

Violence Prevention Update

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Upcoming Events

April 8 | 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | Raleigh
National Crime Victims' Rights Ceremony
The U.S. Attorneys' offices for the Eastern, Middle and Western Districts and the Victim Services Interagency Council host an event focused on connecting, healing and honoring victims of crime.

**Register by
April 1**



April 23 | 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. |
Webinar

The Public Health Approach to Violence Prevention

Belinda-Rose Young, PhD, MSPH
Managing Director, Training and Education,
UNC Injury Prevention Research Center;
Adjunct Assistant Professor, Dept. of Health
Behavior, UNC Gillings School of Global Public
Health

Register

Jun. 16-17 | Los Angeles
GIFFORDS Center 2025
Community Violence
Intervention Conference

Register

Sept. 9-11 | Atlanta
Safe States Alliance
Annual Injury and
Violence Prevention
Conference

Register

Nov. 19-21 | Tempe, Ariz.
National Research
Conference for the
Prevention of Firearm-
Related Harms

Register

The Power of Partnership

Mecklenburg County Violence Prevention Data Collaborative

Mecklenburg County developed the Violence Prevention Data Collaborative in 2020 to facilitate cross-sector partnership through data sharing, reporting and evaluation. One key initiative is the development of the [Community Violence Data Dashboard](#).

The interactive dashboard provides Mecklenburg County data including emergency visits, homicides and youth violence. The data visualizations make it easier to interpret and use data for program planning and research. Practitioners can use the resource to measure, identify and track trends of community violence in Mecklenburg County.

The Violence Prevention Data Collaborative is currently working on several other projects including a report on the financial and social impact of gun violence in Mecklenburg County and an evaluation of alternatives to violence programs.

Key partners include the Mecklenburg County Public Health Department; City of Charlotte Innovation and Technology Department; Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department; and Johnson C. Smith University.

For more information on the collaborative, please contact [Latoya Pousa](#).

Our newsletter will regularly highlight the amazing work happening throughout the state. Please fill out [this form](#) to recommend a program or partnership.

Resources for Action

Data:

- **Check out existing state data resources** including dashboards, fact sheets and other products using state health and crime data.
- **Join the new OVP Data Workgroup**, which offers data professionals working in the field of violence prevention an opportunity to discuss common challenges, share best practices and connect with data resources.

Education:

- **Read the OVP Community Violence Strategic Plan**, a three-year plan developed and released by the N.C. Office of Violence Prevention.
- **Watch the Introduction to Community Violence video** to learn more about taking a public health approach to community violence prevention.
- **Read the 2024 Community Violence Intervention Action Plan**, titled "Mapping Transformation for the Field."

Funding:

- **Apply by April 30 for Byrne SCIP and CVIPI funding** from the Governor's Crime Commission.

A Note on Federal Funding

Many federal grants are being reevaluated to ensure alignment with the current administration's goals. Here are a few tips to keep in mind.

1. If you were in the process of applying for a grant, continue putting your application together. Grants may return after the reevaluation phase with prompt due dates.
2. Grant titles may be edited or renamed. Regularly review [reposted grants](#) to ensure you do not miss funding opportunities.
3. Research philanthropic organizations and other private funders with

missions that align with your work. The N.C. Community Foundation serves as a statewide network of foundations and [posts funding opportunities](#).

Job Opportunities

We're Hiring

Our office is reviewing applications for a violence prevention program coordinator. This role is a great fit for someone with experience in CVI who also has strong communication and organizational skills. The deadline to apply is 5 p.m. on March 19.

**Apply by
March 19**

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