

A Community Movement to Decrease Violence

Aim4Peace (A4P) works with 10 priority neighborhoods* to decrease violence in neighborhoods within the KC East Patrol division.

VIOLENCE IS PREVENTABLE

PREVENTION

1

Detect & Interrupt Conflicts

2

Identify & Support High-Risk Individuals

REDUCTION

3

Reduce violence in the community

4

Mobilize community to change norms



Aim4Peace engages community members about ways to decrease violence in their neighborhoods.

*Priority neighborhoods are defined as a priority area of East Patrol that specifically experience higher rates of violence.

1. DETECT & INTERRUPT CONFLICTS

Building relationships to prevent and reduce violence.



Aim4Peace Responders

Charles Jackson & Leslie Nanez responding to a shooting on 35th & Prospect in KCMO.

446

Conflicts mediated by A4P from 2018 to 2020 to prevent or decrease violence in priority neighborhoods.

2. IDENTIFY AND SUPPORT HIGH-RISK INDIVIDUALS

A4P uses supports victims of violence and their families through hospital and street outreach.

"We have a hospital phone and when a shooting or blunt force trauma injury occurs we get a call from the chaplain at Research or Truman after the patients get to the hospital."



Aim4Peace Social Service Supervisor & hospital team lead Martin Atwell.

1,544

Meetings with patients or their families for resources & referrals.

AIM4PEACE HOSPITAL RESPONDER PROCESS

1

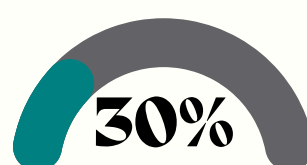
A4P responders are notified of survivor's injuries.

2

Next is an initial visit and then follow-up visits are conducted.

3

Six months of support is offered by the A4P team post discharge.



Referrals from grief counseling that were related to the violent incident.



Referrals related to health services.



Referrals related to employment or housing.

The numbers shown are the highest instances of requested referrals by type.

STREET OUTREACH
TEAM PROCESS



10,127



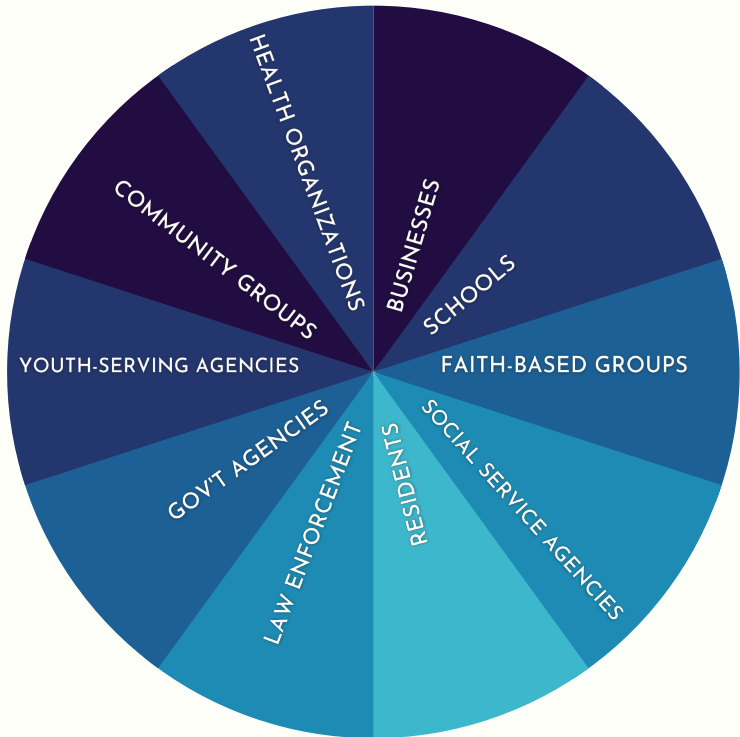
Number of contacts made to the 146 participants in the A4P program identified as at risk for violence.

1

A4P connects with residents in neighborhoods within 48-72 hours after a violent incident.

2

A4P offers door-to-door canvassing and services offered to meet resident needs.



3. MOBILIZE COMMUNITY TO CHANGE NORMS
A4P promotes violence prevention by engaging the community & promoting positive alternatives.

538

Neighborhood canvass or anti-violence activities.



Outreach with the Santa Fe Neighborhood Association.

MOST FREQUENTLY ENGAGED
COMMUNITY SEGMENTS

RESIDENTS 42%

SCHOOLS 39%

Of the 10 community segments identified.



Jamal Shakur distributing masks in the 3rd District.

4. Reduce Violence in the Community
Aim4Peace worked with community partners to positively impact priority neighborhoods in the East Patrol resulting in reduced violence in this area.

53%

PRIORITY AREAS 23%

For the first time since 2006, there have been zero youth homicides reported in priority neighborhoods engaged by A4P.

The homicide rate in KCMO East Patrol Division increased by 53% from 2006 to 2020; however, the neighborhoods where A4P is active had a smaller increase in the homicide rate at 23%.



From 2019 to 2020, there was a **36% decrease** in homicides in the priority neighborhoods. Other communities in this patrol area saw homicides **increase** by 20%. Overall, KCMO saw a 19% **increase** during the same time period.

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