



WORKING TOGETHER FOR A SAFER ST. LOUIS



YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION PARTNERSHIP

# Quarterly Meeting

April 24, 2026

1:00-3:00pm





# Agenda

- Introductions
  - Youth Events Strategy Up To Now
  - County Youth Strategy Discussion
  - Partner Announcements
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# The Problem

“Home should not feel like a jail”

“Nothing to do”

What would a safe community look like to you? “Being able to walk around whenever you want to”

# How We Got Here

St. Louis Regional Youth Violence Prevention (YVP) Task Force Community Plan (2013)

- Extend the availability and accessibility of safe places for youth during evenings, weekends and summers.

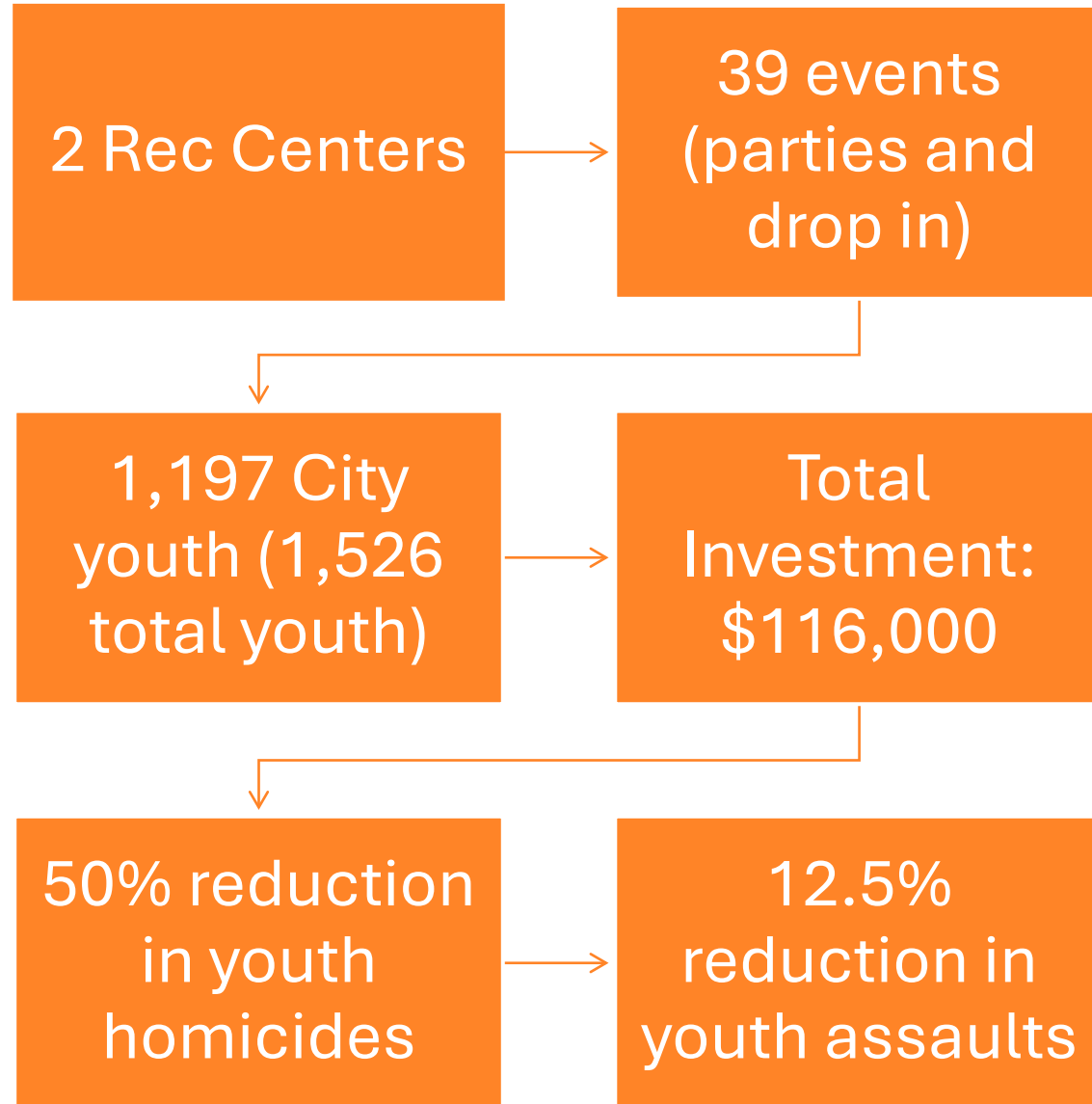
Youth Violence Prevention Partnership's Safe & Thriving St. Louis Strategic Plan (2018)

- GOAL A: Increase the availability and accessibility of safe spaces and positive connections for youth

Sacramento, CA Case Study ([Pop Up Event Toolkit](#))

- Started in 2019, youth homicides went from an average of 12 per year to 0 in the first two years of pop-up events.

# Extended Hours at the City Rec Centers 2024





## Extended Hours at the City Rec Centers 2025

4 Rec Centers

8 events  
(parties only)

386 City  
youth (802  
total youth)

Total  
Investment:  
\$49,000

8% reduction  
in youth  
homicides

No reduction  
in youth  
assaults



## Extended Hours at the County Rec Centers 2025

2 Rec  
Centers

3 events  
(parties only)

273 County  
youth (311  
total youth)

Total  
Investment:  
\$16,000

No reduction  
in youth  
homicides

No reduction  
in youth  
assaults

# Partner Announcements



# VPC Quarterly Meeting Survey

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- [bit.ly/vpcapril2026](https://bit.ly/vpcapril2026)





# VPC Quarterly Meetings

- July 24 1-3pm
    - In person, Location TBD
  - October 23, 1-3pm
    - Virtual
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