

A Regional Approach to Gun Violence Prevention in King County

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Regional Office of Gun Violence Prevention

Functions:

Coordinate a Regional Approach and Implement Key Initiatives

- Convene and collaborate with community leaders, local and state agencies, and national subject matter experts to identify, implement, and sustain effective gun violence prevention strategies.
- Partner with directly impacted communities, community providers, elders, youth, and survivors to grow and advance equitable community-led solutions.
- Work with service providers, advisory groups, and subject matter experts to enhance strategies, inform policy, review data, identify resources, and align services.
- Provide capacity building, training and technical assistance for community organizations, and key partners
- Measure impact through results-based accountability evaluation
- Co-design, implement, and bring to scale key initiatives

Current Initiatives:

- Regional Peacekeepers Collective (RPKC) - Community Violence Intervention (CVI)
- Hospital-based & Community Linked Violence Intervention Program
- Community Violence Intervention (CVI) Training Academy

Coordination Framework



Coordination Framework Descriptions

	DESCRIPTION
Regional Office of Gun Violence Prevention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leads coordination of gun violence prevention efforts in King County Convenes & collaborates with key partners Co-creates with and elevates community-led solutions
Community Leaders & Community-based Organizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Co-designs, implements and grows community violence intervention (CVI) strategies
Regional Youth, Survivors, and Elders Advisory Groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides strategic advice for growth of regional gun violence efforts
Executive Advisory Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Builds, leverages, and sustains political will Reviews and influences policy & advocacy Supports resource development, alignment and allocation
Intermediary Organization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contracts with community organizations and provides capacity building, fiscal and contract management, data collection & reporting
Evaluation Partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluates impact of services in partnership with community organizations and provides capacity building Evaluates impact of collaboration & coordination Conducts ongoing data analysis and support research and evaluation to grow regional efforts
Medical and Public Health Partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides hospital-based and community linked intervention Provides firearm injury, emergency services, shots fired and other data
Cross Systems Partners & Subject Matter Experts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identifies strategies and supports innovation Supports community capacity building through technical assistance and opportunity development Collaborates to implement strategies
Government Partners <i>(Local, State & Federal)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aligns gun violence prevention strategies along a continuum of prevention, intervention and restoration Identifies resources and develops sustainability plans Collaborates to develop shared vision and goals



ROGVP Current Initiatives

Regional Peacekeepers Collective (RPKC) Initiative

The Regional Peacekeepers Collective (RPKC) Initiative provides proven Community Violence Intervention (CVI) services in King County. Through a network of community-based organizations and our level-one trauma center, those most impacted by gun violence are connected to life-affirming care, access to resources, and meaningful connections within the communities they live.

Goal One:

Deliver coordinated services to individuals and families most impacted by gun violence.

Partners:

RPKC Community-Based Partners and Harborview Medical Center

Goal Two:

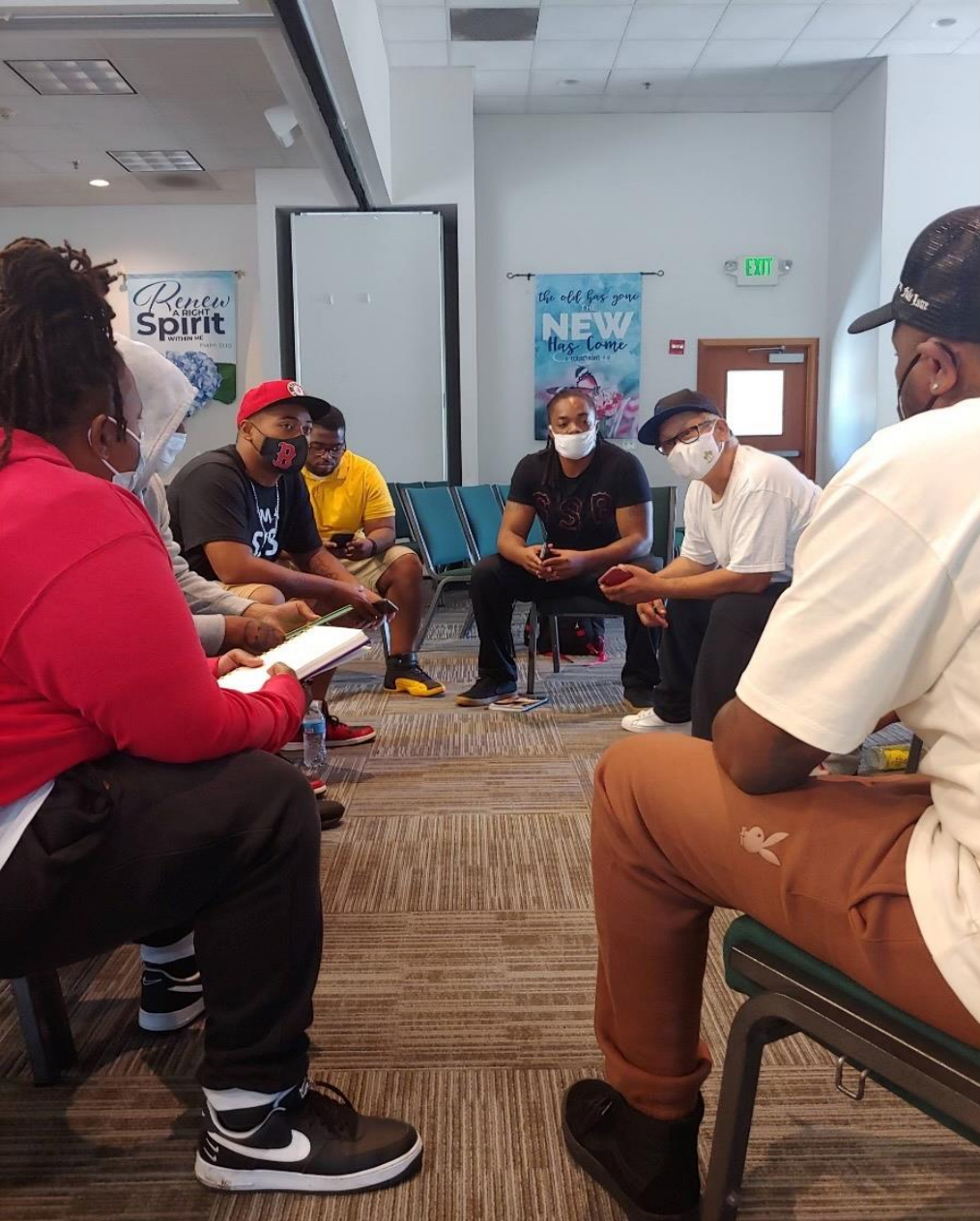
Focus on underserved geographic areas.

2024 Locations:

Skyway, Kent, Burien

Potential next locations:

Renton, White Center, Auburn, Federal Way



RPKC Results to Date

Since the launch of the RPKC initiative:

- **440 young people** directly impacted by gun violence were enrolled into RPKC services
- **272+ families** received support from RPKC providers
- **265+ critical incidents** were responded to
- **167+ hot spot remediation & engagement activities**
- **108+ community education & healing events** held
- **700 units of firearm safety equipment** distributed
- **Over 200 hours of training and professional development** for Community Violence Intervention workforce

Source: Results-Based Accountability, quarterly performance monitoring data, June 2021 to December 31, 2023

Hospital-based & Community-linked Intervention

Harborview Medical Center conducts a Hospital-based & Community-Linked Violence Intervention program that provides comprehensive bedside support and service connections to individuals with gunshot injuries and their families. Co-funded by Public Health - Seattle & King County, The City of Seattle, and the State of Washington, Hospital-based staff connect individuals and families with community-based resources.

Results to Date

135 young people between the ages 12-24 were admitted to Harborview Medical Center with gunshot injuries and referred to RPKC partners for ongoing care and support.

Community Violence Intervention Training Academy

With funding from the State of Washington Department of Commerce, ROGVP will work collaboratively with community and key government partners to co-create, develop and implement the Community Violence Intervention (CVI) Training Academy. The goal of the Academy is to provide professional development and sustainable career opportunities for the regional CVI frontline workforce.

The CVI Training Academy will seek to provide:

- Comprehensive skill training for the CVI workforce to strengthen their skills within violence prevention, including managing teams of frontline staff, and growing their expertise within the professional field, to lower turnover and burnout.
- Cross-training with the fire department, law enforcement, and hospital EMTs, who are colleagues and partners in our shared work around shots fired reports and as those who respond to incidents of gun violence.
- Methods for addressing trauma, including processing & integrating professional experiences that may be triggering or dangerous, and which can lead to staff burnout and turnover if they are not addressed.
- Techniques to encourage healthy living and long-term well-being.



Upcoming

Executive Leadership Advisory Group (ELAG) Meeting

- April ELAG meeting date to be confirmed

Intergovernmental Work Group: The Regional Gun Violence Prevention Intergovernmental Work Group will work on behalf of the ELAG to enhance the coordination to effectively reduce gun violence in King County. This group will collaborate to identify strategies, form recommendations, and provide regular updates to our Executive Leadership Advisory Group.

Funding landscape

- Federal: Dept. Of Justice will announce funding for Community Violence Intervention in approx. February 2024
- State: Two Grants have been secured to support the enhancement of current ROGVP Initiatives
- Local: Currently the RPKC Initiative is funded by Amercian Rescue Plan dollars with a total 2023-2024 Biennium budget of approx. \$13 million. Across the nation Community Violence Intervention (CVI) efforts are facing a steep funding cliff and jurisdictions with Offices of Violence Prevention are working together with the White House to identify paths to sustainability

King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office



Gun Violence Prevention

- Almost all KCPAO divisions have a role in gun violence prevention
- KCPAO's Gun Violence Prevention Team
 - Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney and two Crime Analysts
 - Foster coordination and information sharing, both internally and with external partners
- Two-Fold Approach
 - Accountability for High-Impact Offenders
 - Improve coordination with law enforcement to identify and prosecute the individuals perpetuating the most harm in our communities
 - Community-Based Prevention
 - Connect individuals who are close to gun violence to community-based resources before they become victims or perpetrators

King County Sheriff's Office

Gun Violence Unit

- The King County Sheriff's Office Gun Violence Prevention Unit consists of:
 - (1) Sergeant
 - (4) Detectives, part of the Sheriff's Criminal Investigations Division, Major Crimes
- The Gun Violence Prevention Unit works to proactively get guns off the street.
- The Gun Violence Reduction Unit collaborates with Public Health - Seattle & King County, King County Human Services Department, the Prosecuting Attorney's Office, and other law enforcement agencies to focus on high impact offenders and at-risk youth.



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Gun Violence Unit

- (13) Armed carjackings
- (4) Gun store burglaries
- (1) Home invasion robbery
- (1) Homicide



