Today’s Agenda

- Presentation of Mayor Jones’s Public Safety Plan
- Community Project Funding Announcement
- Safer Summer St. Louis Campaign
- Missouri Foundation for Health Firearms Survey
- Committee Updates
- Cure Violence Update
- Partner Announcements
- Quarterly Meeting Evaluation
Mayor Jones’s Public Safety Plan

Public Safety Director Isom
& Deputy Director Taylor
Community Project Funding

- Gun Violence Response Network
  - Basic Needs Recovery Fund
  - Crisis Counseling & Trauma Recovery
  - Handle With Care Website & Marketing
  - Follow Up & Data Management
- Provident Access Center
Safer Summer
St. Louis
Campaign
Youth Pop-Up Event Toolkit

Thanks to the FOCUS St. Louis Impact Fellows!

https://www.stlareavpc.org/safer-summer
Safer Summer
St. Louis
Partners

- The Conflict Resolution Center- St. Louis
- North St. Louis Arts Council
- Saint Louis Story Stitchers Artists Collective
- The Ethics Project
- The St. Louis Arts Chamber (STLACC), ArtWorks, Pocket Parks (PP) and West End CID
- Gentlemen of Vision
- The T Punch Love Boxing
- The T's Bullet-Related Injury Clinic
- CommUNITY Arts
- The CollectiveSTL
Safer Summer
STL Events

CONFLICT RESOLUTION CENTER
- Peer mentoring program development for St. Louis high schools
- Tentative August Kickoff Event

NORTH ST. LOUIS ARTS COUNCIL
- gART, a metal smithing, graphic design, and jewelry-making project for youth
■ Saint Louis Story Stitchers
  ■ Dance Battles
    ▪ 8/10/21, 6-9pm
    ▪ 9/11/21, 4-7pm
    ▪ Strauss Park, 3534 Washington Ave, 63103
  ■ Stitchcast Studio LIVE
    ▪ 8/13/21, 6-8pm
    ▪ 8/27/21, 6-8pm
    ▪ 9/10/21, 6-8pm
    ▪ 9/24/21, 6-8pm
    ▪ 3524 Washington Ave, 63103
Safer Summer
STL Events

- The Ethics Project’s Youth-Led Gun Violence Initiative
  - Community beautification/improvement, discussions, food, music, app development, project management skills building
    - 7/31, 9am-1pm, Herbert Hoover Boys & Girls Club Teen Center
    - 8/7, 9am-1pm, Herbert Hoover Boyd & Girls Club, Grand Blvd.
    - 8/14, 9am-1pm, Greenwood Cemetery
    - 8/28, 9am-1pm, Virtual
    - 9/11, 9am-1pm, Art Hill
Safer Summer STL Events

THE ST. LOUIS ARTS CHAMBER (STLACC), ARTWORKS, POCKET PARKS (PP) AND WEST END CID

- Rehabbing of vacant lot at 5902 Clemons to include park and art exhibits designed by youth and local artists

GENTLEMEN OF VISION

- Mentoring program including training in adult CPR, child CPR, First Aid Certification, Conflict Resolution, Officer Engagement and De-Escalation training
  - Monday-Thursday, 3:30-5:30pm, Virtual
Safer Summer
STL Events

- **The T**
  - Punch Love Boxing with Family Safety/Community First Responder Component
    - 8/6/21, 3-8pm, Koeneman Park, 8937 Lucas and Hunt Rd, Jennings, MO 63136
    - 9/10/21, 3-8pm, Fairgrounds Park
  - Bullet-Related Injury Clinic Community Healing & Recovery Groups
    - Wednesdays 7/7/21-9/15/21, 6-8pm
    - The T, 5874 Delmar St. Louis, MO 63112
COMMUNITY ARTS STL

- CommUNITY Arts Bus transportation to get youth who have been impacted by community violence to arts camps/programs

THE COLLECTIVE STL

- Wellness programs including chair yoga, mat yoga, meditation, journaling, hiking, art, kids’ corner, music, food trucks
  - Saturdays in August & September, 9:30am-noon, Arch Grounds
Missouri Foundation for Health’s MO Firearms Survey Results

Jessi LaRose, Senior Strategist- Initiatives
Missouri Foundation for Health’s Key Firearm Violence Prevention Research Findings

St. Louis Violence Prevention Commission Quarterly Meeting-July 2021
About Us

Mission

To eliminate underlying causes of health inequities, transform systems, and enable individuals and communities to thrive.

Equity  Integrity  Humility  Commitment
Reframing gun violence prevention

• In partnership with FrameWorks Institute
  
  • Talking about Gun Violence Prevention: How to Change Minds—and Activate Supporters—in Missouri
  
  • Gun Violence Prevention Reframe Toolkit
  
  • Framing Suicide Prevention and Firearm Violence: A Conversation Guide
Recommendation Highlights

• Talk about the goal as safety from guns

• Emphasize majority support and we/us language

• Be clear and explicit about the solution you are proposing

• Focus on gains, not loses
2020 Missouri Firearms Survey
Participants:
• 1,045 adults from Missouri
  – KnowledgePanel©
  – Data presented are demographically representative of Missouri population

Surveyed about:
• Gun ownership, related attitudes and behaviors
• Perceptions of gun safety and violence
More Than Half of Missourians Live With a Firearm

- Gun owners were more likely to identify as male and be 30 years of age or older.
- 52% live in a household with guns.
- 37% personally own a gun.
Guns Primarily Owned for Protection

- Protection from People: 56%
- “Some other reason”: 16%
- Hunting or Other Sports: 25%
- For a Collection: 2%
- Protection from Animals: 1%
Fear of Neighborhood Violence Varies

Percent of respondents that reported being afraid they might be hurt by violence in their neighborhood at least some of the time

Urban: 22.4%
Rural: 8.7%
Suburban: 12.2%
People Think Guns Make Homes Safer

85% of gun owners believe that having a gun in a house makes it a safer place to be.

60% of non-owners believe that having a gun in a house makes it a safer place to be.

Ownership increases risk... accidental injury, suicide, and homicide
Few Gun Purchases in Response to Pandemic

Only 7% of gun owners reported having acquired a firearm in response to the COVID pandemic.

COVID-related gun purchases by Sex & Race

- Female: 13%
- Male: 3%
- Black/Hispanic/Other: 12%
- White: 5%
Perception vs. Reality

Missourians perceive homicide as leading type of firearm death — **not true**

Only **12.5%** of respondents correctly identified that firearm suicide occurs most frequently.

5x more respondents thought that firearm homicide occurred most frequently. (64%)
Common Ground
People Favor Background Checks

68.9% believe it is unacceptable to sell a gun to a stranger without a background check.

57.8% of gun owners believe the same.
Background Checks Lower Among Urban Residents

Urban residents are more likely than rural or suburban residents to say they DID NOT undergo a background check during their last gun purchase.

- **Urban**: 50.8%
- **Rural**: 29.7%
- **Suburban**: 33.2%
Approval for Conceal and Carry Not Overwhelming

Believe people SHOULD be allowed to conceal and carry guns, by location

- Restaurants 60%
- Retail Stores 70%
- Service Settings 50%
- Places of Worship 75%
- College Campuses 55%
- Schools 65%
- Government Buildings 55%
- Bars 30%
- Sports Stadiums 45%

All Participants
Gun Owners
Next Steps

• Share findings with wide field of health care and other social service practitioners and advocates to promote more informed practice and strategy on gun violence prevention.

• Additional analysis to parse out geographic, gender, age, other differences. Share data locally and nationally to spur additional analysis and understanding.
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VPC Committee Updates

- Community Engagement
- Communications & Cobranding
- Evaluation
- Municipal Engagement Taskforce
- Policy & Systems Change
- Service Delivery
- Violent Injury Prevention/Cardiff
- Youth Safe Spaces Taskforce
Cure Violence Update
Quarterly Meeting Survey

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/vpcquarterlyJuly21
Next Quarterly Meeting:
Friday, October 22 from 1-3pm