



DENVER
THE MILE HIGH CITY

Office of Community Violence Solutions

Safety, Homelessness, Education, &
Housing Committee

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FOR CITY SERVICES VISIT | CALL
DenverGov.org | **311**



<p>13 Staff (16 vendor contracted FTE's)</p>	<p>\$1,738,933 Budget (2024) \$1,472,600 (Gen Fund) + \$266,333 (Grant)</p>	<p>9 Programs serving youth, adults, families, and communities</p>
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PREVENTION

- G.R.E.A.T. Program
- Training Series
- Gun Buy Back Program
- Community partnerships
- Violence Reduction Public Awareness Campaigns
- Violence Prevention Technical Assistance

SECONDARY PREVENTION

- Community-based Gang Prevention

INTERVENTION

- Violence Interruption
- Critical Incident/Crisis Response
- Safe Haven
- Juvenile and Adult MDTs (Gang, Gun, and Group specific)
- Handgun Intervention Program (HIP Court)
- A.I.M. Project

COMMUNITY SAFETY TEAMS

Program Snapshot

- Seven community-focused teams have been formed to enhance our efforts in supporting youth and families, combating violence, and creating a safe environment. These teams will drive innovation in violence interruption, gang prevention, and gender-specific services, working collaboratively to strengthen Denver's initiatives against gang, gun, and group violence.

Community Partners

- Collaborative Healing Initiative within Communities (CHIC)
- The Denver Dream Center
- GRASP (Gang Rescue and Support Project)
- Life-Line Colorado
- Seeing Our Adolescents Rise (SOAR)
- The Struggle of Love (S.O.L) Foundation
- Tha Myx

COMMUNITY-BASED GANG VIOLENCE INTERVENTION PROGRAM

Strategy is a two-pronged approach, integrating **Gang Violence Interruption** efforts and **Individualized Service Provision**. Implementation of both components allows for both proactive and reactive strategies to reduce gang violence in the community by addressing the service needs of those most likely to be involved in violence and by identifying the causes of and solutions to conflicts between individuals and groups within the community. A primary focus is on responding to gang-involved incidents and confrontations in the community.

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2024-2026

3FTE → 6FTE

2023

- **Violence Interruption**
 - **157** Incidents Violence Interrupters Responded
 - **49** Incidents Violence Interrupters Provided Mitigation
 - **61** Responses to a Potential Conflict to Reduce Escalation
- **Individual Case Management**
 - **334** Individuals Received Direct Service

SECONDARY GANG PREVENTION SERVICES

Services are provided to high-risk youth and their families. Secondary gang prevention refers to programs and services that are directed toward youth who have already displayed early signs of problem behavior and are at high risk for gang involvement. Selected programs will concentrate their resources on those high-risk and hard-to-reach youth who are most likely to join local gangs.

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2024-2026

3FTE → 7FTE

2023

- **467** Youth Provided Direct Services
- **222** Families Received Supportive Services

Offers trauma-informed services for young women, focusing on mental health, school connectedness, and family relationships. It targets high-risk youth ages 12-24 prone to gang involvement, providing mentoring, individual risk assessments, and specialized case management. The services aim to foster positive female development by addressing basic needs, identity, purpose, confidence, and safety.

2023

- **64** Young Women Received Direct Services

COMMUNITY PARTNERS:

- Collaborative Healing Initiative within Communities (CHIC)
- The Denver Dream Center

2024-2026

1FTE → 3FTE

MAXIMIZING IMPACT THOROUGH COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS

