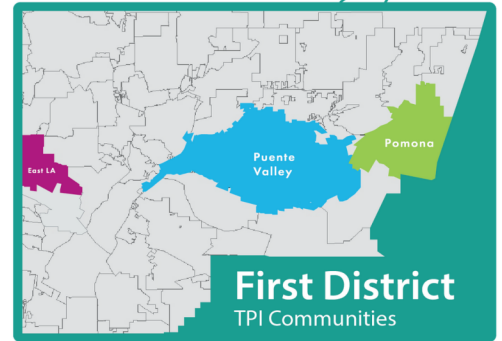


# Trauma Prevention Initiative Expansion to First District Communities to Promote Peace

East Los Angeles • Puente Valley • Pomona

The Trauma Prevention Initiative is a comprehensive, place-based model for violence prevention and intervention that invests in community driven safety solutions, including peer outreach models and community leadership. The Initiative was first implemented by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Office of Violence Prevention, in South Los Angeles communities in 2016.

On July 13, 2021, the LA County Board of Supervisors approved a motion to expand the Trauma Prevention Initiative to three communities in the First District: **East Los Angeles/Commerce, Puente Valley, and Pomona**. The Office of Violence Prevention is partnering with community stakeholders to implement evidence-based violence prevention and intervention strategies and tailor them to the unique needs of each community.



## COORDINATING WITH PARTNERS TO MEET THE UNIQUE NEEDS OF EACH COMMUNITY

- **Compile violence data** to determine high need areas and to understand the circumstances of violence.
- **Engage community partners and stakeholders** to identify and link existing community efforts.
- **Convene listening sessions** with community members to identify priorities.
- **Coordinate with County departments** to align services and initiatives.
- **Conduct a rapid assessment** of community assets, resources, gaps and needs.

## FUNDED STRATEGIES



### Establish Community Action for Peace Networks

OVP contracts with a community-based organization(s) to facilitate new networks or support an existing network in each community. Networks will engage local community stakeholders to build leadership, identify community priorities, and promote peace and positive community identity.



### Implement Street Outreach and Community Violence Intervention Services

OVP contracts with community-based organization(s) to employ peer Community Intervention Workers and Ambassadors to respond to violent incidents, mediate conflicts, promote peace, provide safe passage from parks and schools, and connect community members to services.



### Expand Hospital Violence Intervention Programs

OVP partners with trauma hospitals to implement this evidence-based practice that employs peer specialists to engage victims of violence in the hospital, provide peer support and guidance, and link to services post release including counseling, employment, substance use treatment, and victim compensation.



### Hire Peer Specialists with Lived Experiences to Join the Team

OVP hired a Gang Intervention Expert to coordinate field operations for Street Outreach Services across TPI communities and Community Health Workers to support community engagement in each region.