

The CVIPP model is a comprehensive multi-disciplinary approach to violence. Services include youth outreach, violence prevention/conflict mediation, case management, and program coordination. Collaborative partners have decades of experience in the violence, crime prevention, and youth engagement/development field. Our work has shown positive outcomes such as high rate of engagement, high rate of retention, decrease in violent crime. Below you will see a summary of the partners as well as the positive outcomes achieved.

The CVIPP works closely together to determine the needs of the community being served, develop a co-response model (credible messengers, social workers, and youth) and to prevent violence. This is a community-based collaborative approach that is holistic, comprehensive, data informed, and outcomes based. Partners include anchor institutions, grassroots organizations, and non-profits. Partners include the University of Maryland School of Social Work, the PEACE Team, SONS of Phoenix and HeartSmiles.

The **University of Maryland, School of Social Work Collaborative** has over 20 years of experience working in Baltimore with a focus on youth, trauma, and violence prevention. **The Collaborative has over sixty grassroots and non-profit partners who are able to address issues such as crime, violence, youth organizing, and youth engagement.** We have received funding from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration as well as the US Department of Justice to focus on violence prevention. We have successfully established a partnership with the University of Maryland Police Department to provide community outreach and case management services

The **PEACE Team** was founded in 2002 by Mr. Eric Brown, a well-known community activist. The team includes seven (6 returning citizens) credible messengers who engage daily with who are potentially involved in criminal activity and are high-risk of committing violent crime. Daily engagement includes messaging about violence prevention, mediation, and conflict resolution. The team can engage members of the community and decrease criminal activity while also connecting them with case management services and youth development organizations through partnerships. The model has been implemented in two previous communities. **The first community, York Road/McCabe, showed a 75% decrease in murders within one year (2020-2021) and as of June 1, 2022, has gone one full year with no murders.** The PEACE team has also implemented this model in the Belair-Edison community in 2020. As of January 2022, the community will have experienced zero murders in the past 12 months.

SONS of Phoenix was founded in 2019 by Kelly Sparks. They offer youth engagement, mentoring, and case management services. SONS of Phoenix has earned grants from the Baltimore City Health Department and contracts from the University of Maryland School of Social Work for their services related to violence prevention and youth engagement. The Sons of

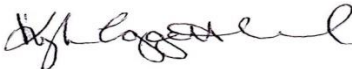
Phoenix has been contracted with the University of Maryland, Baltimore for the past ten months to address the open-air drug market at Lexington Market and engage people who are potentially involved in criminal activity (drug use, sale of narcotics, etc.). **They have had over 886 successful engagements in the past ten months. They have been able to assist 186 clients meet self-identified goals (i.e., Employment, drug treatment, shelter, etc.), forty clients have enrolled in drug treatment, and thirty-seven have obtained jobs.** SONS of Phoenix is our primary outreach team due to their success rate of engagement and relationship building. When SONS engages with youth, they then can refer to HeartSmiles for youth development work.

HeartSmiles, a partner of The Collaborative, has been in existence for 7 years and focuses on youth engagement and organizing. The mission of HeartSmiles is to connect youth with opportunity and access to resources to ensure successful and healthy transition to adulthood. **Through their over 1400 hours of programming, they have reached over three thousand youth, 161 young people have obtained employment, fifty youth have earned internships with the local Goldman Sachs, and two hundred youth leadership opportunities have been provided to youth enrolled in HeartSmiles. Youth have also been supported in using their entrepreneurship skills to start their own businesses (n=51).** The HeartSmiles core program areas include college readiness, trade readiness, career readiness, civic engagement, health & wellness, and arts and cultural enrichment.

The CVIPP pilot site is on Eutaw Street in West Baltimore. Through this collaborative approach we have been able to accomplish a 64% decrease in loitering and a 60% decrease in drug solicitations. While the city has seen a 22% increase in crime since April of 2022, we have only seen a 7% increase in crime on Eutaw Street. The data supports this CVIPP model, and we are excited to continue implementation and move towards replication.

We look forward to discussing our program with you further. I can be reached at 301-466-3501 and/or kliggett-creel@ssw.umaryland.edu.

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