

Trauma Prevention Initiative Expansion to Fifth District Communities to Promote Peace

Antelope Valley: Lancaster • Palmdale

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, including the Fifth District communities of **Lancaster and Palmdale** in the **Antelope Valley**. 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,

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.
- **Convene listening sessions** with community members to identify priorities.
- **Conduct a rapid assessment** of community assets, resources, gaps, and needs.
- **Engage community partners and stakeholders** to identify and link existing community efforts.
- **Coordinate with County departments** to align services and initiatives.

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.



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.

