



**Directory  
of  
Anti-Violence Efforts  
in  
Milwaukee County**

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## Introduction

When the Milwaukee Police Department announced that violent crime in the City of Milwaukee dropped 10% in 2008, Mayor Tom Barrett noted, “The cooperation among police officers, the clergy, community agencies and all members of the community has led to some very gratifying results” (Feb 2009 Press Release). This directory is intended to encourage communication, coordination, and collaboration among people working to prevent or reduce violence.

The Planning Council for Health and Human Services, Inc., compiled an anti-violence directory in 2005 at the request of Mayor Barrett. The directory was updated in 2006 and has been updated and expanded in 2009 with support from the Greater Milwaukee Foundation’s Fitch Research Fund.

For this directory, information was collected regarding anti-violence efforts in Milwaukee County. Representatives of those efforts were contacted and asked to verify and update their information; they were also asked to list additional efforts that had not already been identified. Information in the directory is self-reported. Representatives of anti-violence efforts who did not respond to requests to confirm or update descriptive and contact information were not included in this version of the directory.

While there are many programs that may ultimately prevent violence, this directory is specific to programs that met the following criteria:

- Geographic focus in Milwaukee County.
- Activities specifically focused on violence prevention, reduction, awareness, or policy development.

Though an attempt was made to capture all anti-violence efforts in the community that met the criteria, if you know of any anti-violence efforts that should be included in the next update of this directory, or if information in the directory has changed or is incorrect, please contact Lonna Kruse at [antiviolence@planningcouncil.org](mailto:antiviolence@planningcouncil.org) or (414) 224-0404, extension 33. With your help, Milwaukee County will have an up-to-date, comprehensive, and accessible anti-violence directory that will be readily available to the community and will increase public awareness of those who are working to prevent or reduce violence in Milwaukee County.

The directory is organized in three sections. Section 1 lists the anti-violence efforts in alphabetical order; the term “efforts” is used to describe initiatives, programs, and services that are working toward preventing and reducing violence in Milwaukee County. Section 2 provides lists of efforts under various categories. Section 3 contains a sample of twelve evidence-based best practices in violence prevention.

### About Section 1: The Directory

Each effort is briefly described and contact and other information is listed, to the extent it was provided by the respondents. Following the information is a box titled “Descriptive Categories”. (Note: For three of the efforts, no descriptive categories were checked by the representatives.) Each of the words listed links to Section 2, enabling the reader to see other efforts that are in that

same category. If using a printed version of the directory, simply go to Section 2, where the categories are listed in alphabetical order.

**About Section 2: Categories**

Efforts are listed under the categories that describe them; thus, an effort may appear under a number of categories. The categories are listed alphabetically. Each effort is accompanied by its order number and page number in Section 1. Each effort is also linked to its description in Section 1.

**About Section 3: Best Practices**

Twelve evidence-based practices are included. "Evidence-based" stands in contrast to approaches that are based on tradition, convention, belief, or anecdotal evidence. These practices are taken from the National Registry of Evidence-Based Programs and Practices (NREPP), which is operated by the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Each program's title is linked to the SAMHSA web page, which contains a full description and contact information. These are included as a resource for those who are working to prevent or reduce violence.



## Section 1: The Directory

### 1. Adults & Children Together (ACT) Against Violence, Parents Raising Safe Kids

Adults & Children Together (ACT) Against Violence, Parents Raising Safe Kids is a violence prevention project that focuses on adults who raise, care for, and teach young children from birth to eight years old. It is designed to prevent violence by helping these adults to be positive role models and learn the skills to teach young children nonviolent ways to resolve conflicts, deal with frustration, and handle conflict.

Initiative	Adults & Children Together (ACT) Against Violence, Raising Safe Kids
Organization	Jewish Family Services
Website	<a href="http://www.jfsmilw.org/community/chai/act.htm">http://www.jfsmilw.org/community/chai/act.htm</a>
Address	1300 N. Jackson Street, Milwaukee WI 53202
Phone	(414) 390-5800
Fax	(414) 390-5808
Other languages	ACT materials are available in Spanish, but training is available only in English.
Contact	Hirsh Larkey
Title	ACT Community Coordinator
Email	<a href="mailto:hlarkey@jfsmilw.org">hlarkey@jfsmilw.org</a>
Started	2003
Updated	3/17/2009

Descriptive Categories:

[Community Awareness](#)      [Spanish Language](#)

### 2. Anti-Violence Project (AVP)

The Milwaukee Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Community Center's Anti-Violence Project (AVP) focuses on addressing the impact of domestic violence, sexual assault, and hate crimes against LGBT persons by educating service providers about the unique needs and concerns of LGBT persons; educating and raising awareness within the LGBT community; and connecting victims with appropriate services.

Initiative	Anti-Violence Project (AVP)
Organization	Milwaukee Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Community Center
Website	<a href="http://www.mkelgbt.org/awareness/index.asp">http://www.mkelgbt.org/awareness/index.asp</a>
Address	315 W. Court Street, Suite 101, Milwaukee WI 53212
Phone	(414) 292-3072
Fax	(414) 271-2161
Contact	Meighan Bentz
Title	Program Coordinator/Victim Advocate
E-mail	<a href="mailto:mbentz@mkelgbt.org">mbentz@mkelgbt.org</a>
Started	2002
Updated	2/20/2009

Descriptive Categories:

[Community Awareness](#)      [Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse](#)      [LGBT Issues](#)  
[Policy Development](#)      [Victim Support](#)

### 3. Cell on Wheels (COW)

Cell on Wheels (COW) is a mobile trailer with a simulated jail cell that goes to various Milwaukee Police Department identified hot spots to educate youth on the legal, social, and economic consequences of crime.

Initiative	Cells on Wheels (COW)
Organization	Phenomenal Men Support Group, Inc.
Website	<a href="http://www.pmsginc.org/Programs.html">http://www.pmsginc.org/Programs.html</a>
Address	3020 W. Vliet Street, Milwaukee WI 53208
Phone	(414) 305-1518
Fax	(414) 354-5639
Contact	Johnson Smith
Title	Executive Director
E-mail	<a href="mailto:chairman@pmsginc.org">chairman@pmsginc.org</a>
Updated	3/6/2009

Descriptive Categories: N/A

### 4. Community Campaign to Save Our Children

The Community Campaign to Save Our Children is an effort to mobilize Milwaukee's African American community around issues of making neighborhoods safe and preventing the spread of violence. The "Ambassadors for Peace" component trains young people in peace education strategies to work in their communities as youth leaders, modeling and teaching skills and habits of nonviolence.

Initiative	Community Campaign to Save Our Children
Organization	Reuben Harris Institute for Family Enrichment
Website	<a href="http://www.wendellharrisassociate.homestead.com/">www.wendellharrisassociate.homestead.com/</a>
Address	2821 N. 4th Street, Suite 224, Milwaukee WI 53212
Phone	(414) 265-5538
Fax	(414) 265-4533
Contact	Wendell J. Harris
Title	Founder
E-mail	<a href="mailto:wharris38@aol.com">wharris38@aol.com</a>
Started	2004
Updated	2/18/2009

Descriptive Categories:

<a href="#">Community Awareness</a>	<a href="#">Conflict Resolution</a>	<a href="#">Gang-Related Violence</a>
<a href="#">Restorative Justice</a>		

Nationwide, an estimated 1,408,337 violent crimes occurred in 2007. <a href="http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/cius2007/offenses/violent_crime/index.htm">http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/cius2007/offenses/violent_crime/index.htm</a>
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## 5. Community Justice Council

Members of the Milwaukee County Community Justice Council work together to coordinate services and allocate financial resources to provide crime reduction, victim support, offender accountability, and restorative community-based programs.

Initiative	Community Justice Council
Organization	Milwaukee County Circuit Court
Website	<a href="http://www.wicourts.gov/">http://www.wicourts.gov/</a>
Address	901 N. 9th Street, Room 104, Milwaukee WI 53233
Phone	(414) 278-5116
Fax	(414) 223-1264
Contact	Jeffrey Kremers
Title	Chief Judge
Email	<a href="mailto:ctimail@wicourts.gov">ctimail@wicourts.gov</a> , <a href="mailto:chiefjudge.firstdistrict@wicourts.gov">chiefjudge.firstdistrict@wicourts.gov</a>
Updated	2/25/2009

Descriptive Categories:

[Restorative Justice](#)    [Victim Support](#)

## 6. D.A.R.T. (Disability Abuse Response Team) Program

The D.A.R.T (Disability Abuse Response Team) Program works to eradicate violence against people with disabilities, teaches people with disabilities to identify violent and abusive behaviors in others and how to protect themselves, and teaches community organizations how to better serve people with disabilities. This program also advocates for changes in the current systems which address violence.

Initiative	D.A.R.T. (Disability Abuse Response Team) Program
Organization	IndependenceFirst
Website	<a href="http://www.independencefirst.org/services/other/dv.asp">http://www.independencefirst.org/services/other/dv.asp</a>
Address	540 S. 1st Street, Milwaukee WI 53204
Phone	(414) 226-8381 (voice/relay), (414) 291-7520 (voice/TTY)
Fax	(414) 291-7525
Other languages	American Sign Language
Contact	Leslie Myers, MS, CRC, CDVC
Title	D.A.R.T. Program Manager
Email	<a href="mailto:lmyers@independencefirst.org">lmyers@independencefirst.org</a>
Started	2005
Updated	2/20/2009

Descriptive Categories:

[Community Awareness](#)    [Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse](#)    [People with Disabilities](#)  
[Sign Language](#)    [Victim Support](#)

## 7. Elder Abuse Agency

Milwaukee County Department on Aging (MCDA) is the lead Elder Abuse Agency for Milwaukee County. Staff investigate allegations of physical, material, and emotional abuse, as well as neglect and self-neglect of adults age 60 and over, residing in Milwaukee County. (Note: MCDA cannot investigate allegations regarding elders who reside in community based residential facilities, nursing homes, or home health agencies licensed by the State. These complaints should be reported to the State Department of Health Services.)

Initiative	Elder Abuse
Organization	Milwaukee County Department on Aging (MCDA)
Website	<a href="http://www.county.milwaukee.gov/ElderAbuse">http://www.county.milwaukee.gov/ElderAbuse</a>
Address	310 W. Wisconsin Avenue, 5th Floor, West Tower, Milwaukee WI 53203
Phone	(414) 289-6874
Fax	(414) 289-8568
Other languages	Interpretation services can be made available.
Contact	Aging Resource Center of Milwaukee County Call Center
Email	<a href="mailto:aging_webinfo@milwaukeecounty.com">aging_webinfo@milwaukeecounty.com</a>
Updated	4/20/2009

Descriptive Categories:

<a href="#">Community Awareness</a>	<a href="#">Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse</a>	<a href="#">Hmong Language</a>	
<a href="#">Older Adults</a>	<a href="#">Russian Language</a>	<a href="#">Sign Language</a>	<a href="#">Spanish Language</a>
<a href="#">Victim Support</a>			

## 8. Firearm Injury Center

The Firearm Injury Center works to reduce firearm and violence-related injuries and deaths, translates research outcomes into practice, and widely disseminates comprehensive and accurate violence-related information and analysis.

Initiative	Firearm Injury Center
Organization	Medical College of Wisconsin
Website	<a href="http://www.mcw.edu/firearminjurycenter.htm">http://www.mcw.edu/firearminjurycenter.htm</a>
Street	8701 Watertown Plank Road, Milwaukee WI 53226
Phone	(414) 805-6454
Contact	Stephen Hargarten
Email	<a href="mailto:hargart@mcw.edu">hargart@mcw.edu</a> , <a href="mailto:jdilkey@mcw.edu">jdilkey@mcw.edu</a>
Started	1997
Updated	2/24/2009

Descriptive Categories:

<a href="#">Policy Development</a>
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## 9. Futures First Initiative (FFI)

The Futures First Initiative (FFI) centers on academic and life success for at-risk Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) high school students. In addition to working towards raising academic scores and keeping kids from dropping out, FFI also attempts to reduce the number of juvenile and gang-related arrests. Many of the students that FFI works with are returning to school from incarceration or expulsion and have poor academic records and high levels of truancy. FFI provides these students with highly specialized, individual treatment to help them succeed.

Initiative	Futures First Initiative (FFI)
Organization	Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS)
Address	P.O. Box 2181, Milwaukee WI 53201 5225 W. Vliet Street, Room 265, Milwaukee WI 53208
Phone	(414) 773-9826
Fax	(414) 773-9828
Other languages	Spanish
Contact	Jim Koleas
Title	Futures First Initiative Coordinator
E-mail	<a href="mailto:koleasjw@milwaukee.k12.wi.us">koleasjw@milwaukee.k12.wi.us</a>
Started	2007
Updated	3/18/2009

Descriptive Categories:

[Conflict Resolution](#)   [Gang-Related Violence](#)   [Restorative Justice](#)   [Spanish Language](#)

From 2006 to 2007 in Wisconsin, suspected cases of abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation of the elderly rose 9% to 4,766.  
<http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/aps/Publications/2007%20EAN%20Report%2060%20plus.pdf>

## 10. Gang Reduction Program (GRP)

The Gang Reduction Program (GRP) works to reduce youth gang crime and violence in communities. GPR provides case management, intervention, and employment services to active gang or identified gang affiliated persons who are 16-24 years old, who are either incarcerated or residing in the community. Activities are conducted to support client participation in education, training, job-readiness, and placement according to the guidelines, standards, and procedures established by the Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Anti-Gang Re-Entry Initiative Program.

Initiative	Gang Reduction Program (GRP)		
Organization	Wisconsin Community Services (WCS)		
Website	<a href="http://www.wiscs.org/ProgramDescriptions.aspx?ProgramID=66">http://www.wiscs.org/ProgramDescriptions.aspx?ProgramID=66</a>		
Address	3732 W. Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee WI 53208		
Phone	(414) 290-0400, (414) 430-7474 (cell-Williams), (414) 235-6354 (cell-Sherard), (414) 234-0663 (cell-Johnson)		
Fax	(414) 271-4605		
Other languages	Spanish		
Contact	Greg T. Williams, M. Ed.	Andre Sherard	Torre Johnson
Title	Assistant Executive Director	MPD District 2 Case Manager	MPD District 5 Case Manager
E-mail	<a href="mailto:gwilliams@wiscs.org">gwilliams@wiscs.org</a>		
Updated	2/25/2009		

Descriptive Categories:

[Community Awareness](#)  
[Spanish Language](#)

[Gang-Related Violence](#)

[Restorative Justice](#)

Approximately 1 million gang members belonging to more than 20,000 gangs were criminally active within all 50 states and the District of Columbia as of September 2008.  
<http://www.usdoj.gov/ndic/pubs32/32146/index.htm>

**11. Hmong American Friendship Association, Inc.**

The Hmong American Friendship Association, Inc. provides a variety of programs and services to improve the quality of life for Hmong and Laotian refugees, and the community as a whole. Many of these services provide support to Southeast Asian victims of domestic abuse or children who witness abuse within the family.

Organization	Hmong American Friendship Association, Inc.
Website	<a href="http://www.hmongamer.org/">http://www.hmongamer.org/</a>
Address	3824 W. Vliet Street, Milwaukee WI 53208
Phone	(414) 344-6575
Fax	(414) 344-6581
Other languages	Hmong, Thai, and Laotian
Contact	Lo Neng Kiatoukaysy
Title	Executive Director
Email	<a href="mailto:lkiatoukaysy@hmongamer.org">lkiatoukaysy@hmongamer.org</a>
Started	1983
Updated	4/15/2009

Descriptive Categories:

<a href="#"><u>Community Awareness</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Hmong Language</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Victim Support</u></a>		

Despite a sharp drop in city homicides overall in 2008, Milwaukee's police chief notes that the number of homicides of infants and homicides tied to domestic violence increased.

<http://www.jsonline.com/news/milwaukee/37007114.html>

## 12. Mayors Against Illegal Guns

Mayors Against Illegal Guns is a national coalition of over 350 mayors from more than 40 states. This bipartisan coalition shares effective strategies, develops innovative policies, and supports legislation at the national, state, and local levels that will help law enforcement combat illegal guns. Locally, Mayors Against Illegal Guns is working with community partners and faith based organizations to develop community gun safety educational initiatives and strategies.

Initiative	Mayors Against Illegal Guns
Organization	City of Milwaukee Health Department, Office of Violence Prevention
Website	<a href="http://www.mayorsagainstillegalguns.org/html/home/home.shtml">http://www.mayorsagainstillegalguns.org/html/home/home.shtml</a>
Address	841 N. Broadway Street, 3rd Floor, Milwaukee WI 53202
Phone	(414) 286-3637, (414) 708-2974 (cell)
Fax	(414) 286-5990
Other languages	Interpretation services can be made available.
Contact	William Morales
Title	Mayors Against Illegal Guns Regional Coordinator
Email	<a href="mailto:wtmoral@milwaukee.gov">wtmoral@milwaukee.gov</a>
Started	2006
Updated	3/18/2009

Descriptive Categories:

<a href="#">Community Awareness</a>	<a href="#">Gang-Related Violence</a>	<a href="#">Gun Violence</a>	<a href="#">Hmong Language</a>
<a href="#">Policy Development</a>	<a href="#">Russian Language</a>	<a href="#">Sign Language</a>	<a href="#">Spanish Language</a>

Wisconsin and Illinois are presently the only two states in the nation that do not allow for some sort of concealed carrying of firearms.

[http://www.kenoshanews.com/news/bearing\\_arms\\_gun\\_memo\\_may\\_reopen\\_concealed\\_controversy\\_4827061.html](http://www.kenoshanews.com/news/bearing_arms_gun_memo_may_reopen_concealed_controversy_4827061.html)



### 13. Men Opposing Violence Early (MOVE)

Men Opposing Violence Early (MOVE) is a volunteer driven, primary-prevention program for children ages 4-7. Men encourage young children to use a technique called dialogical reading, a form of engaged participation in the narrative of the story and the internalization of pro-social themes. The utilization of pro-social or “character building” books is an outgrowth of the Social-Emotional Learning movement.

Initiative	Men Opposing Violence Early (MOVE)
Organization	Jewish Family Services
Website	<a href="http://www.jfsmilw.org/community/chai/move.htm">http://www.jfsmilw.org/community/chai/move.htm</a>
Address	1300 N. Jackson Street, Milwaukee WI 53202
Phone	(414) 390-5800
Fax	(414) 390-5808
Contact	Melanie Hersch
Title	Community Outreach Coordinator
Email	<a href="mailto:mhersch@jfsmilw.org">mhersch@jfsmilw.org</a>
Updated	3/16/2009

Descriptive Categories:

[Community Awareness](#)

### 14. Mental Health Matters for Violence Prevention Project (MHMVP)

The Mental Health Matters for Violence Prevention Project (MHMVP) advocates reducing and preventing violence through a public service approach that challenges assumptions and stereotypes and promotes the importance of reducing the stigma associated with mental health treatment. MHMVP emphasizes individual and collective responsibility as the foundation for solutions and empowers people to make life-affirming choices for themselves and others.

Organization	Mental Health Matters for Violence Prevention (MHMVP)
Website	<a href="http://www.leflorecommunications.com/MentalHealthMatters.html">http://www.leflorecommunications.com/MentalHealthMatters.html</a>
Address	P.O. Box 18376, Milwaukee WI 53218
Phone	(414) 526-0908
Contact	Fannie LeFlore, MS, LPC, CADC-D
Title	MHMVP Project Co-Director
E-mail	<a href="mailto:fannie@leflorecommunications.com">fannie@leflorecommunications.com</a> , <a href="mailto:cip@leflorecommunications.com">cip@leflorecommunications.com</a>
Started	2007
Updated	2/18/2009

Descriptive Categories:

[Community Awareness](#)    [Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse](#)    [Gang-Related Violence](#)  
[Gun Violence](#)    [Victim Support](#)

### 15. Milwaukee Child Abuse Prevention Services (MCAPS)

Milwaukee Child Abuse Prevention Services (MCAPS), formerly known as the Child Abuse Prevention Network, is a coalition of more than 150 human services organizations. Its mission is to strengthen the capacities of families to provide safe and healthy environments for their children. The coalition focuses on providing outreach, assistance, education, resources, and support to anyone in a parenting role so that they are able to safeguard the well-being of their children.

Initiative	Milwaukee Child Abuse Prevention Services (MCAPS)
Organization	The Parenting Network
Address	7516 W. Burleigh Street, Milwaukee WI 53210
Phone	(414) 671-5575
Fax	(414) 671-1750
Contact	Jan Buchler
Title	Executive Director
Email	<a href="mailto:jbuchler@theparentingnetwork.org">jbuchler@theparentingnetwork.org</a>
Started	1988
Updated	4/14/2009

Descriptive Categories:

<a href="#">Child Abuse</a> <a href="#">Community Awareness</a>
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### 16. Milwaukee Commission on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

The Milwaukee Commission on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault is a government Commission with appointed members who serve two-year terms. The Commission's goal is to increase safety for victims, both adults and children, of domestic violence and sexual assault and to hold abusers accountable for their behavior by coordinating the community's response to such events.

Initiative	Milwaukee Commission on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
Organization	City of Milwaukee Health Department, Office of Violence Prevention
Website	<a href="http://www.milwaukee.gov/DomesticViolenceSexu464.htm">http://www.milwaukee.gov/DomesticViolenceSexu464.htm</a>
Address	841 N. Broadway, 3rd Floor, Milwaukee WI 53202
Phone	(414) 286-2997
Fax	(414) 286-5990
Other languages	Spanish and Hmong
Contact	Audrey Skwierawski
Title	Milwaukee Commission on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coordinator
E-mail	<a href="mailto:askwie@milwaukee.gov">askwie@milwaukee.gov</a>
Started	1979
Updated	3/18/2008

Descriptive Categories:

<a href="#">Child Abuse</a> <a href="#">Community Awareness</a> <a href="#">Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse</a>
<a href="#">Hmong Language</a> <a href="#">LGBT Issues</a> <a href="#">Older Adults</a> <a href="#">People with Disabilities</a>
<a href="#">Spanish Language</a> <a href="#">Victim Support</a>

### 17. Milwaukee Homicide Review Commission

The Milwaukee Homicide Review Commission works toward the reduction of violence through innovative interagency collaboration. Its goals are to better understand the nature of homicides, strategically focus limited enforcement and intervention activities on identifiable risks, and develop innovative responses that can lead to solutions. The commission also aims to reduce homicides in Milwaukee in the long-term.

Organization	Milwaukee Homicide Review Commission
Website	<a href="http://www.micahempowers.org">www.micahempowers.org</a>
Address	749 W. State Street, Milwaukee WI 53233
Phone	(414) 935-7985
Fax	(414) 935-7987
Contact	Robin Jones
Title	Administrative Assistant
Email	<a href="mailto:rjjone@milwaukee.gov">rjjone@milwaukee.gov</a>
Started	2005
Updated	4/14/2009

Descriptive Categories:

<a href="#">Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse</a>	<a href="#">Gang-Related Violence</a>	<a href="#">Gun Violence</a>
<a href="#">Policy Development</a>		

### 18. Milwaukee Repertory Theater Education Programs

One of the goals of the Milwaukee Repertory Theater Education Programs is to use theater and performances to educate students on violence prevention and to promote making positive life choices, such as staying in school and having respect for the community, schools, and family members.

Initiative	Milwaukee Repertory Theater Education Programs
Organization	Milwaukee Repertory Theater
Website	<a href="http://www.milwaukeeep.com/education/outreach.htm">http://www.milwaukeeep.com/education/outreach.htm</a>
Address	108 E. Wells Street, Milwaukee WI 53202
Phone	(414) 290-5370
Fax	(414) 224-9097
Contact	Jenifer Kostreva
Title	Education Director
E-mail	<a href="mailto:jkostreva@milwaukeeep.com">jkostreva@milwaukeeep.com</a>
Started	1994
Updated	3/19/2009

Descriptive Categories:

<a href="#">Bullying</a>
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### 19. Milwaukee Violence Free Zone (MVFZ)

Milwaukee Violence Free Zone (MVFZ) utilizes Youth Advisors to work closely with chronically disruptive youth to reduce violent incidents, suspensions, and truancy, and to increase attendance and grade point averages. Youth Advisors are young adults who are typically from the same neighborhoods and backgrounds as the students they work with.

Initiative	Milwaukee Violence Free Zone (MVFZ)
Organization	Latino Community Center
Website	<a href="http://www.latinocommunitycenter.com/programs_services/mvfz.html">http://www.latinocommunitycenter.com/programs_services/mvfz.html</a>
Address	807 S. 14th Street, Milwaukee WI 53204
Phone	(414) 217-3462, (414) 902-8355 (main office)
Fax	(414) 384-8103
Other languages	Spanish and Hmong
Contact	Andre Robinson
Title	Milwaukee Violence Free Zone Senior Director
Email	<a href="mailto:andre@latinocommunitycenter.org">andre@latinocommunitycenter.org</a>
Started	1996
Updated	2/19/2009

Descriptive Categories:

<a href="#">Community Awareness</a>	<a href="#">Gang-Related Violence</a>	<a href="#">Gun Violence</a>	<a href="#">Hmong Language</a>
<a href="#">Restorative Justice</a>	<a href="#">Spanish Language</a>	<a href="#">Victim Support</a>	

Of Milwaukee Public School students in grades 9-12 who were surveyed, 18% of those who responded reported carrying a weapon such as a gun, knife, or club in the 30 days prior to the survey.  
[http://www.cdc.gov/HealthyYouth/yrbs/pdf/yrbss07\\_mmwr.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/HealthyYouth/yrbs/pdf/yrbss07_mmwr.pdf)

## 20. Mothers Against Gun Violence (MAGV)

Mothers Against Gun Violence (MAGV) works to create legislation intended to promote responsible gun ownership and works to educate the public about that legislation. In addition, MAGV assists in helping survivors of gun violence and those who have lost loved ones to gun violence by connecting survivors to community resources, having vigils, and hosting a memorial webpage.

Organization	Mothers Against Gun Violence (MAGV)
Website	<a href="http://www.milwaukeerenaissance.com/MothersAgainstGunViolence/HomePage">www.milwaukeerenaissance.com/MothersAgainstGunViolence/HomePage</a>
Address	5463 N. 40th Street, Milwaukee WI 53209
Phone	(414) 534-2550
Other languages	Spanish and Hmong
Contact	Debra Fifer
Title	President
Email	<a href="mailto:debraleefifer@msn.com">debraleefifer@msn.com</a>
Started	2004
Updated	3/12/2009

Descriptive Categories:

<a href="#">Community Awareness</a>	<a href="#">Gun Violence</a>	<a href="#">Hmong Language</a>	<a href="#">Policy Development</a>
<a href="#">Spanish Language</a>	<a href="#">Victim Support</a>		

## 21. Nevermore Batterers Treatment

Nevermore Batterers Treatment provides education and support to individuals who have a history of or are concerned about being physically, sexually, and/or emotionally abusive toward their intimate partners. The program's goal is to assist participants in the elimination of abusive and controlling behavior in their intimate same sex or heterosexual relationships.

Initiative	Nevermore Batterers Treatment
Organization	Milwaukee Women's Center
Website	<a href="http://www.mwcinc.org/whatwedo/batterers.php">http://www.mwcinc.org/whatwedo/batterers.php</a>
Address	4906 W. Fond du Lac Avenue, Milwaukee WI 53216
Phone	(414) 828-5190
Fax	(414) 449-4774
Contact	Steven K. Thomas
Title	Program Coordinator
Email	<a href="mailto:stthomas@camwc.net">stthomas@camwc.net</a>
Updated	2/23/2009

Descriptive Categories:

<a href="#">Community Awareness</a>	<a href="#">Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse</a>	<a href="#">LGBT Issues</a>
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## 22. Office of the Milwaukee Ombudsman for Child Welfare (OMOCW)

The Office of the Milwaukee Ombudsman for Child Welfare (OMOCW) is a free, public service that conducts objective, impartial, and independent reviews of case-specific complaints regarding safety, permanence, and well-being of children and families involved with the Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare (BMCW) and its contracted agencies. OMOCW supports improving services to children and families affected by child abuse as well as other child welfare services for those engaged in the BMCW.

Organization	Office of the Milwaukee Ombudsman for Child Welfare (OMOCW)
Website	<a href="http://www.ombudsmanmilw.org">http://www.ombudsmanmilw.org</a>
Address	1442 N. Farwell Avenue, Suite 300, Milwaukee WI 53202
Phone	(414) 224-1347
Fax	(414) 224-0243
Other languages	Interpretation services can be made available.
Contact	Pam Matthews
Title	Ombudsman Program Director
Email	<a href="mailto:email@ombudsmanmilw.org">email@ombudsmanmilw.org</a> , <a href="mailto:pmatthews@ombudsmanmilw.org">pmatthews@ombudsmanmilw.org</a>
Started	2005
Updated	2/17/2009

Descriptive Categories:

<a href="#">Child Abuse</a>	<a href="#">Hmong Language</a>	<a href="#">Policy Development</a>	<a href="#">Russian Language</a>
<a href="#">Sign Language</a>	<a href="#">Spanish Language</a>		

## 23. Peace Learning Center of Milwaukee, Inc.

The Peace Learning Center's mission is to be a catalyst for non-violent conflict management and respect for self, others, and the environment. It provides opportunities to people of all ages to learn and practice non-violent conflict management; gain an appreciation for the history of non-violence; foster the growth and creativity of each individual; and to learn and practice environmental and community responsibility.

Organization	Peace Learning Center of Milwaukee Inc.
Website	<a href="http://www.plcmilwaukee.blogspot.com/">http://www.plcmilwaukee.blogspot.com/</a>
Address	3224 N. Gordon Place, Milwaukee WI 53212
Phone	(414) 350-4721
Contact	Kim Apfelbach
Title	Executive Director
Email	<a href="mailto:peacelearning@sbcglobal.net">peacelearning@sbcglobal.net</a>
Started	1999
Updated	2/24/2009

Descriptive Categories:

<a href="#">Conflict Resolution</a>
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## 24. Peacelab International

Peacelab International promotes peace education, gender/sexual violence prevention and awareness, and multiculturalism training through institutions and organizations within the community.

Organization	Peacelab International
Address	102 E. Wright Street, Milwaukee WI 53212
Phone	(414) 248-2720
Fax	(414) 908-9633
Contact	Olusegun Sijuwade
Title	Trainer / Director
Email	<a href="mailto:peacebringa@gmail.com">peacebringa@gmail.com</a>
Started	1999
Updated	4/8/2009

Descriptive Categories:

<a href="#">Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse</a> <a href="#">Gun Violence</a> <a href="#">LGBT Issues</a> <a href="#">Restorative Justice</a>
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## 25. PEAS (Parklawn Enhanced Anti-Bullying Solutions) Coalition – Second Steps Curriculum

The goal of the PEAS (Parklawn Enhanced Anti-Bullying Solutions) Coalition – Second Steps Curriculum is to build a coalition in the Parklawn Housing development to decrease youth violence and bullying and to provide interventions to youth in this neighborhood to decrease bullying. The Second Steps Curriculum is used in the Central City Cyberschool, which serves children in the Parklawn neighborhood.

Initiative	PEAS (Parklawn Enhanced Anti-Bullying Solutions) Coalition – Second Steps Curriculum
Organization	Medical College of Wisconsin
Website	<a href="http://doctor.mcw.edu/provider.php?36">http://doctor.mcw.edu/provider.php?36</a>
Address	999 N. 92nd Street, C550, Milwaukee WI 53226
Phone	(414) 266-2647
Fax	(414) 266-2635
Contact	Marlene Melzer-Lange, M.D.
Title	Professor of Pediatrics
E-mail	<a href="mailto:mmelzer@mcw.edu">mmelzer@mcw.edu</a>
Started	2004
Updated	2/19/2009

Descriptive Categories:

<a href="#">Bullying</a> <a href="#">Victim Support</a>
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## 26. Prayer Vigils

The Milwaukee Innerscity Congregations Allied for Hope (MICAH) coordinates prayer vigils with the intent of praying for homicide victims and showing support to their family and friends.

Initiative	Prayer Vigils
Organization	Milwaukee Innerscity Congregations Allied for Hope (MICAH)
Address	P.O. Box 12150, Milwaukee WI 53212
Phone	(414) 372-3090, (414) 263-4482
Contact	Rose Stietz, OP
Updated	2/25/2009

Descriptive Categories: N/A

## 27. Project Ceasefire

Project Ceasefire's objective is to prosecute the illegal possession and use of firearms in both State and Federal Courts and to channel offenders with a prior record for violence or drugs directly into Federal Courts.

Initiative	Project Ceasefire
Organization	Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office
Address	821 W. State Street, Room 405, Milwaukee WI 53233
Phone	(414) 278-4646
Contact	Kent Lovern
Email	<a href="mailto:lovern.kent@mail.da.state.wi.us">lovern.kent@mail.da.state.wi.us</a>
Started	2000
Updated	2/18/2009

Descriptive Categories:

[Gang-Related Violence](#)      [Gun Violence](#)

## 28. Project Non-Violence

Project Non-Violence is a summer theatre program in which youth write and perform plays based on their experiences with and concerns about violence. Performances are followed by a discussion among the youth.

Organization	Project Non-Violence
Website	<a href="http://www.johndschneider.com/Main/ProjectNon-Violence">http://www.johndschneider.com/Main/ProjectNon-Violence</a>
Address	1231 E. Kane Place, Milwaukee WI 53202
Phone	(414) 273-0067
Contact	John D. Schneider
E-mail	<a href="mailto:jdivads11@sbcglobal.net">jdivads11@sbcglobal.net</a>
Updated	2/24/2009

Descriptive Categories:

[Community Awareness](#)      [Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse](#)      [Gang-Related Violence](#)  
[Gun Violence](#)      [Restorative Justice](#)      [Victim Support](#)



## 29. Project Respect

Project Respect works to prevent risk factors leading to sexual and dating violence and increase protective factors that deter perpetration and victimization among adolescents. This is carried out through the development of leadership, capacity, and programs at eight Milwaukee neighborhood centers.

Initiative	Project Respect	
Organization	Medical College of Wisconsin and United Neighborhood Centers of Milwaukee	
Address	999 N. 92nd Street, Milwaukee WI 53226	
Phone	(414) 266-6478	
Fax	(414) 266-3157	
Contact	Lynn Sheets, M.D.	Susan Lacke
Title	Children's Hospital of Wisconsin Child Advocacy and Protection Services Medical Director	Project Director
Email	<a href="mailto:lsheets@chw.org">lsheets@chw.org</a>	<a href="mailto:slacke@ssnc-milw.org">slacke@ssnc-milw.org</a>
Started	2007	
Updated	2/26/2009	

Descriptive Categories:

[Community Awareness](#)      [Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse](#)

## 30. Project Staying Alive

Project Staying Alive is a program designed to educate and inform children in the community on proper anger management, conflict resolution, and problem solving techniques to help reduce incidences of violent injury in the City of Milwaukee.

Initiative	Project Staying Alive	
Organization	City of Milwaukee Fire Department	
Website	<a href="http://www.city.milwaukee.gov/ProjectStayingAlive.htm">http://www.city.milwaukee.gov/ProjectStayingAlive.htm</a>	
Address	6680 N. Teutonia Avenue, Milwaukee WI 53207	
Phone	(414) 286-8972, (414) 397-9745 (cell)	
Fax	(414) 286-5270	
Contact	Lieutenant Steven Riegg	
Title	Fire Lieutenant/Paramedic, Project Staying Alive Director	
E-mail	<a href="mailto:sriegg@milwaukee.gov">sriegg@milwaukee.gov</a>	
Started	2007	
Updated	2/25/2009	

Descriptive Categories:

[Community Awareness](#)      [Conflict Resolution](#)      [Gang-Related Violence](#)      [Gun Violence](#)

### 31. Project UJIMA

Project UJIMA is a multi-disciplinary collaboration addressing violence through individual, family, and community intervention and prevention strategies. Services, such as crisis intervention, case management, social and emotional support, and mental health services, are offered to both youth and adults who are victims of violence and crime. Youth can also receive development and mentoring services, and adults can receive court and victim advocacy through Project UJIMA.

Initiative	Project UJIMA
Organization	Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, Children's Service Society of Wisconsin
Website	<a href="http://www.chw.org/display/PPF/DocID/20624/Nav/1/router.asp">http://www.chw.org/display/PPF/DocID/20624/Nav/1/router.asp</a>
Address	620 S. 76th Street, Suite 120, Milwaukee WI 53214
Phone	(414) 292-4006
Fax	(414) 231-4970
Other languages	Spanish
Contact	Toni Rivera
Title	Project UJIMA Manager
E-mail	<a href="mailto:trivera@chw.org">trivera@chw.org</a>
Started	1995
Updated	2/19/2009

Descriptive Categories:

<a href="#">Community Awareness</a>	<a href="#">Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse</a>	<a href="#">Gang-Related Violence</a>
<a href="#">Gun Violence</a>	<a href="#">Spanish Language</a>	<a href="#">Victim Support</a>

There were 6,721 child victims of maltreatment in Wisconsin in 2007, including 1,469 in Milwaukee County.  
<http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/children/CPS/PDF/2007CANReport.pdf>

**32. RELATE (Relationship Education Leading Adolescents Toward Empowerment) Project**

The RELATE (Relationship Education Leading Adolescents Toward Empowerment) Project is a sexual violence prevention program offered to middle and high school students in public, choice, and parochial schools throughout Milwaukee County. RELATE works to break the cycle of violence by helping adolescents recognize healthy versus unhealthy relationships, develop assertive interpersonal communication skills, and protect themselves from peer and relationship violence.

Initiative	RELATE (Relationship Education Leading Adolescents Toward Empowerment) Project
Organization	The Parenting Network
Website	<a href="http://www.theparentingnetwork.org/">http://www.theparentingnetwork.org/</a>
Address	7516 W. Burleigh Street, Milwaukee WI 53210
Phone	(414) 671-5575
Fax	(414) 671-1750
Contact	Jan Buchler
Title	Executive Director
E-mail	<a href="mailto:jbuchler@theparentingnetwork.org">jbuchler@theparentingnetwork.org</a>
Started	2004
Updated	4/20/2009

Descriptive Categories:

[Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse](#)

[In the City of Milwaukee in 2007] Three-quarters of all sexual assault victims were younger than 20; one-third were younger than 13.  
[http://www.city.milwaukee.gov/ImageLibrary/User/jdimow/Joanpdfs/AnnualSafety/2007\\_Public\\_Safety\\_Report.pdf](http://www.city.milwaukee.gov/ImageLibrary/User/jdimow/Joanpdfs/AnnualSafety/2007_Public_Safety_Report.pdf)

### 33. Safe & Sound

Safe & Sound mobilizes neighborhood and city resources to reduce crime and violence in 21 high crime Milwaukee neighborhoods. Safe & Sound's community organizers, called Community Partners, partner with law enforcement, the District Attorney's Community Prosecution Unit, elected officials, and city services to identify criminal violations and clean up neighborhoods. Community Partners also engage over 21,000 youth in Safe Places, which provide youth with drug, gang, gun, and violence prevention programs; teach leadership skills and responsibility; and build relationships among youth, police, and older residents.

Organization	Safe & Sound
Website	<a href="http://www.safesound.org">http://www.safesound.org</a>
Address	801 W. Michigan Street, Milwaukee WI 53233
Phone	(414) 220-4799
Fax	(414) 220-4708
Other languages	Spanish
Contact	Barbara Notestein
Title	Executive Director
Email	<a href="mailto:bnotestein@milwaukeehidta.org">bnotestein@milwaukeehidta.org</a>
Started	1998
Updated	3/3/2009

Descriptive Categories:

<a href="#">Community Awareness</a>	<a href="#">Gang-Related Violence</a>	<a href="#">Gun Violence</a>	<a href="#">Restorative Justice</a>
<a href="#">Spanish Language</a>			

Of Milwaukee Public School students in grades 9-12 who were surveyed, 43% of those who responded reported being involved 1 or more physical fights 12 months prior to taking the survey.  
[http://www.cdc.gov/HealthyYouth/yrbs/pdf/yrbss07\\_mmwr.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/HealthyYouth/yrbs/pdf/yrbss07_mmwr.pdf)

### 34. Safe Schools / Healthy Students Initiative

The Safe Schools / Healthy Students Initiative focuses on reducing the levels of disruption and violence in schools; preventing or reducing substance abuse among youth; increasing attendance, reducing suspensions and improving school climate; increasing access to mental health services for students as needed; and increasing school readiness of children in their first five years of life. Violence prevention, anger management, and conflict resolution classes are available for sixth grade students. The Initiative also provides gang and drug awareness for staff, students, and parents.

Initiative	Safe Schools / Healthy Students Initiative
Organization	Milwaukee Public Schools
Website	<a href="http://www2.milwaukee.k12.wi.us/sshs">http://www2.milwaukee.k12.wi.us/sshs</a>
Address	P.O. Box 2181, Milwaukee WI 53201
Phone	(414) 773-9823, (414) 773-9824 (main office)
Fax	(414) 773-9828
Other languages	Spanish and Hmong
Contact	Kristi Cole
Title	Safe Schools / Healthy Students Initiative Project Director
E-mail	<a href="mailto:coley@milwaukee.k12.wi.us">coley@milwaukee.k12.wi.us</a>
Started	2007
Updated	3/1/2009

Descriptive Categories:

<a href="#">Community Awareness</a>	<a href="#">Conflict Resolution</a>	<a href="#">Gang-Related Violence</a>	<a href="#">Gun Violence</a>
<a href="#">Hmong Language</a>	<a href="#">Restorative Justice</a>	<a href="#">Spanish Language</a>	

### 35. Scooter Foundation

The Scooter Foundation's goal is to provide urban youth with opportunities to build interpersonal skills and self-confidence, as well as to motivate youth to make positive changes in their own communities. Efforts are focused on the importance of working through conflicts to find solutions, rather than resorting to violence.

Organization	Scooter Foundation
Website	<a href="http://www.scooterfoundation.org/">http://www.scooterfoundation.org/</a>
Address	346 E. Wilson Street, Milwaukee WI 53207
Phone	(414) 769-9193, (414) 732-0909
Contact	Susan Schmidt
Title	Founder
E-mail	<a href="mailto:susandjp@aol.com">susandjp@aol.com</a>
Started	2006
Updated	2/25/2009

Descriptive Categories:

<a href="#">Conflict Resolution</a>
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### 36. Sojourner Family Peace Center, Inc.

Sojourner Family Peace Center, formerly the Task Force on Family Violence and Sojourner Truth House, works to create peaceful communities in which domestic respect and a life free from violence is the right of every woman, man, and child. The Center offers a number of programs that focus on empowering the victims and abusers to break the cycle of violence and educating the community about domestic violence.

Organization	Sojourner Family Peace Center, Inc.	
Website	<a href="http://www.sojournertruthhouse.org/services.htm">http://www.sojournertruthhouse.org/services.htm</a> , <a href="http://www.tffv.org">www.tffv.org</a>	
Address	P.O. Box 080319, Milwaukee WI 53208	
Phone	(414) 643-1777, (414) 276-1911	
Fax	(414) 643-1790	
Other languages	Spanish, Hmong, and Russian	
Contact	Angela Mancuso	Carmen Pitre
Title	Co-Executive Director	Co-Executive Director
E-mail	<a href="mailto:amancuso@sojournertruthhouse.org">amancuso@sojournertruthhouse.org</a>	<a href="mailto:cpitre@tffv.org">cpitre@tffv.org</a>
Started	2009	
Updated	4/7/2009	

#### Descriptive Categories:

<a href="#">Child Abuse</a>	<a href="#">Community Awareness</a>	<a href="#">Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse</a>	
<a href="#">Hmong Language</a>	<a href="#">Russian Language</a>	<a href="#">Spanish Language</a>	<a href="#">Victim Support</a>

The 2007 National School Climate Survey of 6,209 middle and high school students found that nearly 9 out of 10 LGBT students (86.2%) experienced harassment at school in the past year.  
<http://www.glsen.org/cgi-bin/iowa/all/library/record/2340.html>

### 37. Stand Together Milwaukee

Stand Together Milwaukee works to reduce violence and increase a sense of community in the Milwaukee Metro Area by creating a network of information and advocacy. It coordinates, highlights, and promotes existing efforts towards a healthier community; initiates and conducts an interactive Community Engagement Campaign; challenges mainstream and alternative media to reframe gun violence as a public health issue affecting all citizens; and creates, promotes, and implements effective solutions that reduce violence and restore a sense of healthy community.

Initiative	Stand Together Milwaukee
Organization	New Moon Productions
Website	<a href="http://www.newmoononline.com/standtogether.php">http://www.newmoononline.com/standtogether.php</a>
Address	1825 N. 2nd Street, Milwaukee WI 53212
Phone	(414) 379-0932
Contact	Ann Marie Uselmann, MSW
Title	Volunteer
Email	<a href="mailto:mmccrea@wi.rr.com">mmccrea@wi.rr.com</a>
Started	2007
Updated	2/25/2009

Descriptive Categories:

[Gun Violence](#)

### 38. Step 5

Step 5 is a program offered by Pathfinders, formerly known as The Counseling Center of Milwaukee, which provides outpatient treatment to at-risk youth with sexual behavior problems to prevent sexual abuse among young people.

Initiative	Step 5
Organization	Pathfinders
Website	<a href="http://pathfindersmke.org">http://pathfindersmke.org</a>
Address	2038 N. Bartlett Avenue, Milwaukee WI 53202
Phone	(414) 271-2565
Fax	(414) 271-0102
Other languages	Interpretation services can be made available.
Contact	Daniel Magnuson, MA, MSW
Title	Executive Director
Email	<a href="mailto:dmagnuson@tccmilw.org">dmagnuson@tccmilw.org</a>
Started	1970
Updated	2/25/2009

Descriptive Categories:

[Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse](#)    [Hmong Language](#)    [Russian Language](#)  
[Sign Language](#)    [Spanish Language](#)

### 39. Stop Abuse and Neglect of Elderly (S.A.N.E.)

Stop Abuse and Neglect of Elderly (S.A.N.E.) helps front line service providers recognize, respond to, and refer suspected cases of elder abuse, neglect, and self-neglect. Training tools were developed by the Milwaukee County Department on Aging and the Medical College of Wisconsin's Center for Healthy Communities for agencies that employ workers who have regular contact with elderly persons. The curriculum includes a leader presentation "script", PowerPoint slides, videos of local case studies, a discussion guide, and other handouts.

Initiative	Stop Abuse and Neglect of Elderly (S.A.N.E.)
Organization	Milwaukee County Department on Aging
Address	310 W. Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 700, Milwaukee WI 53203
Phone	(414) 289-6633
Fax	(414) 289-8576
Contact	Linda Cieslik, Ph.D.
Title	Community Programs/Marketing Coordinator
Email	<a href="mailto:linda.cieslik@milwcnty.com">linda.cieslik@milwcnty.com</a>
Started	Currently a pilot program; will be expanded in 2010
Updated	3/31/2009

Descriptive Categories:

<a href="#">Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse</a>	<a href="#">Older Adults</a>
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### 40. Violence Prevention Initiative (VPI)

The goals of the Violence Prevention Initiative (VPI) are to decrease violence in Milwaukee neighborhoods and to strengthen the community's capacity to prevent future violence. VPI seeks to identify effective policies and programs, and works with and builds upon local community assets.

Initiative	Violence Prevention Initiative (VPI)	
Organization	Medical College of Wisconsin Consortium	
Website	<a href="http://www.mcw.edu/vpi.htm">http://www.mcw.edu/vpi.htm</a>	
Address	1801 N. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Milwaukee WI 53212	
Phone	(414) 955-2699	
Fax	(414) 955-0114	
Contact	José Flores	May Yer Thao
Title	Program Coordinator	Administrative Assistant
Email	<a href="mailto:vpi@mcw.edu">vpi@mcw.edu</a>	<a href="mailto:mthao@mcw.edu">mthao@mcw.edu</a>
Started	2008	
Updated	4/8/2009	

Descriptive Categories: N/A



#### 41. Violence Prevention Program (VPP)

The Violence Prevention Program (VPP) provides training and support for school staff in violence prevention programs. The focus is to enhance staff classroom management skills, to improve student social skills and conflict resolution skills, and to reduce bullying within the school setting. Goals of the program include reducing office referrals and suspension, enhancing student skills, improving school climate, and increasing task engagement, which is highly correlated with student achievement.

Initiative	Violence Prevention Program (VPP)
Organization	Milwaukee Public Schools
Website	<a href="http://mpsviolenceprevention.info">http://mpsviolenceprevention.info</a>
Address	2360 N. 52nd Street, Room 21, Milwaukee WI 53210
Phone	(414) 874-8582
Other languages	Spanish (only some programs)
Contact	Kim Gulbrandson
Title	School Psychologist
Email	<a href="mailto:gulbrakm@milwaukee.k12.wi.us">gulbrakm@milwaukee.k12.wi.us</a>
Started	1988
Updated	2/18/2009

Descriptive Categories:

[Bullying](#)    [Conflict Resolution](#)    [Spanish Language](#)

There were 71 homicides in Milwaukee last year [2008], compared with 105 in 2007. Chief Edward Flynn and his staff cited the fact that two-thirds fewer young black males died violent deaths on city streets and the number of people killed by firearms dropped by nearly one-half.  
<http://www.onmilwaukee.com/politics/articles/mkemurders2008.html>

## 42. Weed and Seed

Weed and Seed works on anti-crime efforts to improve the quality of life for residents, businesses, and organizations in the Clark Square Neighborhood, primarily through law enforcement; community policing; prevention, intervention, and treatment; and neighborhood restoration.

Initiative	Weed and Seed
Organization	Clarke Square Neighborhood/Journey House
Website	<a href="http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ccdo/ws/welcome.html">http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ccdo/ws/welcome.html</a>
Address	1900 W. Washington Street, Milwaukee WI 53204
Phone	(414) 647-0548 ext. 2231, (414) 349-3240 (cell)
Fax	(414) 647-0266
Other languages	Spanish
Contact	Minerva Santiago
Title	Weed and Seed Initiative Coordinator
Email	<a href="mailto:msantiago@journeyhouse.org">msantiago@journeyhouse.org</a>
Started	2006
Updated	3/3/2009

Descriptive Categories:

<a href="#">Community Awareness</a>	<a href="#">Gang-Related Violence</a>	<a href="#">Gun Violence</a>	<a href="#">Policy Development</a>
<a href="#">Restorative Justice</a>	<a href="#">Spanish Language</a>	<a href="#">Victim Support</a>	

## 43. Wisconsin Anti-Violence Effort (WAVE) Educational Fund

Wisconsin Anti-Violence Effort (WAVE) Educational Fund raises awareness about firearm violence, provides up-to-date information to the public and policy makers, and promotes common sense measures to bring Wisconsin to the forefront of gun violence prevention.

Initiative	Wisconsin Anti-Violence Effort (WAVE) Educational Fund
Organization	Wisconsin Anti-Violence Effort (WAVE)
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Started	1995
Updated	2/24/2009

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### Section 3: Best Practices

#### Twelve Evidence-Based Practices in Violence Prevention

The National Registry of Evidence-based Programs and Practices (NREPP) is an online registry of mental health and substance abuse interventions that have been reviewed and rated by independent reviewers. It is a service of the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

The purpose of this registry is to assist the public in identifying approaches to preventing and treating mental and/or substance use disorders that have been evaluated and that can be readily disseminated to the field. The following programs appear in the Registry under the heading “violence prevention.” Each program’s title is linked to the SAMHSA web page, which contains a full description and contact information.

These are included as a resource for individuals or groups who are working to prevent or reduce violence.

<u>Program Name</u>	<u>Date Posted</u>
<a href="#">Aggressors, Victims, and Bystanders: Thinking and Acting To Prevent Violence</a>	April 09
<p><b>Abstract:</b> Aggressors, Victims, and Bystanders: Thinking and Acting To Prevent Violence (AVB) is a curriculum designed to prevent violence and inappropriate aggression among middle school youth, particularly those living in environments with high rates of exposure to violence. Based on research demonstrating the role of cognitive patterns in mediating aggressive behavior, AVB addresses the differing roles that individuals typically play in promoting or preventing violence.</p> <p>The core objectives of AVB are to encourage young people to examine their roles as aggressors, victims, and bystanders; develop and practice problem-solving skills; rethink beliefs that support the use of aggression; and generate new ways of thinking about and responding to conflict in each of these roles. A central feature of the curriculum is its four-step Think-First Model of Conflict Resolution. This model helps students pause and reflect when confronted with a conflict so they can define the situation in ways that lead to effective, positive solutions. The curriculum is presented in 12 45-minute classroom sessions conducted 1 to 3 times per week over 4 to 12 weeks. AVB can be taught by health educators, language arts teachers, police officers, school resource/safety officers, or physical education instructors.</p>	
<a href="#">All Stars</a>	November 07
<p><b>Abstract:</b> All Stars is a multiyear school-based program for middle school students (11 to 14 years old) designed to prevent and delay the onset of high-risk behaviors such as drug use, violence, and premature sexual activity. The program focuses on five topics important to preventing high-risk behaviors: (1) developing positive ideals that do not fit with high-risk behavior; (2) creating a belief in conventional norms; (3) building strong personal commitments; (4) bonding with school, prosocial institutions, and family; and (5) increasing positive parental attentiveness. The All Stars curriculum includes highly interactive group activities, games and art projects, small group discussions, one-on-one sessions, a parent component, and a celebration ceremony. The All Stars Core program consists of 13 45-minute class sessions delivered on a weekly basis by teachers, prevention specialists, or social workers. The All Stars Booster program is designed to be delivered 1 year after the core program and includes nine 45-minute sessions reinforcing lessons learned in the previous year. Multiple program packages are available to support implementation by either regular teachers or prevention specialists.</p>	

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<a href="#"><u>CASASTART</u></a>	September 07
<p><b>Abstract:</b> CASASTART (Striving Together to Achieve Rewarding Tomorrows, formerly known as Children at Risk), is a community-based, school-centered substance abuse and violence prevention program developed by the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University (CASA). CASASTART targets youths between 8 and 13 years old who have a minimum of four identified risk factors. Youth participants may remain in the program up to 2 years. Specific program objectives of CASASTART include reducing drug and alcohol use, reducing involvement in drug trafficking, decreasing associations with delinquent peers, improving school performance, and reducing violent offenses. CASASTART's intervention model is informed by the research literature on social learning theory, social strain theory, social control theory, and positive youth development. Its eight fundamental components are community-enhanced policing, intensive case management, juvenile justice intervention, family services, after-school and summer activities, education services, mentoring, and the use of incentives to encourage youth development activities. Each site brings together key stakeholders in schools, law enforcement agencies, and social services and health agencies to develop tailored approaches to the delivery of the core service components consistent with local culture and practice. At all sites, CASASTART is staffed by case managers and requires the cooperation of area police departments and local social service and juvenile crime agencies.</p>	
<a href="#"><u>Incredible Years</u></a>	October 07
<p><b>Abstract:</b> Incredible Years is a set of comprehensive, multifaceted, and developmentally based curricula targeting 2- to 12-year-old children and their parents and teachers. The parent, child, and teacher training interventions that compose Incredible Years are guided by developmental theory on the role of multiple interacting risk and protective factors in the development of conduct problems. The three program components are designed to work jointly to promote emotional and social competence and to prevent, reduce, and treat behavioral and emotional problems in young children.</p> <p>The parent training intervention focuses on strengthening parenting competencies and fostering parents' involvement in children's school experiences to promote children's academic and social skills and reduce delinquent behaviors. The Dinosaur child training curriculum aims to strengthen children's social and emotional competencies, such as understanding and communicating feelings, using effective problem-solving strategies, managing anger, practicing friendship and conventional skills, and behaving appropriately in the classroom. The teacher training intervention focuses on strengthening teachers' classroom management strategies, promoting children's prosocial behavior and school readiness, and reducing children's classroom aggression and noncooperation with peers and teachers. The intervention also helps teachers work with parents to support their school involvement and promote consistency between home and school. In all three training interventions, trained facilitators use videotaped scenes to structure the content and stimulate group discussions and problem solving.</p>	

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<a href="#"><u>Multisystemic Therapy (MST) for Juvenile Offenders</u></a>	April 07
<p><b>Abstract:</b> Multisystemic Therapy (MST) for juvenile offenders addresses the multidimensional nature of behavior problems in troubled youth. Treatment focuses on those factors in each youth's social network that are contributing to his or her antisocial behavior. The primary goals of MST programs are to decrease rates of antisocial behavior and other clinical problems, improve functioning (e.g., family relations, school performance), and achieve these outcomes at a cost savings by reducing the use of out-of-home placements such as incarceration, residential treatment, and hospitalization. The ultimate goal of MST is to empower families to build a healthier environment through the mobilization of existing child, family, and community resources. MST is delivered in the natural environment (in the home, school, or community). The typical duration of home-based MST services is approximately 4 months, with multiple therapist-family contacts occurring weekly. MST addresses risk factors in an individualized, comprehensive, and integrated fashion, allowing families to enhance protective factors. Specific treatment techniques used to facilitate these gains are based on empirically supported therapies, including behavioral, cognitive behavioral, and pragmatic family therapies.</p>	
<a href="#"><u>Peaceful Alternatives to Tough Situations (PATTS)</u></a>	December 08
<p><b>Abstract:</b> Peaceful Alternatives to Tough Situations (PATTS) is a school-based aggression management program designed to help students increase positive conflict resolution skills, increase the ability to forgive transgressions, and reduce aggressive behavior. PATTS features three separate curricula (for kindergarten through grade 2, grades 3 through 5, and middle and high school), each of which is delivered in nine weekly, 1-hour sessions. The program teaches cognitive skills, peer refusal skills, appropriate conflict resolution skills, identification and verbalization of emotions, recognition of anger cues, calming techniques, and forgiveness. Sessions are highly interactive and use group discussion, role-playing, games, and skills review. In addition, parents and teachers receive training informing them about the skills taught to students and encouraging them to support the use of the skills at home and in the classroom. PATTS is designed to be delivered by teachers, guidance counselors, and graduate or undergraduate mental health counselors.</p>	
<a href="#"><u>Positive Action</u></a>	August 07
<p><b>Abstract:</b> Positive Action is an integrated and comprehensive program that is designed to improve academic achievement; school attendance; and problem behaviors such as substance use, violence, suspensions, disruptive behaviors, dropping out, and sexual behavior. It is also designed to improve parent-child bonding, family cohesion, and family conflict. Positive Action has materials for schools, homes, and community agencies. All materials are based on the same unifying broad concept (one feels good about oneself when taking positive actions) with six explanatory subconcepts (positive actions for the physical, intellectual, social, and emotional areas) that elaborate on the overall theme. The program components include grade-specific curriculum kits for kindergarten through 12th grade, drug education kits, a conflict resolution kit, sitewide climate development kits for elementary and secondary school levels, a counselor's kit, a family kit, and a community kit. All the components and their parts can be used separately or in any combination and are designed to reinforce and support one another.</p>	

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<a href="#"><u>Responding in Peaceful and Positive Ways (RiPP)</u></a>	April 07
<p><b>Abstract:</b> Responding in Peaceful and Positive Ways (RiPP) is a school-based violence prevention program for middle school students. RiPP is designed to be implemented along with a peer mediation program. Students practice using a social-cognitive problem-solving model to identify and choose nonviolent strategies for dealing with conflict. RiPP emphasizes behavioral repetition and mental rehearsal of the social-cognitive problem-solving model, experiential learning techniques, and didactic learning modalities. RiPP sessions are taught in the classroom by a school-based prevention specialist and are typically incorporated into existing social studies, health, or science classes. The intervention is offered in three grade-specific modules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RiPP-6 (6th grade): 16 sessions over the school year, focusing broadly on violence prevention</li> <li>• RiPP-7 (7th grade): 16 sessions at the beginning of the school year, focusing on using conflict resolution skills in friendships</li> <li>• RiPP-8 (8th grade): 16 sessions at the end of the school year, focusing on making a successful transition to high school</li> </ul>	
<a href="#"><u>Safe Dates</u></a>	March 07
<p><b>Abstract:</b> Safe Dates is a program designed to stop or prevent the initiation of emotional, physical, and sexual abuse on dates or between individuals involved in a dating relationship. Intended for male and female 8th- and 9th-grade students, the goals of the program include: (1) changing adolescent dating violence and gender-role norms, (2) improving peer help-giving and dating conflict-resolution skills, (3) promoting victim and perpetrator beliefs in the need for help and seeking help through the community resources that provide it, and (4) decreasing dating abuse victimization and perpetration. Safe Dates consists of five components: a nine-session curriculum, a play script, a poster contest, parent materials, and a teacher training outline. In some studies, the program incorporated a booster session.</p>	
<a href="#"><u>SMARTteam</u></a>	March 07
<p><b>Abstract:</b> SMARTteam (Students Managing Anger and Resolution Together) is a multimedia, computer-based violence prevention intervention designed for 6th through 9th graders (11-15 years of age). The program is based on social learning theory as well as a skill acquisition model that approaches learning as a five-stage process ranging from novice to expert, with learners at each stage having different needs. The software's eight modules use games, graphics, simulations, cartoons, and interactive interviews to teach conflict resolution skills in three categories: anger management, dispute resolution, and perspective-taking. Anger management focuses on anger-control training; dispute resolution assists students in learning and using negotiation and compromise skills to resolve disputes; perspective-taking allows students to understand that others may have views and feelings different from their own. The various modules can be used separately or together in a sequential manner. Once installed on computers, SMARTteam is easy to use, requiring only rudimentary computer skills on the part of the students.</p>	

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<a href="#"><u>Success in Stages: Build Respect, Stop Bullying</u></a>	March 07
<p><b>Abstract:</b> Success in Stages: Build Respect, Stop Bullying is an interactive computer program designed to help students increase respect and decrease bullying behaviors. The program uses an individualized expert feedback system based on the Transtheoretical Model of Change to help students change behaviors associated with bullying. Students participate in three 30-minute sessions in school. Tailored feedback is provided to help each student recognize and change his or her own bullying-related behavior and to promote acting with respect at all times. Offered in three modules (elementary, middle, and high school), the program features guides for administrators, school staff, and families and automated reporting for schools.</p>	
<a href="#"><u>Too Good for Violence</u></a>	August 08
<p><b>Abstract:</b> Too Good for Violence (TGFV) is a school-based violence prevention and character education program for students in kindergarten through 12th grade. It is designed to enhance prosocial behaviors and skills and improve protective factors related to conflict and violence. TGFV has a developmentally appropriate curriculum for each grade level through 8th grade, with a separate high school curriculum for students in grades 9 through 12. The K-5 curricula each include seven weekly, 30- to 60-minute lessons, and the curricula for grades 6-8 each include nine weekly, 30- to 45-minute lessons. The high school curriculum includes 14 weekly, 1-hour lessons, plus 12 1-hour "infusion" lessons designed to incorporate and reinforce skills taught in the core curriculum through academic infusion in various subject areas. Trained teachers, counselors, and prevention specialists deliver the program. The research presented in this review involved only students in the 3rd grade.</p> <p>Too Good for Violence is a companion program to Too Good for Drugs (TGFD). At the high school level, the programs are combined in one volume under the name Too Good for Drugs &amp; Violence High School. Outcomes for TGFD and the combined high school version have been reviewed by NREPP in another summary.</p>	

I hear it from my students  
I hear it every day,  
they tell me all about it,  
it will never go away.

They tell me how they heard it  
almost right outside their door,  
and they tell me who died  
many years before.

I want to keep them safe -

I can from 8 to 2,

but after that, I feel hopeless -

what really can I do?

They live such different lives from me,

I am really so unaware,

of what day to day life is like

all they can do is share.

Gunshots and bullets - I can't imagine

when will it end?

The fear they face daily,

I will never understand.