



CURE | VIOLENCE  
COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

# Program Update

3-12-24



Cure Violence Columbus continues to build a solid program foundation while refining our process as we encounter new experiences and challenges. We have seen firsthand the effect of social and structural factors such as poverty, lack of opportunities and economic development on communities experiencing the highest concentration of violence. These are multi-generational factors that will require persistent and consistent efforts to create the necessary change.



# Cure Violence Model Elements

1. Detect and Interrupt/ Reduce Gun Violence
2. Change Behavior/Norms of High-risk Individuals
3. Change Community Norms on Gun Violence



# Stage 1 - The Right Foundation

- Right Worker - We have hired 5 team members
- Right Community - Oakland Park/Winston Road
- Right Participants - Age range 14 - 35/ Formerly Incarcerated/ History of Violent Behavior
- Right Partners - CBOs, FBOs, Civic Leaders, Youth
- Community Mobilization - Events, Incident Response
- Public Education (Pub Ed)/Messaging
- Documentation/Consistency/Follow-up



# Stage 2 - Community Mobilization

- Community mobilization involves the whole community.
- Community members are recruited to participate in events and shooting responses.
- Cure Violence responds to every shooting within their area within 72 hours of the incident.
- Shooting responses make the point that shootings are not normal.



# Stage 2 - Community Mobilization

- We Own Friday at South & North Columbus Boys & Girls Club
- Cure Violence Community Fun and Resource Monthly Events
- C3 Summer Collaboration at Frank D Chester Rec
- Frank D Chester End of Summer Job Fair Event
- Teen Summit 2 Day Event at the Trade Center
- Carver HS 9th Grade Class Diversion Initiative
- E-Gaming Events held at the Civic Center
- 706 Day at Woodruff Park by DJ Cashflow



# Next Steps

- Extend CCG MOU Agreement Until December 2024
- Hire supervisor and additional staffing
- Continued CV Model booster training
- New data pull from CPD and MCSO
- Continue to apply for additional funding
- Add additional behavioral and mental health partners
- Have monthly community events to drive cohesion and trust
- Establish 501 3c foundation to properly support the program



# PART ONE CRIMES 2023 versus 2024

## JANUARY 01 THROUGH MARCH 06

<b>Part 1 Crime</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>
Murder	10	4
Rape	4	5
Robbery	55	31
Agg Assault	89	84
All Part 1 Total	1484	1104







# Public Education Ad Campaign





**SAVE  
OUR  
SONS**



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#STOPGUNVIOLENCE

**BOOKS  
NOT GUNS  
CULTURE  
NOT VIOLENCE  
LOVE  
NOT HATE**

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**Mothers are tired of crying and seeing their sons dying**



# Don't Shoot, I Want to Live!



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WE  
CAN'T ALL  
STAND UP



IF WE'RE  
NOT ALL  
HERE.



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*Don't Shoot,  
I Want To Live!*

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I can't go outside  
because I'm afraid of  
being shot.

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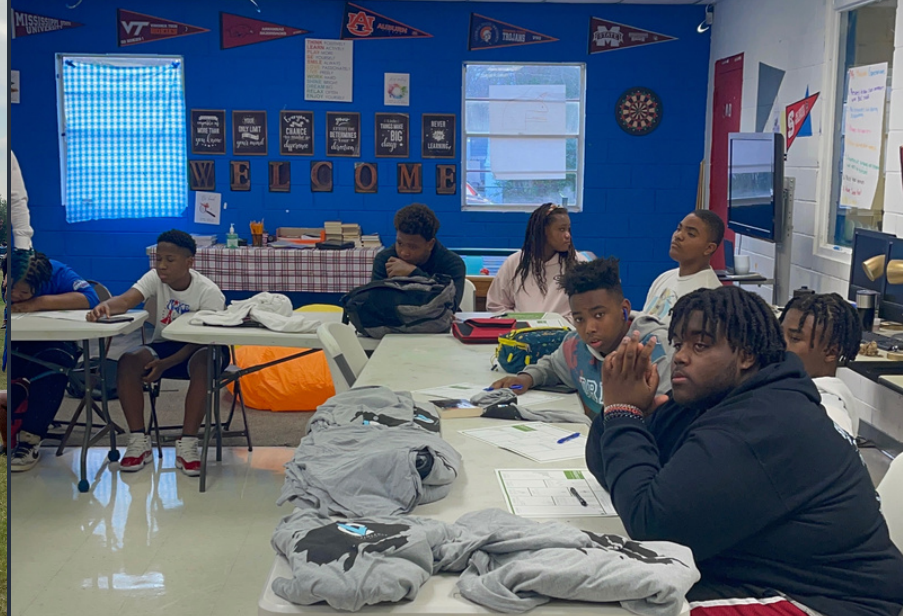
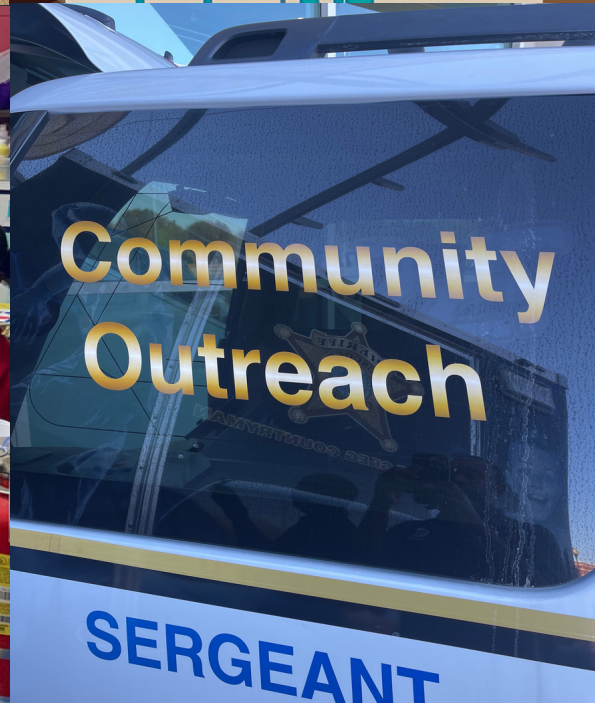
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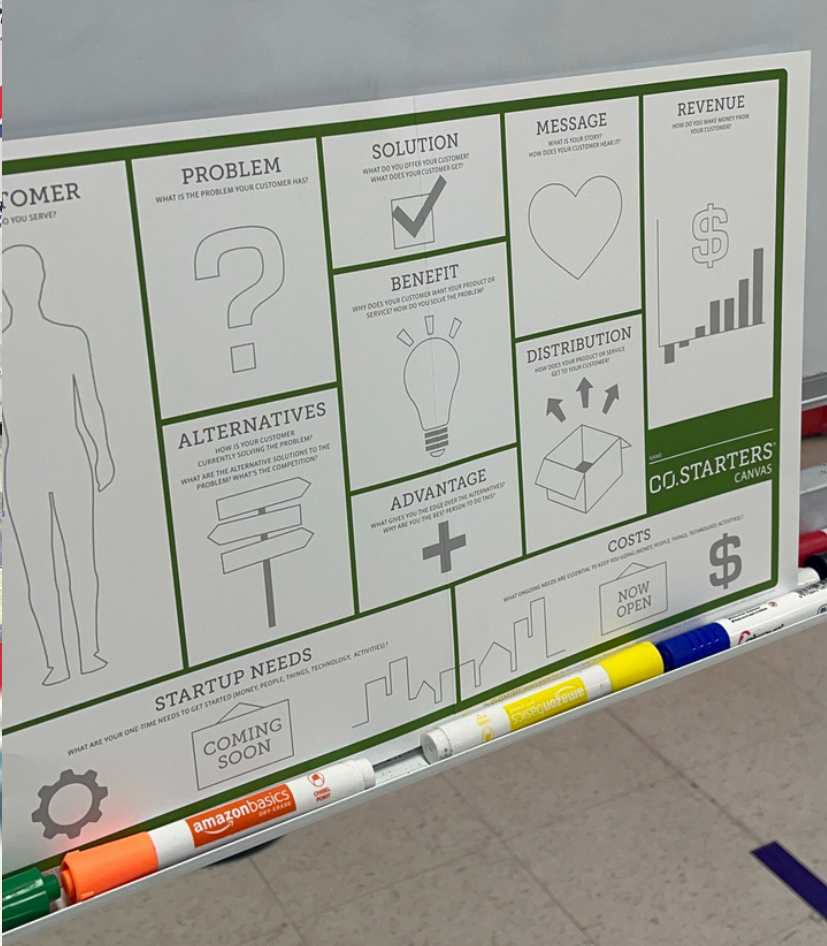
# Community Event Photos













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<https://westcentralhealthdistrict.com/programs-services/cure-violence/>

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