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Council Against Youth Violence

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CAYV



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A Comprehensive Community Approach

Council Against Youth Violence is a service of the Greater Trenton Outreach to Support Youth Victims of Gang Violence, a project funded by the United States Department of Justice.

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Council Against Youth Violence is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

MISSION

Council Against Youth Violence (CAYV) is dedicated to advancing community safety and empowering youth affected by gang violence victimization so they can recover, resume normal healthy functioning, and work toward productive futures.

OVERVIEW

Council Against Youth Violence (CAYV) is a U.S. Department of Justice funded project that employs a holistic, strength-based approach to support youth affected by gang violence victimization in the greater Trenton area. Led by PEI Kids, CAYV uses a multi-disciplinary team response model to deliver targeted services to youth impacted by gang violence.

Council members include Anchor House, Capital Health Regional Medical Center, Capital County Children's Collaborative/Care Management Organization, Catholic Charities, Mercer County Family Support Organization (FSO), Mercer County Department of Human Services, YWCA's Latinas Unidas program, and other specialized program partners serving at-risk youth and young victims.

Services, provided at no cost, are designed to ensure safety, help youth recover from the trauma of violence, and reduce the risk of retaliation and/or re-victimization.

NON-DISCRIMINATION

PEI Kids serves eligible youth regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, immigration status, disability, religion or lack of religion. Our office is handicapped accessible and bilingual staff provides services in English and Spanish.

YOUTH SERVICES

The following services* are available for eligible youth, age 12-17, who have been impacted by community/gang violence.

- Mental health counseling
- Anger management
- Safety planning
- GED/High-school equivalency training/testing
- Mentoring
- Family support services
- Case management
- Victim compensation assistance
- Temporary emergency shelter
- Academic assistance
- Job skills and life skills training
- Crisis counseling for victims of sexual abuse
- Specialized services for youth with physical and/or developmental disabilities

Clients are referred through a large network of community partners and organizations, as well as family, concerned community members, healthcare professionals, justice-system personnel, youth serving professionals, schools/ educators, and faith-based groups.



COMMUNITY TRAINING

Workshops for adults and older teens are conducted by our leadership team which has deep experience and subject-matter expertise. Most training programs are 60 to 90 minutes in length and are geared to the needs of specific audiences including parent groups, youth-serving professionals, educators, youth leaders, medical/health professionals, and various other groups and organizations.

Training topics include:

- Alternatives to violence: anger management (for youth/teens)
- Realities and Misconceptions of youth violence culture (gangs and gang activity)
- Community safety: strategies for decreasing youth violence
- Positive peer relationships and other protective factors
- Community resources for youth and parents
- Coordinated services for victims of violence
- Restorative justice and youth
- Keeping Staff Safe: strategies for educators, coaches, and youth-serving professionals
- Living within the law: importance of laws, rules and authority (for youth/teens)

Customized training is also available on specific subject areas around personal safety, youth violence culture, local crime/gang activity, and effective intervention strategies. Contact us to discuss the training needs of your group.

*Services are subject to change without advance notice based on capacity of program partners and other factors. We encourage those in need to contact our office to seek program information.