



METROPOLITAN PEACE INITIATIVES MEDIA KIT 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 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), Justice Corps: Legal Aid 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 framework that provides a comprehensive, long-term approach to reducing gun violence among the communities it serves.

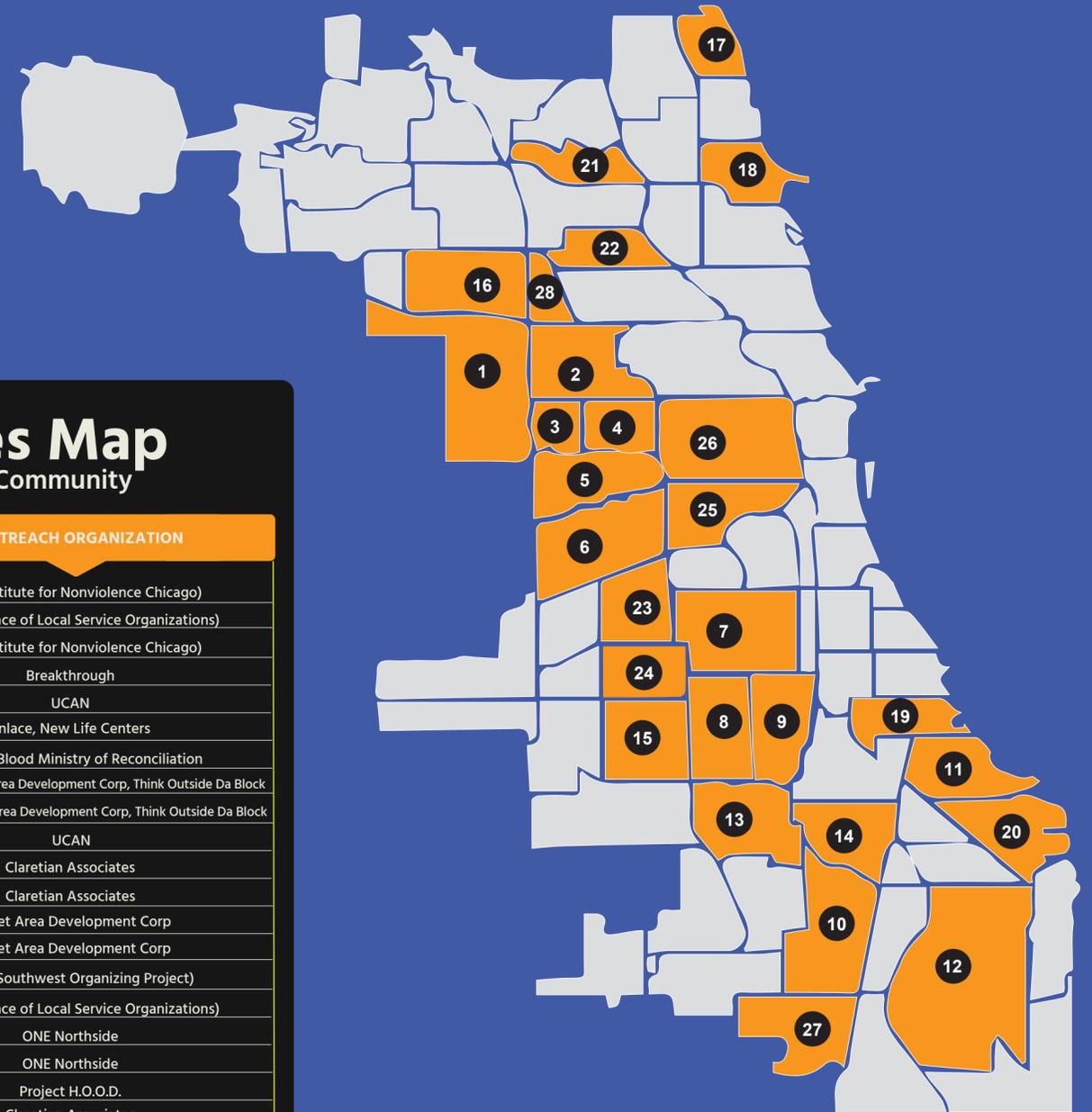
Comprised of 15 hyperlocal organizations working across 28 neighborhoods, CP4P is reducing violence and saving lives.

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
- **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**
- **Intervention programming** that aims to reengage youth who have been disconnected from the educational system

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)



**TOP 2026
MPI & CP4P
MEDIA
PRIORITIES**



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
- Youth Interventions

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
- 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



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Focus on the civilian architecture created by 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

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

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Introduce and increase awareness of the Illinois Peace Project, a growing community of hyperlocal organizations, residents and policymakers across the state of Illinois focused on CVI

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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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