



METROPOLITAN PEACE INITIATIVES MEDIA KIT 2025 - 2026

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ABOUT MPI

Metropolitan Peace Initiatives

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 that deliver a comprehensive set of services to heal communities at the highest risk of gun violence.

MPI's core focus areas include: **Communities Partnering 4 Peace (CP4P)**, **Metropolitan Peace Academy (MPA)**, **Behavioral Health Services**, **Justice Corps: Legal Aid**, **Crisis Prevention & Response Unit (CPRU)**, and **Youth Interventions**.

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.



ABOUT CP4P

Communities Partnering 4 Peace

Convened by MPI, Communities Partnering 4 Peace (CP4P) is a coalition of local Chicago providers that provide Community Violence Intervention (CVI), a comprehensive, long-term approach to reducing gun violence in communities at highest risk.

Comprised of 15 hyperlocal organizations working across 28 neighborhoods, CP4P is reducing violence and saving lives.

Our CP4P Partner Organizations & Communities

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

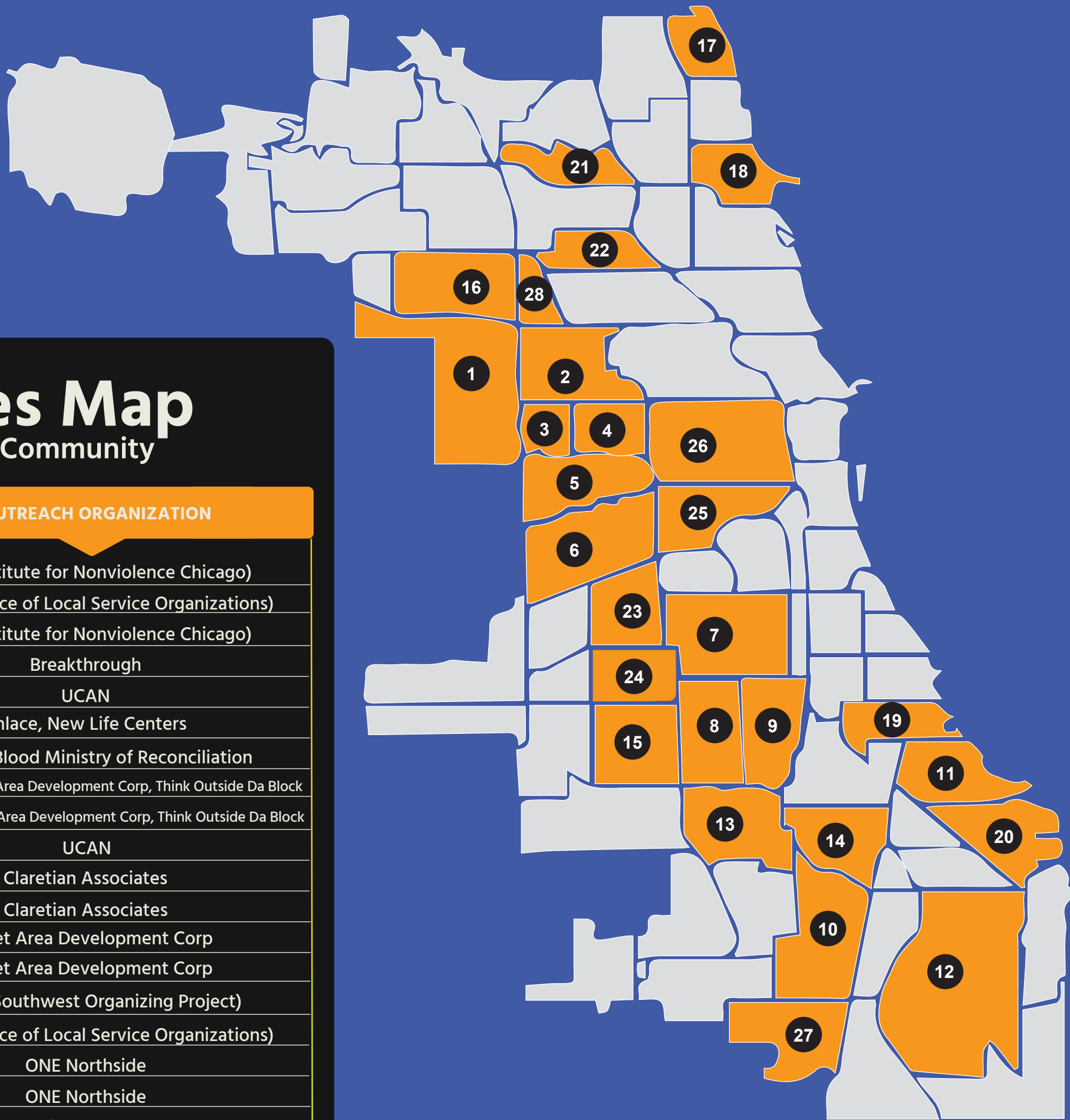
- Intervention by trained street outreach workers to stop violence before it occurs
- Services that include case management, victim services, behavioral health, education, transitional housing, and re-entry support services for returning citizens
- Intensive training for street outreach workers provided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

According to Northwestern University’s Center for Neighborhood Engaged Research and Science (CORNERS), CP4P helped prevent at least 383 shootings and homicides between 2017 and 2021.

CP4P Services Map

Our Impact Across the Community

	COMMUNITIES	OUTREACH ORGANIZATION
1	Austin	INVC (Institute for Nonviolence Chicago)
2	Humboldt Park	ALSO (Alliance of Local Service Organizations)
3	West Garfield Park	INVC (Institute for Nonviolence Chicago)
4	East Garfield Park	Breakthrough
5	North Lawndale	UCAN
6	South Lawndale (Little Village)	Enlace, New Life Centers
7	New City (Back of the Yards)	Precious Blood Ministry of Reconciliation
8	West Englewood	Public Equity, Target Area Development Corp, Think Outside Da Block
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10	Roseland	UCAN
11	South Shore	Claretian Associates
12	South Deering	Claretian Associates
13	Auburn Gresham	Target Area Development Corp
14	Chatham	Target Area Development Corp
15	Chicago Lawn	SWOP (Southwest Organizing Project)
17	Belmont Cragin	ALSO (Alliance of Local Service Organizations)
16	Rogers Park	ONE Northside
18	Uptown	ONE Northside
19	Woodlawn	Project H.O.O.D.
20	South Chicago	Claretian Associates
21	Albany Park	ALSO (Alliance of Local Service Organizations)
22	Avondale	ALSO (Alliance of Local Service Organizations)
23	Brighton Park	New Life Centers
24	Gage Park	SWOP (Southwest Organizing Project)
25	Lower West Side	New Life Centers
26	Near West Side	Together Chicago
27	West Pullman	UCAN
28	Hermosa	ALSO (Alliance of Local Service Organizations)





ABOUT YOUTH INTERVENTIONS

Back to Our Future 2.0

MPI's Youth Interventions initiative aims to support youth through intensive reengagement programming. Back to Our Future 2.0 (B2OF 2.0), in partnership with Chicago Public Schools, is the first program under the initiative. The overall goal of B2OF 2.0 is to re-engage youth ages 14 to 21 on Chicago's South and West Sides who have been disconnected from school for three or more months. The program aims to help youth become less prone to violence and violent activity, while reconnecting them to the educational pathways that best suit their needs.

Programming Includes:

- Relentless Engagement and Street Outreach
- Academic Support
- Mental Health and Cognitive Behavioral Interventions
- Mentoring
- Family Support
- Soft Skills Training
- Case Management



TOP 2025 - 2026 MPI & CP4P MEDIA PRIORITIES



1

Define Community
Violence
Intervention (CVI)
for a broader
audience

2

Educate the
public on the
historic causes of
community
violence,
including
systemic
oppression and
neglect

3

Raise awareness
of MPI's mission,
programs, and
services in the
communities we
serve

4

Showcase success
stories within
CP4P's 28
highest-risk
communities,
which often
include
life-changing
transformations
amongst CP4P
participants,
upward career
mobility,
certification
attainment, and
financial stability

5

Highlight 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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6

Focus on the civilian architecture created by the more than 700 graduates of the Metropolitan Peace Academy (MPA) and how the infrastructure positively influences group conflicts and mediations, and helps prevent retaliatory violence

7

Raise awareness around MPI's newest initiative: Youth Interventions – its mission, programs, and services in the communities we serve

8

Create credibility and establish MPI as a trusted source for CVI and Youth Interventions work in Chicago and across the nation, offering our leadership as experts across the field

9

Advocate for policy and legislative change to secure and advance CVI and Youth Interventions work

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Highlight relevant partnerships that allow MPI, CP4P, and Youth Interventions to better serve our clients where they are

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