



WORKING TOGETHER FOR A SAFER ST. LOUIS



YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION PARTNERSHIP

Quarterly Meeting

October 24, 2025

1:00-3:00pm



Agenda

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Guidance for Organizations Serving High-Risk Youth
3. Community Health Improvement Plan Mini Grants
4. VPC Staffing Update
5. Partner Announcements
6. Coalition Effectiveness Survey



Draft Guidance on Serving High Risk Youth

- VPC Objective 2: Increase the number of evidence-based programs and trauma informed violence prevention programs funded by VPC and core funding partners that address root causes of violence
 - Establish guidance and best practices for organizations serving youth/ young adults ages 15-25.
 - Guidance is broken down into People, Programs, Place, and Policies & Procedures
 - Small group discussions after each section
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Feedback Process

- Breakout Rooms
 - Do quick intros if you don't know each other
 - Assign a notetaker who will complete the online survey
 - Prioritize the first two questions if time is short
- Report Back on What's Missing
 - Not mandatory



People (How You Equip Your Staff)



- Minimum Training Requirements:
 - Youth Mental Health First Aid
 - Counseling on Access to Lethal Means
 - De-escalation Skills & Conflict Resolution
 - Narcan training
 - Effects of Trauma on Youth
- Additional Training Options:
 - CPR, Stop the Bleed
 - LGBTQ101
 - Adult Mental Health First Aid
 - Domestic Violence 101
 - Human Trafficking 101
 - Trauma Skills Training (e.g. CBT Rewire, Trust-Based Relational Intervention)

Feedback on People (How You Equip Yor Staff)

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Programs (What You Offer)



- Program Suggestions for Youth:
 - Life Skills: *These programs improve educational, employment, and financial skills.*
 - Decision-making Skills: *These programs predominantly address making prosocial decisions among those who are high- and moderate-risk individuals.*
- Program Suggestions for Justice-Involved Youth:
 - Decision-making Skills
 - Interpersonal Skills
 - Severe Substance Use Treatment/Services: *Emphasis is on programs for opioid, cocaine, and methamphetamines.*

Feedback on Programs (What You Offer)

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Place (How Your Space Is Set Up)

- Calming Space with
 - Trained staff
 - Trauma-Informed Design (e.g. soft lighting, comfortable furniture, fidgets, plants or greenery)



Feedback on Place (How Your Space Is Set Up)

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Policies & Procedures (What You Need to Have In Place)

- Clear Expectations of Youth & Staff/Code of Conduct Posted in Public Spaces
- Youth Feedback Policy & Procedures
 - Anonymous feedback options
 - Formal, ongoing youth feedback sessions
- Nondiscrimination Policy
- Discipline Policy
- Grievance Policy
- Weapons Policy & Procedures



Feedback on Policies & Procedures (What You Need to Have In Place)

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Community Health Improvement Plan Mini Grants

- Intersection of Health & Economic Mobility
 - *BJC*
- Chronic Disease
 - *SLU Nutrition and Dietetics & American Heart Association*
- Maternal and Child Health
 - *Generate Health & Wash U Pediatrics*
- Behavioral Health
 - *Behavioral Health Network & Integrated Health Network*



VPC Staffing Update

stlareavpc.org/join-our-team



Partner Updates & Announcements



From Dr. Terry Daily-Davis

SUPPORTING ST. LOUIS



*Learn how local agencies
provide critical human services
that support and strengthen
St. Louis communities.*

**HARRIS-STOWE
STATE UNIVERSITY**
INSTITUTE OF COMMUNITY ADVANCEMENT & ENGAGEMENT

presenters include:

Keyway

Mission: St. Louis

Places for People

Preferred Family Healthcare

Independence Center

Fathers Support Center

Assisted Recovery Centers of America

Harris-Stowe State University Office of Admissions

Pretrial Services - 22nd Judicial Circuit

The Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis

JOIN US! FREE EVENT!

**Nov. 6, 2025
6:30 to 8 p.m.**

**William Clay Early Childhood
Center, Professional
Development Auditorium
Room 204, 3026 Laclede Ave.**

Presented by the 22nd Judicial Circuit Court in partnership with Harris-Stowe
State University's Institute of Community Advancement and Engagement

Questions? Call 314-622-5685 or email joel.currier@courts.mo.gov

From UMSL

- **Neighborhood Leadership Fellows 2026 Application is Now Open**
 - NLF is a nine-month (Jan-Sept. 2026) leadership training for community leaders aimed at increasing the voices of St. Louis City and North County residents at civic decision-making tables in order to produce stronger regional policies for neighborhoods.
 - All participants who complete the program will receive a \$2,000 stipend and UMSL Chancellor's Certificate in Civic Leadership.
- **Apply here by November 14:**
<https://forms.gle/qQwab7vndmzufZZK7>

2026 Quarterly Meetings

- January 23, 2026, 1-3pm
 - Virtual
- April 24, 2026, 1-3pm
 - Virtual
- July 24, 2026, 1-3pm
 - In Person, Location TBD
- October 23, 2026, 1-3pm
 - Virtual



Coalition
Effectiveness
Survey
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