



WORKING TOGETHER FOR A SAFER ST. LOUIS



YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION PARTNERSHIP

Quarterly Meeting

April 25, 2025

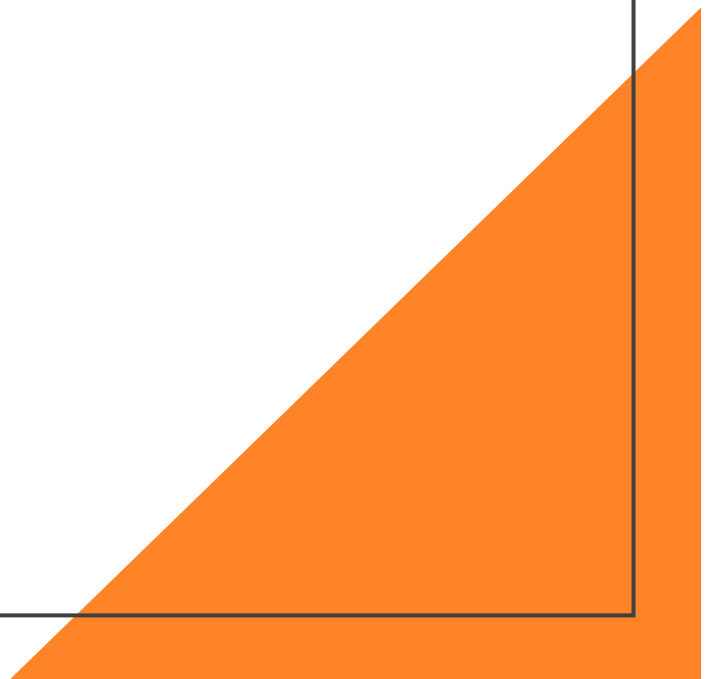
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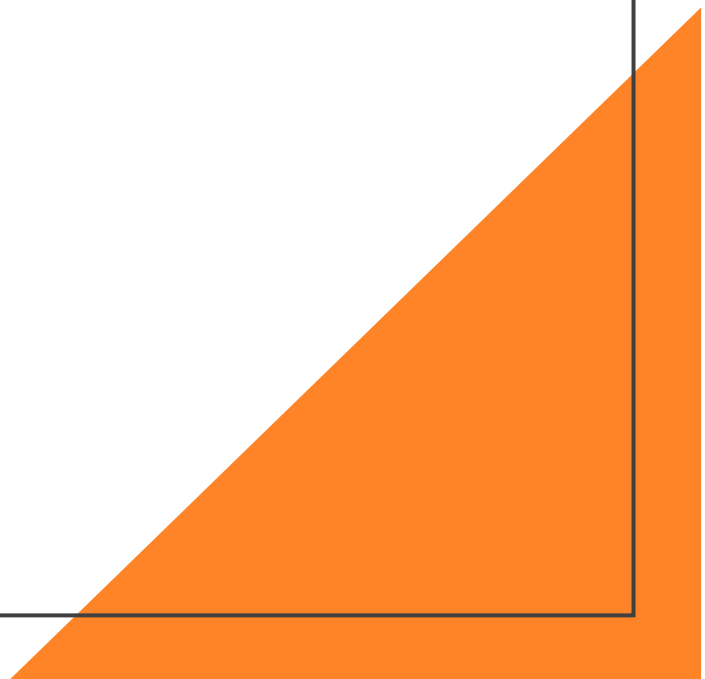
Agenda

1. Welcome & Introduction
2. Save Lives Now! Update
3. LaSalle Park Activation
4. Summer Youth Event Plans
5. Sidewalk Talks
6. State of Public Safety
7. Forward Through Ferguson Racial Equity Summit
8. Partner Announcements
9. Quarterly Meeting Evaluation

Introductions



Save Lives Now!
Update



Big News

Save Lives Now! Named a
What's Right with the Region
Emerging Initiative

Celebrate with us: May 15
Touhill Center @UMSL



Regional Anti-Violence Initiative
Advisory Council Meeting

**SAVE
LIVES!
NOW!**

Progress Update

5 out of 6 Short-Term Goals Completed

- Regional Work Plan Completed
- Fundraising Plan Completed
- SLN Academy Training Started
- **April Launch**
- Identify Community-Based Providers

On-Going Work

- Framework for Custom Notifications & Data Sharing

Implementation Framework: Through Darnell's Eyes

High-Risk Individuals

Who is the focus of Save Lives Now?

- 18–40, male, residing primarily in violence-concentrated areas.
- Long-term exposure to community violence.
- Limited work history, education barriers, and unstable housing.
- High rates of poverty, substance misuse, and mental health issues.
- History of interpersonal conflicts that escalate quickly.
- Identified as part of a group, gang, or informal street network.
- Criminal history and/or prior gun-related offenses.
- **Less than .2 percent of the region's population.**

A Critical Crossroads



Darnell, 25, is caught in the cycle of violence.

- Darnell receives a call—**his friend has just been shot. His friends are already talking about retaliation.**
- **Darnell's name comes up in a shooting review**—his history of violence and known associates make him a high concern for potential retaliation.
- **A custom notification is delivered**—law enforcement, a trusted community leader, and a service provider approach him with a clear message: 'We know what's happening. Retaliation isn't the answer. But we can help.'

Offering A Way Out



Stop retaliation before it starts.

- **Marcus, a violence interventionist**, gets a text from the Office of Violence Prevention about the shooting and connects with Darnell in the neighborhood.
- **Marcus listens first, not lectures.** He asks: 'What's really going on?' Would he prefer a peaceful "out"?
- **Meanwhile, Marcus works behind the scenes—** identifying others involved, reaching out to associates, de-escalating the situation before more violence occurs.
- He also offers help finding **stabilization and support services** to provide security.

Breaking the Cycle



From Triggers to Choices: CBT in Action.

- Marcus introduces Darnell to cognitive behavioral theory — **not in an office, not with a clipboard.** It's delivered where he is—on the block, at home, **even mid-crisis.**
- CBT helps him recognize triggers before they control him, **pause before reacting**, and align choices with the future he actually wants.
- Darnell is taught how to **practice these new skills daily.**
- If Darnell pulls away, **Marcus doesn't give up.**

If Violence Happens



If Darnell returns to violence.

- If Darnell chooses to engage in violence again, **the full weight of the legal system will come into play.**
- Law enforcement, prosecutors, and parole officers can **coordinate a swift and comprehensive response**, prioritizing arrests, reviewing open cases, and pursuing any outstanding warrants.
- **Every available legal and supervisory tool—what we call "pulling levers"—is used to hold him accountable.**

We Don't Give Up



When a participant stumbles

- **Intervention never stops.** Marcus stays connected, showing up at court dates or working with probation officers to maintain a thread of support.
- **CBT continues.** Wherever Darnell is — in the community, jail, or a re-entry program.
- **Stabilization support shifts when needed** — helping family members, exploring relocation, or connecting legal services.
- **The ultimate goal isn't just stopping violence today — it's breaking the cycle for good.**

Stabilization & Support

Each jurisdiction needs the following minimum services:

- **Low-Threshold Housing:** Housing without strict eligibility requirements.
- **Rapid Relocation Services:** Temporary housing to ensure safety.
- **Behavioral Health Services:** Comprehensive mental health support.
- **Substance Abuse Recovery Services:** Assistance with addiction.
- **Support for Basic Needs:** Help with rent, utilities, food, and other essentials.
- **Employment Services:** Job training, placement & retention support.
- **Health Care Clinics:** Medical care for immediate and ongoing health needs.

SLN Service Footprint

Region	Neighborhoods	Municipalities	Unincorporated Communities	Public Housing
City of St. Louis				
Central	Wells Goodfellow, Hamilton Heights, Fountain Park, The Ville, Greater Ville, Jeff Vanderlou			
North	Baden, North Pointe, Walnut Park East, Walnut Park West, Mark Twain			
South	Dutchtown, Gravois Park, Mt. Pleasant, Carondelet, Patch			
St. Louis County		Ferguson, Berkeley, Jennings	Glasgow Village, Castle Point, Spanish Lake	
St. Clair County		East St. Louis		Gompers Homes

Projected Timeline, Budget

Estimated 2025 Timeline

Jurisdiction	Jan–Mar 2025	Apr 2025	May–Jun 2025	Jul–Dec 2025	Year–End Target
City of St. Louis	<i>Problem analysis, CBT training</i>	Start serving 10 participants in April	Shooting reviews and custom notifications begin, CBO onboarding, shooting reviews expand	Expand participants to 30; maintain street intervention	40 participants
St. Louis County	<i>CBT training</i>	Problem analysis,	Focused Deterrence training, Shooting reviews & custom notifications begin	CBO onboarding, start serving 25 participants in Aug	25 participants
St. Clair County		Problem analysis, Focused Deterrence training, CBT training	CBT Training, Focused Deterrence training, Street intervention training, Shooting reviews, & custom notifications begin	CBO onboarding, start serving 20 participants in Aug	20 participants

Budget Note

Changing behavior takes time and trust. High-risk individuals need **consistent engagement** from violence interventionists who build relationships and case managers. Behind the scenes, staff like project managers, resource specialists, and data specialists track progress to guide service delivery adjustments.

Because **this work is relationship-based and labor-intensive**, investing in skilled people is the biggest cost—and the most critical to success.

Budget Needs

Full-Time (Required for All Jurisdictions)

- **Project Managers:** Oversee coordination & implementation.
- **Resource Specialists:** Connect participants to services.

Scalable FTE (By Jurisdiction, Based on Participant Size)

- **Violence Interventionists & Case Managers:** Engage high-risk individuals & manage progress.
- **Site Supervisors:** Manage street teams by specific communities.
- **Data Specialists:** Track program outcomes, analyze data, and support for regional data sharing
- **Admin Assistants:** Support to direct service staff

Stabilization & Support

- Housing Assistance
- Health Services
- Basic Needs
- Employment & Education

Other Expenses

- Professional Development for providers and law enforcement
- Technology for providers and law enforcement
- Jurisdictional OVP Overhead
- Convener Overhead

Estimated Budget

Year	# of Participants	Total Cost	Personnel Costs	Operational Costs	Support Services
2025	85	\$1.98M	\$1.36M	\$465K	\$153K

Estimated 2025 Budget By Jurisdiction	Allocation
St. Louis City	\$847,608
St. Louis County	\$545,211
St. Clair County	\$467,179

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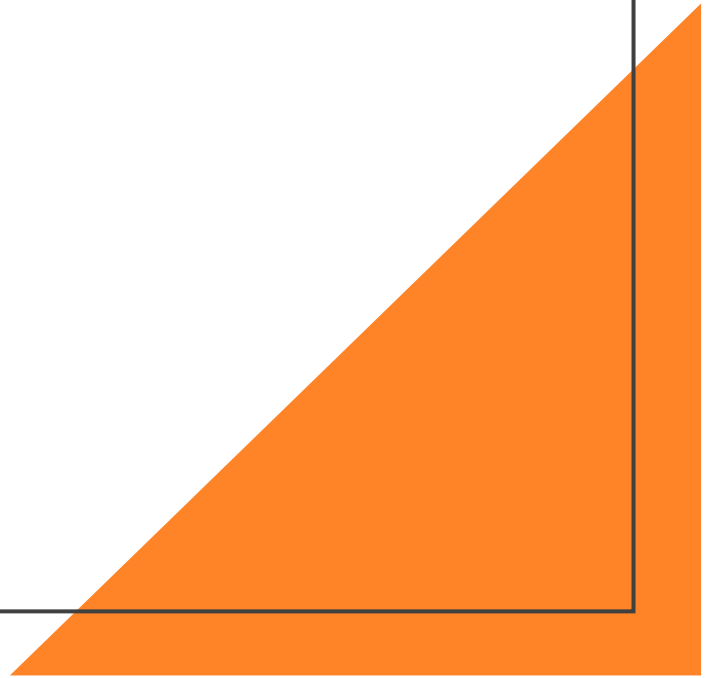
2025	2026	2027
85	370	500

Additional seed funding provided by:
East-West Gateway Council of Governments,
Greater St. Louis Inc, Regional Business
Council, Municipal League, City of St. Louis



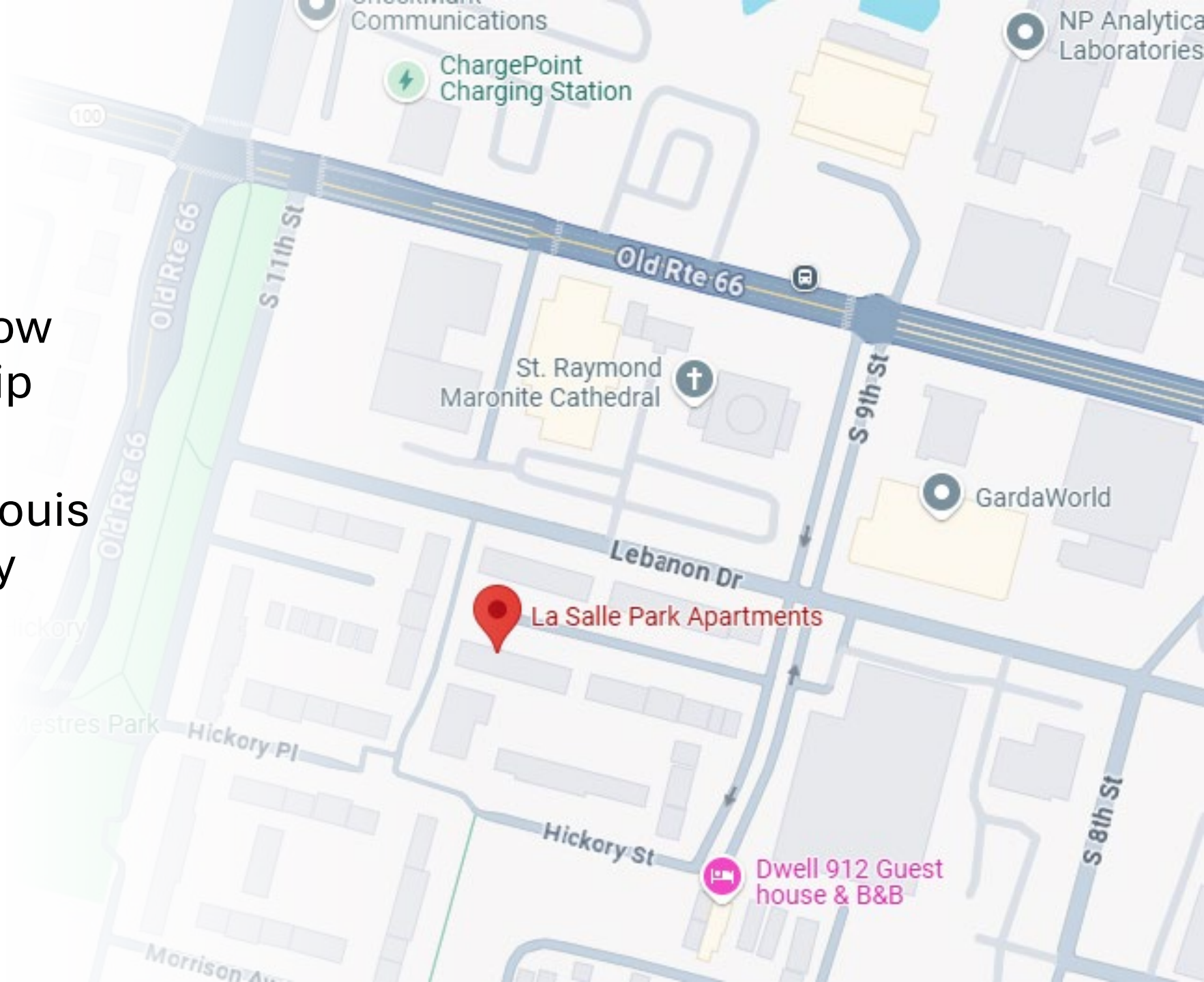
Questions?

LaSalle Park Activation



LaSalle Park Activation

- Reminder: Glasgow Village Partnership
- LaSalle Park is managed by St. Louis Housing Authority





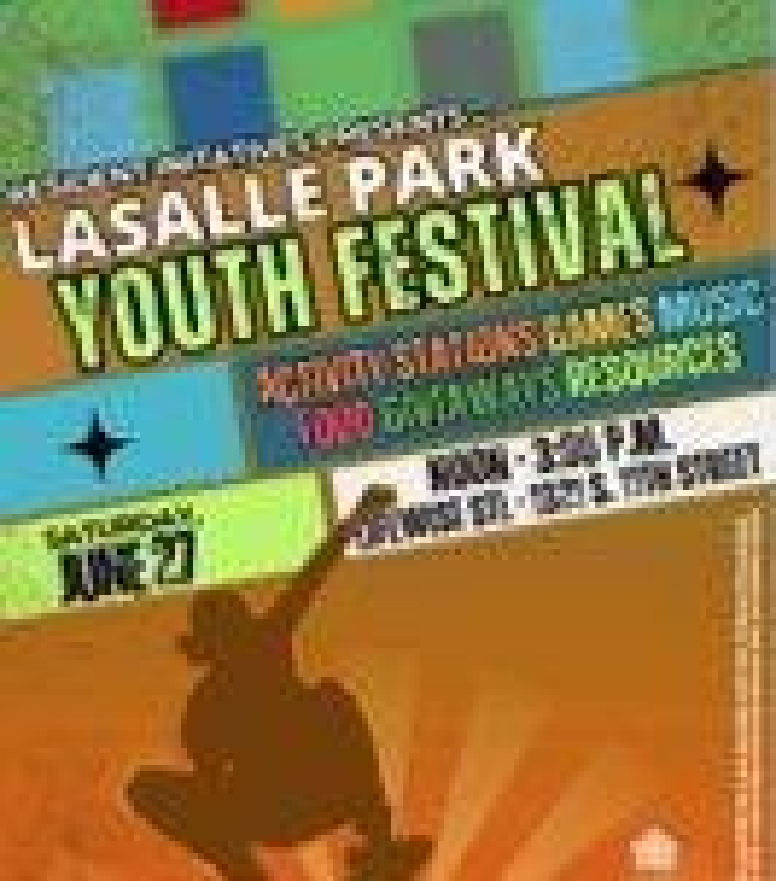
LASALLE PARK SUMMER PLANNING



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LaSalle Park Youth Demographics

Age Range	Male	Female	Grand Totals
0 to 10yo	73	82	155
11yo to 17yo	60	75	135
18yo to 24yo	27	26	53
Total	160	183	343



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and future





Adult Activities Requested

Creative Arts(Paint,Cook etc)	75%
Educational (Health, Careers etc)	37.5%
Group (Field Days, Cookouts, Community, Line Dance etc)	62.5%
No Response	12.5%

Youth Activities Requested

Educational/STEM/ Study/Books etc	62.5%
Sports - Field Days, Dance Lessons etc	62.5%
Arts and Crafts(paint, music, etc.	100%
Other	25% A Bounce House

Community Activities Requested

Field Days	62.5%
Health Fairs	50%
Holiday Events	62.5
Resource Days (Utilities, Employment Programs)	75%
Youth Specific(Back to School, Youth Days)	75%
Other	




Service Providers Needed!

Engagement Opportunities
Thursdays; 11:30am-1pm

June 5th
June 12th
June 26th
July 3rd
July 10th
July 17th
July 24th
July 31st
August 7th
August 14th

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 31st; 12pm - 2pm - Bingo and Blues
 - June 5th to Aug. 15 – Mobile Y (Thursdays during the Summer Food Program)
 - August 16th; 11am – 2pm - Back to School Block Party
 - October 7th; 3pm - 6pm – National Night Out
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- Director, Resident & Community Engagement
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Lasalle Park Youth Engagement

- 4/16 and 4/18 VPC and SLHA representatives knocked on every door in the complex to speak with youth and parents about engagement.
- Approximately 40-50 youth gave feed back during the canvassing
- Message was clear:
 - Teens want to participate
 - **Teens do not feel welcome most public places**

Lasalle Park Youth Engagement

- VPC is providing fiscal support and technical assistance to scheduled Lasalle Park summer events as well as planning new events, and coordinating with outside service providers.
- VPC will work with nearby 12th and Park Recreation to make sure youth and families are aware of the availability of resources and programming.

Discussion

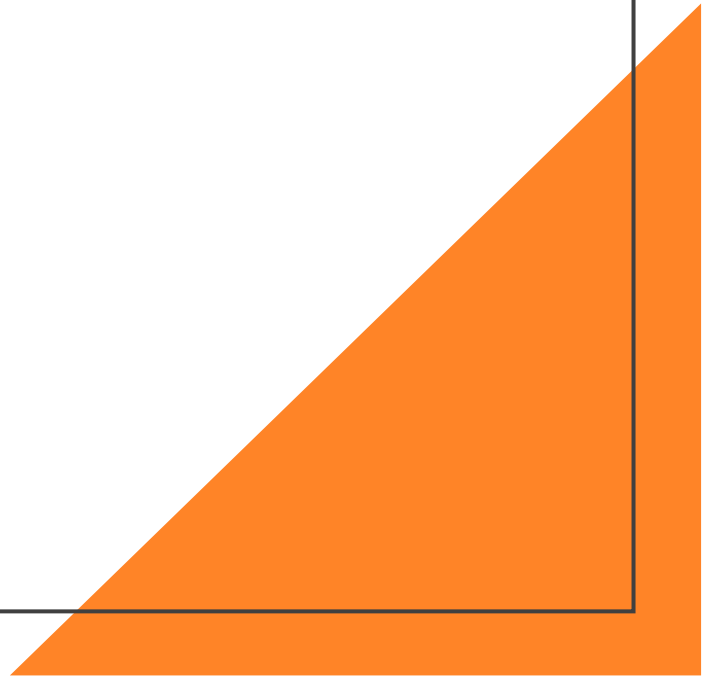


How can your organization support the proposed activities?



What activities can you attend?

Summer Youth Events



POWER UP GLOW PARTY RECAP

March 29th at Bellefontaine Recreation Center.

142 youth attended

Bellefontaine's New Mayor James Thomas attended and plans to partner for future outreach in Bellefontaine as well as Glasgow Village and Castlepoint



Upcoming St. Louis County Youth Events

stlareavpc.org/funded-events

VIBE BLOCK PARTY



We are collaborating with the Violence Prevention Commission (VPC) to provide a delightful experience for the youth in our community. The event will feature a DJ, food, shaved ice, yard games, and Laser Tag (while supplies last). Come vibe out with us!

Date May 10, 2025

Time: 1 PM - 4 PM

Age: 11 - 19

Fee: Free

Location: St. Vincent Park
(7335 St. Charles Rock Road)

Registration: No registration required



St. Vincent
Community
Center



SAINT LOUIS COUNTY
Parks and Recreation



BE AMUSED AND EXCITED!

EPWORTH'S END OF SCHOOL CARNIVAL!

When: Tuesday, May 13, 2025
4 pm-7 pm

Where: 7520 Natural Bridge
St. Louis, MO 63121

Activities:

- Inflatable Obstacle Course
- Carnival Games & Prizes
- Music
- Food
- Ice Cream Truck
- & More FUN FUN FUN!!!




Teen After Hours Social Event

Friday, June 27, 6:30 p.m.

Enjoy music from a live DJ, video games, crafts, pizza and more with your friends.

Ages 12-17. Registration required.

With Support From:



Natural Bridge Branch

7606 Natural Bridge Road | St. Louis, MO 63121 | 314-994-3300

Program sites are accessible. With at least two weeks' notice, accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities. Call 314-994-3300 or visit www.scl.org.



Ongoing St. Louis County Youth Events



**NORTH COUNTY
MIDNIGHT
MADNESS**
BASKETBALL

3 ON 3 GAMES

**FREE PROGRAM
AGES 12 TO 19**

EMPLOYMENT RESOURCES - BASKETBALL - GUEST SPEAKERS - FREE SNACKS

Starting	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY
MARCH 21ST	28TH	18TH	23RD	6TH	5TH
		25TH	30TH	13TH	11TH
7:30pm-11:00pm				20TH	18TH
				27TH	25TH

Dellwood Rec Center
10266 West Florissant Ave
Dellwood, MO 63136
314.869.8686

In Partnership With:



County Youth Events

Bellefontaine Outreach

- Following up on the success of the Glow Party, Bellefontaine Recreation will host youth events on select Saturday nights this summer.

Mobile Y Partnership

- VPC is in the finalizing an agreement with the Mobile Y to support current programming in St. Louis city and their expansion of Mobile Y services to St. Louis County.

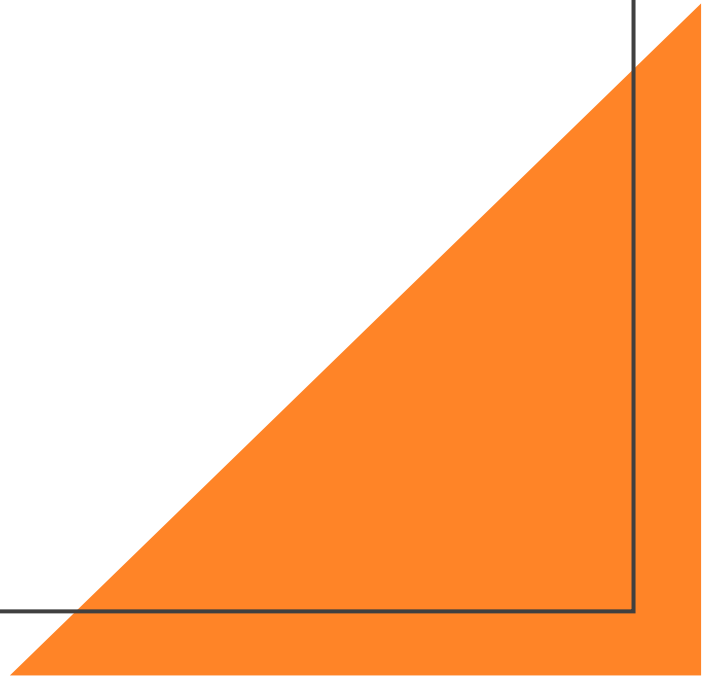
Downtown Youth Engagement

- Six weeks of events near Kiener Plaza, spanning June and July
 - The entertainment will include youth talent show, ages 13-19
 - Nightly prizes will be awarded
 - There will be music, food and games for spectators.

Extended Hours at City Recreation Centers

- Tandy Recreation (north) and Cherokee (south) will have events for High School Ages
- 12th and Park (south) and Gamble (north) will have events for Middle School Ages
- Each location will have two Friday nights of youth events over the summer

Sidewalk Talk



MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS



Tuesday, May 6
Ruth Porter Mall
5647 Delmar
4pm - 7pm



Mental Health Matters

Need to Talk?

We're Here to Listen!



**LISTENING
HEALS,
BUILDS BRIDGES
& STRENGTHENS
COMMUNITIES**

What is Sidewalk Talk?



- **Sidewalk Talk**, a global nonprofit founded by therapists, is bringing its listening movement **across 105 cities and 14 countries**.
- With more than **3,200 trained volunteers worldwide**, the movement proves that **listening is healing — it's community medicine**.
- Listened to more than 12,000 people
- Made 486 referrals to local community health service organizations

The tour will stop in six cities across the Midwest and East Coast from May 5–10, turning sidewalks into listening spaces for healing:

- Monday, May 5: Kansas City, MO
- **Tuesday, May 6: St. Louis, MO**
- Wednesday, May 7: Louisville, KY
- Thursday, May 8: Cincinnati, OH
- Friday, May 9: Columbus, OH
- Saturday, May 10: Pittsburgh, PA



Sidewalk Talk Principles

- **Listening Heals** – it reduces loneliness, stress and mental health burdens in the listener and the talker.
- **Listening Builds Bridges** – it fosters understanding across divides and reduces bias.
- **Listening Strengthens Communities** – creates safer, more connected neighborhoods.

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SIDEWALK TALK
YOU TALK. WE LISTEN.

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The Judiciary

Mental Health Professionals
Business Leaders

Police
Legislators

The Ethics Project

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**WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF LAW**

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AFFINIA HEALTHCARE

MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & SENIOR SERVICES
Office of Minority Health and Health Equity

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Forward Through Ferguson Racial Equity Summit



St. Louis Racial Equity Summit

Presented By:



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August 8-9, 2025

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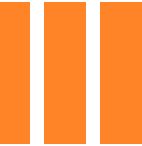
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racialequitystl.org

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Partner Updates & Announcements



2025 Quarterly Meetings

- July 25, 2025, 1-3pm
 - In Person, Location TBD
- October 24, 2025, 1-3pm
 - Virtual



Quarterly Meeting Analysis

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