

**STL** **SVPC**

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**YVPP**

YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION PARTNERSHIP

# Quarterly Meeting

April 26, 2024

1-3pm

# Agenda

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Youth Safe Spaces
3. Youth Events
4. VPC County Strategy
5. VPC Website Update Feedback
6. Wellness in Neighborhoods Billboard Feedback
7. July Quarterly Meeting Location Announcement
8. Partner Announcements
9. Quarterly Meeting Evaluation

# Youth Safe Spaces

[stlareavpc.org/youth-safe-spaces](http://stlareavpc.org/youth-safe-spaces)

Dutchtown  
Opportunity  
Coalition for  
Youth/  
Employment  
Connection

Dutchtown Opportunity Coalition for Youth presents

# Beats with impact

**Free**  
hands-on music  
production classes

Space is limited!

Beats with Impact is an interactive music production class designed specifically for youth 13+ who have an interest in music and are eager to explore the world of music production. Through an 8-week hands-on experience, participants will learn the fundamentals of music production and create their own original tracks.

Thomas Dunn Learning Center · June 5th–July 31st  
Every Wednesday evening from 6:00pm to 7:30pm  
Contact Caitlyn at [dorionc@employmentstl.org](mailto:dorionc@employmentstl.org) / 314-766-2853 for more info

DUTCHTOWN  
OPPORTUNITY  
COALITION FOR  
YOUTH

employment connection

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# What About Us

## What About Us



"Stand Firm Even When The World Is Cheering For You To Sink"

### We Teach Young Men to Stand Firm:



We educate and provide life skills to young men who are looking for help to make a positive lifestyle change within their community.



We foster a positive family atmosphere for young men to thrive and create a safe place to gather together and empower one another.



We host a platform for community leaders and motivational speakers to provide resources for participants to create successful steps to improve themselves daily.

For more information, contact: Mrs. Belinda Rogers

Cell: 314-327-6514

Email: [whataboutus2022@gmail.com](mailto:whataboutus2022@gmail.com)

Meeting Location: 2153 Salisbury \* St. Louis, MO 63107

We Care About Our Men.

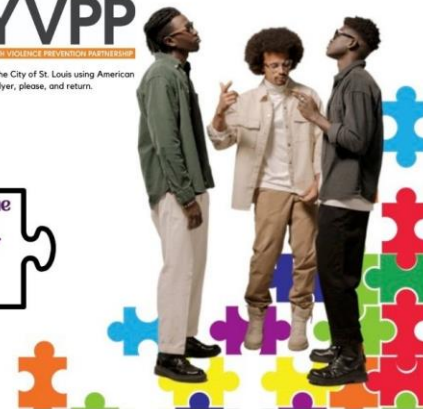
AGES: 18-25 JOIN US EVERY

Mon. and Wed. from 5:30 - 9:00 pm



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City of St. Louis  
Recreation  
Centers Extended  
Hours & Teen  
Parties

- **Summer extended hours will begin June 14**
  - Programs for ages 13+
  - 8 pm – Midnight
  - Tentative Locations:
    - 12th & Park
    - Tandy
  - Program partners may be needed for extended hours
  
- **Teen Parties Tentative Locations:**
  - Wohl
  - Cherokee
  - Volunteer Opportunities to support Teen Parties

# STL Star Challenge

- **Purpose:** Share information about useful resources for teens
- **How:** QR Code Scavenger Hunt
- **Monthly Drawing** starting in May: Teens can win gift cards based on their level of participation
- **Ask:** Contact Jessica ([jessica@stlareavpc.org](mailto:jessica@stlareavpc.org)) to receive Scavenger Hunt material. Share it with your teens.





# HELP DECIDE! Grant Review

**HELP SELECT YOUTH PROGRAMS &  
GET PAID TO DO IT!**

**Apply to be a youth reviewer!**



The St. Louis Area Violence Prevention Commission is looking for youth and young adults to review grant proposals to help identify high quality programs and events. Eligible reviewers must be City residents between the ages of 16-25.



**Scan to apply or visit  
[bit.ly/vpcyouthreviewer](https://bit.ly/vpcyouthreviewer)**

Youth  
Reviewers



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# VPC County Strategy

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- **Summary of Current Work**
  - VPC is Action Team Lead for Violence Prevention in the new CHIP/CHA
  - Jessica will present to the St. Louis County Police Chiefs Association in May
  - VPC awarded funds from St. Louis County Children's Service Fund
  - Exploring expansion of New Opportunities for Wellness to County

# VPC County Strategy

- We know priority areas that the police have identified, but we want to know more about the wisdom of our members.
  - Where are priority areas in St. Louis County?
  - What types of crime/violence are you hearing about in these areas?
  - **Who is doing the work of violence prevention and/or addressing root causes in St. Louis County?**

# Youth Events

- [stlareavpc.org/youth-events](http://stlareavpc.org/youth-events)
- Approximately 20 youth events in St. Louis County
- \$2,500 - \$5,000 per event
- Focus on youth ages 15 – 25
- Application deadline is the 7th of each month

# Jennings Youth Listening Session

## 2024 City of Jennings Youth Listening Session

We want to hear from you!



**JOIN US!**  
**FOOD, GAMES & PRIZES**

**FREE TO ALL YOUTH**

Violence Prevention  
Fears, strategy, hopes



Talk Openly, Share Opinions  
& Ask Questions with Precious Berry



**SATURDAY**  
**APRIL 27, 2024**

Jennings City Hall  
2120 Hord Ave, Jennings, MO  
11:00am - 1:30pm

Sponsored by



Raffle to win an oculus

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# VPC Website Updates

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[stlareavpc.org](https://stlareavpc.org)

# VPC Website Updates- Get Involved



[stlareavpc.org/get-involved](https://stlareavpc.org/get-involved)



# VPC Website Updates- Engagement Options



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# Wellness in Neighborhoods

## Wellness in Neighborhoods

- **May is Mental Health Awareness Month**
- **St. Louis MHB Staff will be doing presentations in City of St. Louis Wards 1, 3, 6, 8, 9, 10, 13**
- **After the presentations, each Ward can apply for up to \$5,000 for mental wellness event(s)**
- **There will also be billboards in selected Wards and we want your feedback!**



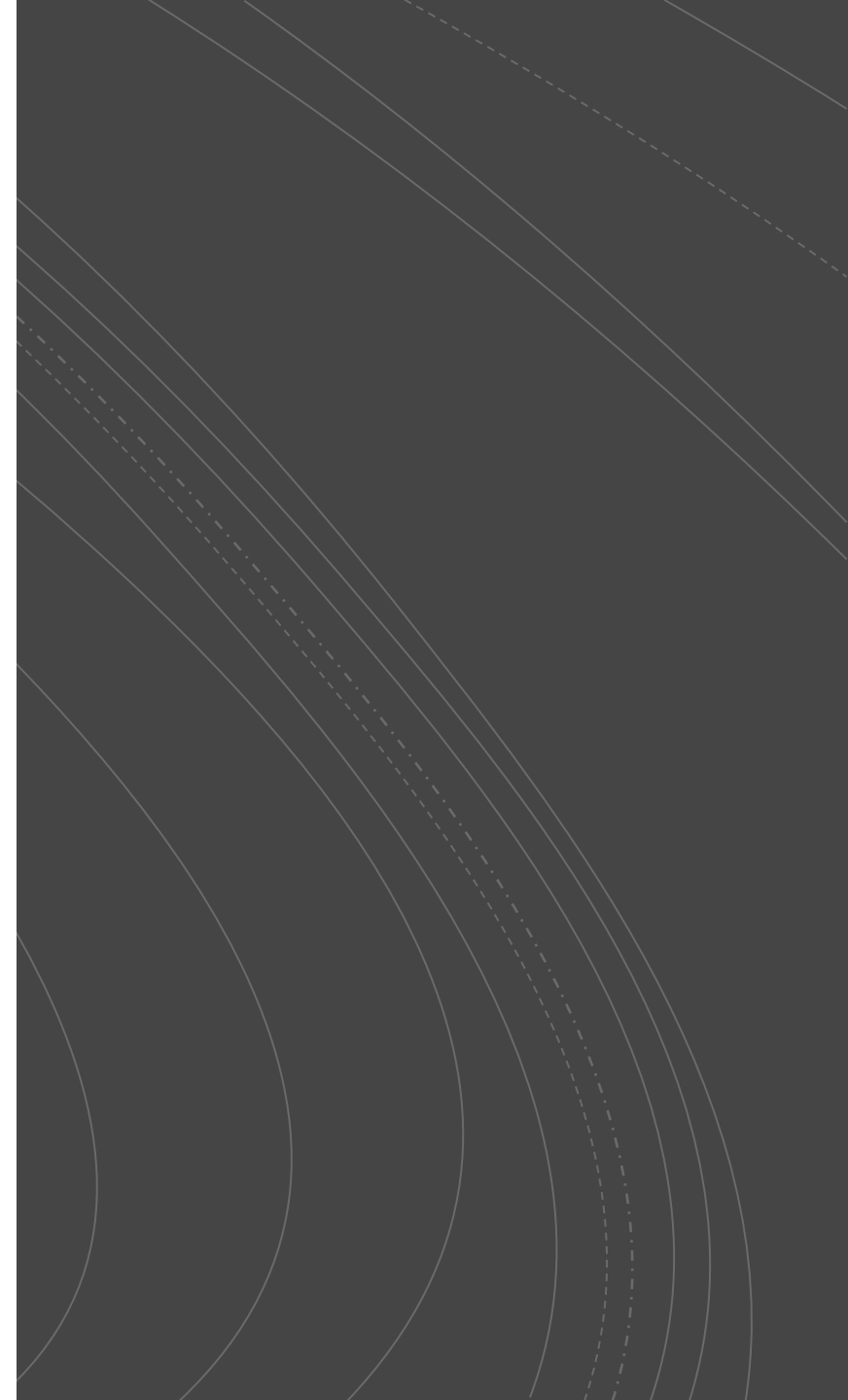
[bit.ly/WINbillboards](https://bit.ly/WINbillboards)

Wellness in  
Neighborhoods  
Billboard Feedback

# 2024 Quarterly Meeting Schedule

- **July 26, 2024 (In Person)**
  - 1-1:30pm- New Member Orientation
  - 1:30-3pm- Full Meeting
  - Missouri Foundation for Health, 4254 Vista Ave, St. Louis, MO 63110
- **October 25, 2024, 1-3pm (Virtual)**

# Partner Updates & Announcements



# State of Public Safety 4/27/24



THE ETHICS PROJECT IN COLLABORATION  
WITH SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY HOSTS

## The State of Public Safety in St. Louis

Free & Open to the public  
REGISTER @  
[Bit.ly/CrimeSummitSLU](https://bit.ly/CrimeSummitSLU)

Changing the Conversation on Crime,  
Safety, and Growing Violence

April 27th  
10 am - 2 pm  
Lunch provided



Dr. Christi Griffin  
Founder & President,  
The Ethics Project



Rev. Douglass Petty  
Opening Prayer

Tegeler Hall  
3550 Lindell Blvd.  
St. Louis, MO 63108



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### WORKSHOP FACILITATORS

**Law enforcement & Legislation:** Senator Angela Walton Mosley, Chief Melinda Heikkinen, Fredrick Echols, M.D.

**Education and Business:** Maxine Clark, Dr. Art McCoy, Dr. Gary Ritter, Stacey Fowler, Sr. Vice President SLDC, Minority & Small Business Empowerment

**The Role of Non-profits:** Dr. Kelvin Adams, Dr. Howard Fields

**Youth, Mentoring & Parenting:** Dr. Flint Fowler, Kenya Brumfield-Young, Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice

**Mental Health:** Douglass Petty, Precious Jones

**Mass Incarceration & Re-entry:** April Ford Griffin, Executive Director, Affordable Housing Commission, Courtney Everett, Program Coordinator, Prison Education Program, Saint Louis University

### LAW ENFORCEMENT & LEGISLATION



Commissioner Robert Tracy  
Chief, St. Louis Metropolitan  
Police Department



Gabe Gore, Esq.  
Prosecuting Attorney  
City of St. Louis



The Honorable Angela  
Walton Mosley  
MO State Senator



Fredrick L. Echols, M.D.  
Obama Foundation  
Leaders Inaugural Cohort



Melinda Heikkinen  
Asst. VP / Public Safety  
Saint Louis University

### MENTAL HEALTH & NON PROFITS



Dr. Kendra Holmes  
President & CEO  
Affinia Healthcare



Dr. Kelvin Adams  
President and CEO  
STL Community Foundation



Flint Fowler, Ph.D.  
President  
Boys & Girls Clubs STL



Sal Martinez  
CEO  
Employment Connection



Precious Jones, Mother  
Founder, Breaking  
Generational Poverty

### EDUCATION & BUSINESS



Maxine Clark, Founder,  
The Delmar DiviNe  
and Build a Bear Corp



Dr. Art McCoy  
Founder of SAGES  
Distinguished Fellow



Dr. Sharonica Hardin  
Superintendent  
University City Sch District



Dr. Gary Ritter, Dean  
School of Education  
Saint Louis University



Howard Fields, Ph.D.  
Founder, Black Males  
in Education St. Louis



Jennings  
Mental Health  
Walk



***Mental Health Awareness March***

***Stepping Out for Our Youth!***

***MAY 4 - 10AM***

*May your voices be heard, your dreams be realized,  
and your contributions shape a better tomorrow.*

***W. Florissant & Jennings Station Rd EAST to Goodfellow***

*Mental Health Matters*



OVP Peace  
Walk  
5/4/24



**SATURDAY, MAY 4TH**

**PEACE  
WALK**

**1PM  
UNTIL  
3PM**

OFFICE OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION  
INVITES YOU

**ARRIVE AT THE CORNER  
OF FAIR & KOSSUTH AT  
12:45PM**

**PLEASE WEAR A  
YELLOW SHIRT.  
(THE COLOR OF  
HOPE)**

# Community Health Needs Assessment



## Take the St. Louis Area Health Needs Survey

Do you live in the greater St. Louis Metro area? St. Louis area hospitals and health systems are looking for your input! Please tell us about the health of your community. Complete this 5 minute survey and help us prioritize our community health efforts. Share with friends, family and neighbors to have them participate. Every voice matters, and the health of our communities will benefit.

All responses are anonymous.

Take the survey by visiting  
<https://bit.ly/2024HealthNeedsSurvey> or  
scan the code with your smartphone camera.



# Mental Health Access for Youth Focus Groups



Mental Health Access for Youth

## Virtual Focus Groups



Make your  
voice heard  
and earn \$125

**Sign-up today!**  
[www.surveymonkey.com/r/  
STLMentalHealth](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/STLMentalHealth)

OJJDP FY24 Arts  
Programs for  
Justice-Involved  
Youth

- <https://ojjdp.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-ojjdp-2024-172072>
- "OJJDP seeks to support and strengthen collaborations between arts-based organizations and juvenile justice systems to develop, expand, or enhance promising and effective interventions that provide access to high-quality arts programs with and for current or previous justice-involved youth to reduce juvenile delinquency, recidivism, and/or other problem and high-risk behaviors."



[surveymonkey.com/r/  
VPCApril24](https://surveymonkey.com/r/VPCApril24)

# Quarterly Meeting Survey