

**OFFICE OF JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION  
VIOLENCE PREVENTION INITIATIVE GRANT PROGRAM**

**PROJECT QUESTIONS**

Respond to all the project questions below. If a question does not apply to your program, please explain why. You can use up to 8,000 characters.

1. Please describe any change in community norms about violence as measured by pre- and post-test surveys.

Definition: Community norms are the values, beliefs, and attitudes shared by most members of a community, including beliefs about what is typical and/or appropriate behavior within that community. Community norms about violence may include attitudes about whether violence is acceptable and/or inevitable, beliefs about how youth should and do behave, and so on.

Provide a short description of any change in community norms observed and the method used to track this change.

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2. Please discuss any reduction in youth violence as measured by a decrease in homicides, other violent incidents, gun crime, gang-related crimes, self-reported violence, and violent injuries.

Definition: Youth violence is defined as any violent offense that is committed by or against youth or that otherwise directly impacts youth. Youth are defined as individuals below the upper age of juvenile court jurisdiction, which varies depending on the state.

Provide a short description of any reduction in youth violence observed and the method used to track this change.

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3. Have you created or adopted a shared agenda or framework for violence prevention?

Definition: A shared agenda or framework is a set of shared goals and/or a plan of action around violence prevention that is created in cooperation with other stakeholders.

Provide a short explanation.

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4. Please discuss any reduction in youth victimization as measured by decreases in the number and percentage of children exposed to violence.

Definition: Exposure to violence includes both direct victimization (e.g., child abuse, neglect, or maltreatment) and indirect victimization (e.g., witnessing domestic violence or community violence). Children may also be exposed to other forms of violence such as violence in the media, terrorism, and war.

Provide a short description of any reduction in youth victimization observed and the method used to track this change.

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5. How many joint programmatic decisions did you make with collaborative partners about your violence prevention initiative during the reporting period?

Definition: Include major decisions you made with collaborative partners about how to advance your initiative to reduce violence against children in targeted communities. Examples include decisions about dedicated staffing, funding, or in-kind contributions; strategic planning; community events; change of targeted community; and similar activities.

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Provide the number of joint decisions made and a short description of each decision during the reporting period.

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