

PROGRAM OVERVIEW – Saginaw

H.E.L.P. is a community-centered, grassroots task force that endeavors to put an end to gun violence in our community. We work in partnership with the city of Saginaw. We believe change happens when each of us takes accountability for our part of the village.

We formed as a group of concerned men in our community, who are tired of the senseless violence that has plagued our community for too long. We are just ordinary men who have decided to band together to build a brotherhood of support to bring peace. Individually we have influence, we are a force. We desire to see everyday men get involved with solving the issues that plague our community. We must stop looking for others to fly into our community with an "S" on their chest to save the day. We must be the change we desire to see.

AREAS OF TARGETED IMPACT: (S.T.E.P.)

Street presence (walking the streets and building lines of communication with high-risk areas) Training & Development (Conflict Resolution, Critical Thinking, Trauma Counseling, Soft Skills) Engagement (Community, Youth, Law Enforcement, Victims families, other community orgs.) Prevention and Intervention programs, coaching, harm reduction efforts, training and support)

CORE OBJECTIVES:

The objectives of the H.E.L.P. Community Violence Intervention Program are to reduce incidents of community violence and improve the overall safety, well-being, and quality of life for residents in the communities we serve. Through a combination of evidence-based, evidence-informed strategies and community engagement, we aim to reduce the incidence of gun violence, youth involvement in gangs, and related criminal activities within our target communities.

Provide immediate and long-term support to victims of violence, including counseling, medical assistance, and access to legal and social services. Foster community partnerships and collaboration to strengthen community resilience and promote social cohesion.

Implement data-driven approaches to identify and address violent hotspots, ensuring that resources are directed where they are needed most effectively.

Promote education, employment opportunities, and skill-building programs to provide viable alternatives to involvement in violence for at-risk individuals.

Measure and evaluate the program's impact through rigorous assessment and feedback mechanisms, continually adapting our strategies to achieve the best outcomes.

Contribute to the development of a safer, more vibrant, and resilient community by working in close partnership with law enforcement agencies, social service, providers, local government, and community-based organizations.

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