

LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION

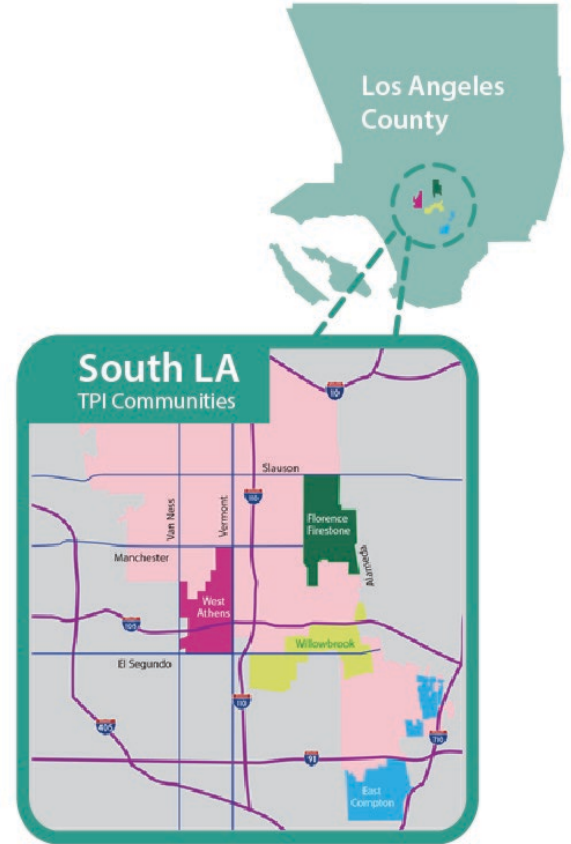
Trauma Prevention Initiative Expansion

Additional Resources to Promote Peace for South LA Communities

Westmont West Athens • Willowbrook • Florence Firestone • Unincorporated Compton

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 five new communities and provide additional resources to South LA communities, including Westmont West Athens, Willowbrook, Florence Firestone, and unincorporated Compton. The Office of Violence Prevention is partnering with community members and stakeholders to implement evidence-based violence prevention and intervention strategies and tailor them to the unique needs of each community.



FUNDED STRATEGIES



Establish Community Action for Peace Networks in Florence Firestone and unincorporated Compton

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. OVP currently supports CAPs in Westmont West Athens and Willowbrook.



Increased Funding for 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 passages to and from parks and schools, and connect community members to services.



Increased Funding for 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 Experience 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.



For more information about the Office of Violence Prevention and the Trauma Prevention Initiative, please contact: ovp@ph.lacounty.gov or visit: www.ph.lacounty.gov/ovp

