

Gun Violence Reduction Strategic Plan Recommendations

The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) engaged the National Institute of Criminal Justice Reform (NICJR) to propose a plan for reducing gun violence in the District of Columbia. The following are recommendations from the Gun Violence Reduction Strategic Plan, which was released in May 2022.

PREVENTION

Do a **study to identify juvenile risk factors** for young adults convicted of homicide or attempted homicide.

Establish a **data sharing mechanism** to identify youth, in real time, who have those risk factors and provide intensive services and supports to the youth and family.

Set up **Community Resource Hubs** to provide any and all needed services, such as: classes, healthcare, employment preparation, arts, sports, counseling, and cultural programming.

Set up **information-sharing among government and community-based service providers.**

Set up a citywide **Gun Violence Reduction Strategy.**
 1) Identify those most at risk of gun violence; 2) Contact them in a direct and respectful manner; 3) Provide needed services right away; 4) Shift law enforcement activities to targeting serious crime.

Increase the number of Violence Intervention workers (i.e., Life Coaches, Violence Interrupters and Outreach Workers).

INTERVENTION

Set up a **Peace Room to coordinate community and LE response to shootings**, and conduct Shooting Reviews and Coordination Meetings to prevent retaliation through outreach and service provision.

Prioritize **life coaching for very high risk individuals** as well as government services, such as legal employment and trauma-informed therapy

Create a **Violence Intervention Worker Academy** to professionalize the role and provide growth opportunities.

Engage with high-risk individuals immediately. Move immediately to contact and serve the individuals currently identified as high-risk.

Provide a **Credible Messenger to every youth and adult being released from custody** in the District.

Fill judicial vacancies.

Expand the MPD Violence Reduction Unit. Increase the number of officers who focus solely on violence reduction.

Assign a **senior government official to oversee** the implementation of this plan.

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

Pilot a **Guaranteed Income Initiative.** Select 200 Black families in Wards 7 and 8 with household incomes below \$50K. Provide a monthly stipend of \$750.

Expand work on **blight abatement**, housing, community input, "cleaning and greening", and otherwise improving places and bolstering community to government communication.