



Youth Violence Prevention Action Table Status Update

Youth Violence Prevention Comprehensive Plan

OBJECTIVE

- ✓ Develop and promote a comprehensive approach to youth violence with strategies focused at all levels of the social ecology.

STRATEGIC AREAS OF FOCUS

- ✓ Promote family environments that support healthy development
- ✓ Provide quality education early in life
- ✓ Strengthen youth skills
- ✓ Connect youth to caring adults and activities
- ✓ Create protective community environments
- ✓ Intervene to lessen harms and prevent future risks

YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

KEY TACTICS

- Add several support strategies that will be necessary to sustain the work.
- Root this work within city agencies to ensure the work will remain a top priority.
- Evaluated at appropriate intervals to determine which strategies demonstrate positive outcomes and which need to be revised or potentially discontinued.

TACTICS TO IMPLEMENT YVP STRATEGIES

Key areas that the sub-committees will target for intervention, partnership, policy, funding and programming.

Promote family environments that support healthy development

- Expand access to parenting resources and family skill development programs

Intervene to lessen harms and prevent future risks

- Engage local public health agencies to support implementation of strategies focused on supporting youth violence prevention efforts.

Provide quality education early in life.

- Youth Program Locator, HeadStart, Denver Afterschool Alliance

Strengthen youth skills

- Create a City Corps program

Connect youth to caring adults and activities

- Create City employee mentoring program.

Create protective community environments

- Create a network of Youth Centers in communities where young people are facing barriers to success.
- promote safe storage practices in collaboration with youth, community, public and private partners.

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COMPLETED TASKS

- The city will create a position dedicated to supporting the implementation of the YVP Strategic Plan in conjunction with the YVPAT.
- The city will designate a city agency to supporting the implementation of the YVP Strategic Plan in conjunction with the YVPAT. (Office of Children's Affairs)
- The city will designate a city agency to understand emerging needs and service gaps
- Expand the Safe Zone Project to increase the frequency of events in communities where youth violence is more likely to occur.
- Apply an equity lens to all strategies

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PROGRESS UPDATE

- RFPs for the mini-grants has been released. Closing date is 05/05/2021
- RFPs for Youth Pop-up Zones (formerly known as Safe Zones) has closed as of April 9th.
- The Youth Empowerment Center (Valverde neighborhood) rehab will be starting soon. Facility will have soft opening (city employees) on April 17th. RFP to identify an operation manager will be released in June 2021, hand-off for building will be in October and long-term programming will begin in spring 2022).
- Regional Compact group is continually supporting Aurora's development and rollout of their YVP Action Table. Denver is providing technical assistance and consulting. Aurora will be kicking off regular meetings with their Action Table starting early May.

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PROGRESS UPDATES

- Cities United has invited Denver to host their annual convening in October
- Will be changing the name of YVP initiative to something more asset based.
- YVP will be pursuing grant opportunity from CDC to enhance strategies and the theme of “Safety Starts with Me”
- OCA is in progress with the City supporting multiple community led YVP activities this week in Far Northeast, Northeast Denver, and Southwest Denver.

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YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION WEEK

- ❑ April 12th-April 16th 2021 National Youth Violence Prevention week is in progress with the City supporting multiple community led YVP activities this week in Far Northeast, Northeast Denver, and Southwest Denver.
- ❑ In partnership with The Office of Children’s Affairs (OCA), the Department of Safety Youth Programs division will provide funding (up to \$750 for 2 events) to support community-based organizations to host mini-pop-up activities during National Youth Violence Prevention Week which will help raise awareness of the role everyone plays in preventing youth violence, demonstrate positivity of youth in their community and demonstrate the role young have in making their schools and community (including social media) safer.
- ❑ OCA is encouraging other city agencies and departments to participate in commemorating YVP Week by highlighting the work they do which contributes to YVP and the theme of “Safety Starts with Me”

Next Steps-Logistics

- Coordinate budget requests with various City & County of Denver agencies to prioritize projects and work alignment of larger Youth Violence Prevention efforts
- Meet with City Council members to align YVP initiatives with authentic community concerns.
- Update City Council Safety Committee of progress, needs, and concerns