

COMMUNITY VIOLENCE INTERVENTION PROGRAMS



WHAT ARE CVI PROGRAMS?



Programs that focus on individuals at the **highest risk** of violence and use **prevention** and **intervention** strategies to reduce violence.^{1,2}

CVIs employ social services to address root causes of gun violence like:



Two important kinds of CVI programs:



Hospital-Based
Violence Intervention (HVIP)

Street Outreach/
Violence Interruption





Hospital-Based Violence Intervention (HVIP)

HVIPs focus on patients in the **immediate aftermath** of violent injury with the goal of **reducing reinjury and retaliation** and **promoting healing and psychological well-being.**³



NEARLY 100 PROGRAMS HAVE ADOPTED THIS MODEL ACROSS THE U.S.



Studies have shown that HVIPs significantly reduce rates of re-hospitalization for violent injury, reduce arrests for violence crime, decrease lengths of future incarceration, and increase rates of employment in participants.⁴

There are new HVIPs at Atrium Health in Charlotte, Duke University Hospital in Durham and Wake Forest Baptist in Winston-Salem.

Street Outreach/Violence Interruption



Violence Interrupters and outreach workers from the community support victims by:^{5,6}

- Responding to shootings
- Mediating conflicts
- Providing or connecting to social services

CV in the South Bronx was associated with a 37% reduction in gun injuries and a 63% decline in shooting victimizations⁷

In Philadelphia, violence interruption led to a 30% reduction in shootings.⁸



There are Cure Violence programs in Durham, Charlotte, Winston-Salem, Greensboro and New Hanover county.

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