Chicago, provides 10-week certification training in CNC machine learning and forklift operation as part of the CP4P Workforce Development Program

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- Partnership for Safe and Peaceful Communities (PSPC), a consortium of private foundations and individual donors who provided seed money to found CP4P and continues to provide support

6 Focus on the civilian architecture created by 15 cohorts of the Metropolitan Peace Academy (MPA) and how the infrastructure positively influences truces and mediations, and helps prevent retaliatory violence

7 Create credibility and establish MPI as a trusted source for CVI work and policy in Chicago and across the nation; offering our leadership as experts across the field

8 Advocate for policy and legislative change to secure and advance MPI/CP4P CVI work

9 Introduce and increase awareness of the IllinoisPeaceProject.org, a growing community of hyperlocal organizations, residents and policymakers across the state of Illinois focused on CVI

10 Highlighting the inspirational narratives of the dedicated outreach workers who have not only undergone personal transformations but are also actively contributing to the betterment of our city by promoting a culture of peace

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