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Vaughn Bryant is the Vice President of Metropolitan Family Services (MFS) and the Executive Director for Metropolitan Peace Initiatives (MPI), a division of MFS 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, street outreach supervision, legal aid, and youth interventions.

MPI 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 through Community Violence Intervention (CVI), a comprehensive, evidence-based, trauma-informed approach.

Convened by MPI and working with the public and private sectors, CP4P is a coordinated response to the public health crisis that is gun violence. Since its launch in 2017, Bryant has led CP4P's expansion to 15 organizations that provide street outreach, case management, re-entry, and victim assistance services across 28 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 is a former fourth-round draft choice of the Detroit Lions, a three-year starter and two-time All-Pac-10 selection at Stanford, and a 1994 inductee into the Detroit Catholic League Hall of Fame.

A Leadership Greater Chicago fellow, Bryant is a board member for the Positive Coaching Alliance – Chicago. Additionally, Bryant completed the Strategic Perspectives in Nonprofit Management Certificate Program at Harvard Business School.

Bryant has a BA from Stanford University and holds an MS from Northwestern University. He is also a proud member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

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