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**“We believe a healthy
mind and body creates a
more peaceful
community.”**

Erica Ford, Founder, LIFE Camp, Inc.

PEACE IS A LIFESTYLE

A BETTER WORLD STARTS WITH A BETTER NEIGHBORHOOD

Founded in April 2002, LIFE Camp, Inc. (Love Ignites Freedom Through Education) is one of the leading violence prevention and intervention organizations in America. Based in South Jamaica Queens, LIFE Camp, Inc. develops young leaders and provides youth and families with positive alternatives to violence, bullying and other forms of anti-social behavior.

At the core of their program, LIFE Camp, Inc. offers young people, ages 13-24, and their families educational, employment and social opportunities they might not otherwise have. Through their model violence intervention system, youth mentorship programs, PeaceMobile and award-winning initiatives, LIFE Camp, Inc. approaches violence as a public health crisis, therefore transforming entire communities.

LIFE Camp, Inc. has been recognized for their life-saving work by U.S. President Barack Obama, Jordan Brand and the New York City Council. LIFE Camp, Inc. has also been featured in Oprah Winfrey's O Magazine, NY One, Daily News, The Root, CBS and Seventeen Magazine.



OUR LEADERSHIP

Erica Ford is one of the most diligent and hard working activists of our generation

An internationally-recognized and widely-respected peacemaker, Erica Ford has been at the forefront of reducing youth and community violence in New York City and beyond for over 30 years.

Believing in the power of partnership, Erica has championed personal and systemic approaches to conflict resolution worldwide. Through LIFE Camp, Inc.'s groundbreaking programs, Erica has empowered thousands of individuals and families to break the cycle of violence and promote peace. Erica's concept for increasing safety has been adopted and implemented by New York City resulting in a 10% reduction in violence citywide.

Through the years, Erica's dedication to reducing violence among New Yorkers has garnered countless awards, accolades and praise by notable public figures such as former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, Oprah Winfrey and hip hop mogul Russell Simmons. Her recognized leadership has brought extensive travel and speaking gigs in prisons, community centers, high schools, college campuses and conferences throughout the world.





OUR GOALS

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The goal of LIFE Camp, Inc. is to develop youth and community leaders to work with the private and public sectors to create safe and healthy neighborhoods. Through its programming, LIFE Camp, Inc. works to:

1 REDUCE VIOLENCE

Develop teens and young adults into peer leaders by providing positive alternatives to violence

2 CREATE CONNECTIONS

Build partnerships between community stakeholders to address youth violence a public health issue

3 BUILD HEALTHY FAMILIES

Provide an array of services that address the mental, physical and emotional wellness needs of parents and families impacted by the trauma of gun violence

4 DEVELOP LEADERS

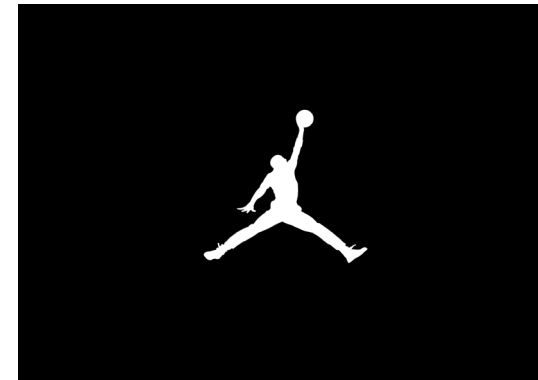
Create an evidence-based service model that will provide community stakeholders with the necessary skills and resources to effectively implement positive change within themselves and within their own communities.

5 SCALE RESULTS

Create replicable violence intervention models that can be implemented nationwide



OUR PARTNERS



+100s more.



O U R M O D E L

UNDERSTANDING HOW LIFE CAMP WORKS



LIFE CAMP IS A FOUNDING MEMBER AND KEY ARCHITECT OF

THE NEW YORK CITY

CRISIS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

(NYC CMS)

NYC CMS OVERVIEW

Through the joint FY16 NYC Council/Mayor's Office funded Anti-Gun Violence Initiative, a series of violence intervention and support systems are simultaneously operating across 17 communities across the 5 boroughs in neighborhoods that account for upwards of 50% of NYC's shooting incidents.

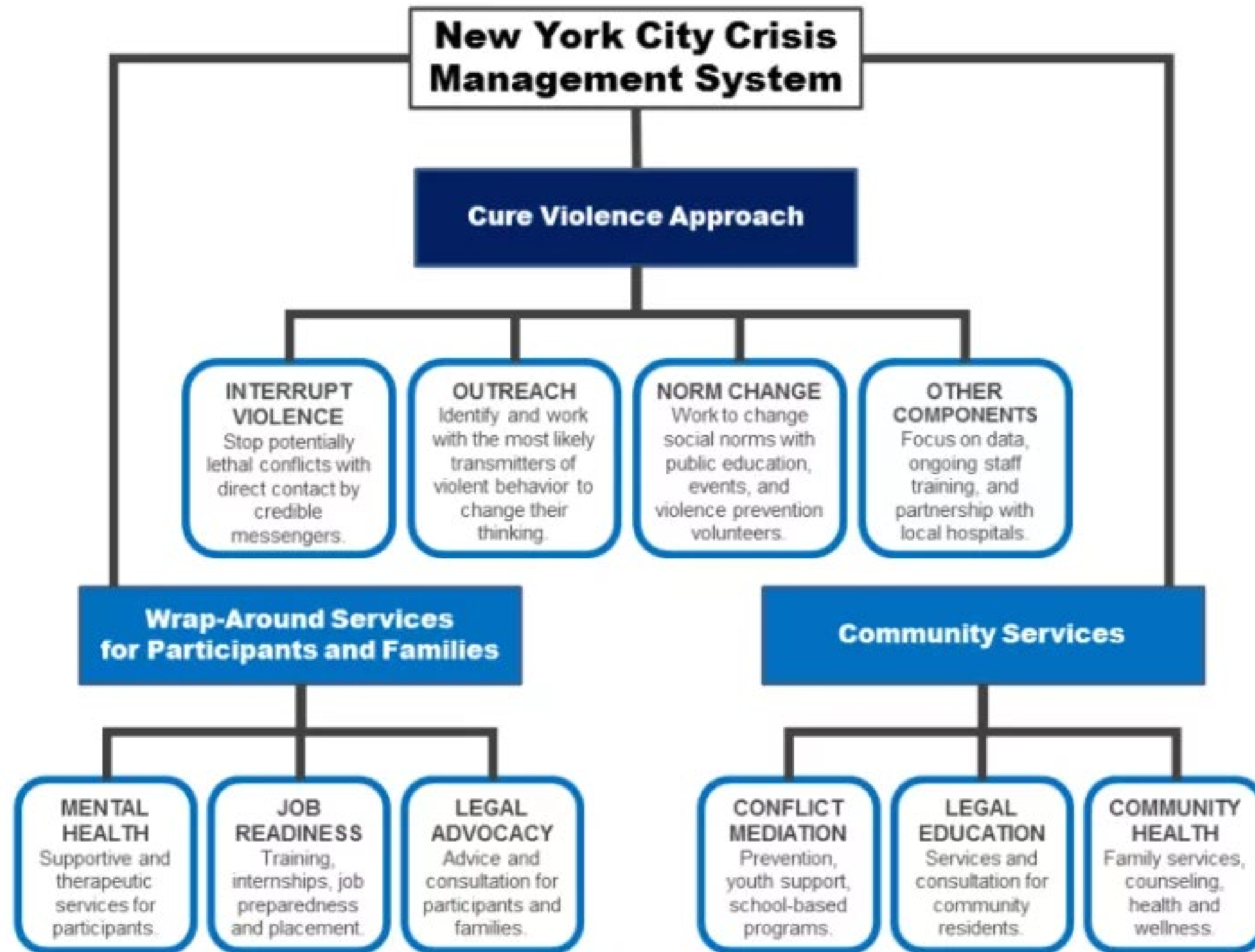
Collectively, this initiative is known as the Crisis Management System (CMS) and was launched by Mayor Bill de Blasio in 2014 with a \$12M investment. As of fiscal year 2018, that investment has grown to \$28M and 4 new CMS sites are projected to launch in the second quarter of 2018.

Currently, over 50 community based organizations are attached to CMS sites with the focus of providing violence interruption services through an enhanced version of the Cure Violence Model, which include additional social service supports known as "wrap-around services".

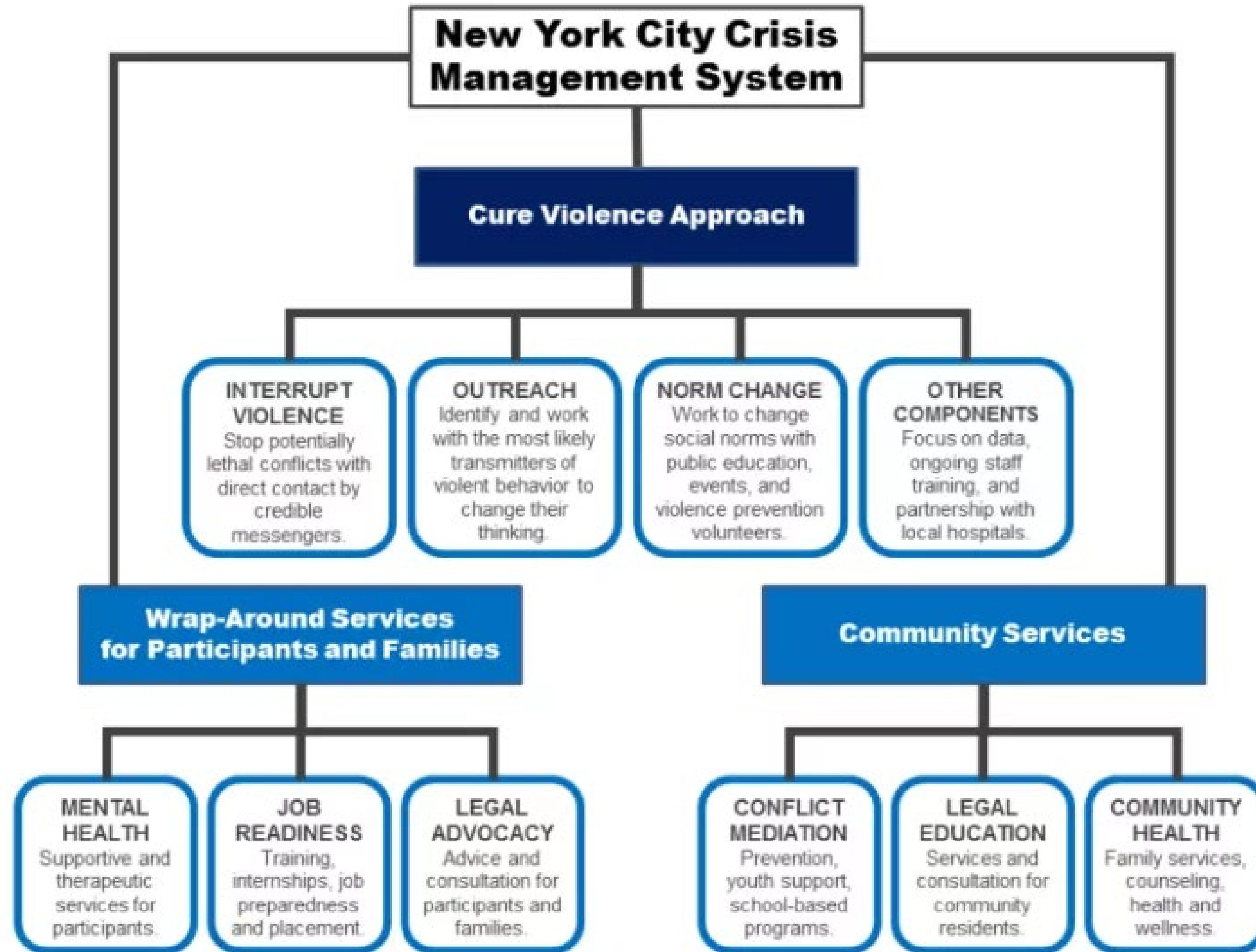
The additional supports include violence prevention and intervention efforts, job training/readiness programming, conflict mediation in school settings, mental health services, employment, legal aid services, hospital response outreach, workshops and post discharge programming in secured detention facilities, linkages to institutions of higher education and art programming.

Goals of the NYC Crisis Management System:

- Reducing shootings
- Detecting and interrupting potentially violent conflicts through the use of credible messengers
- Identifying and providing resources to young people with risk factors for violence
- Mobilizing community to take a stand against gun-violence



Source: Research & Evaluation Center, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York.



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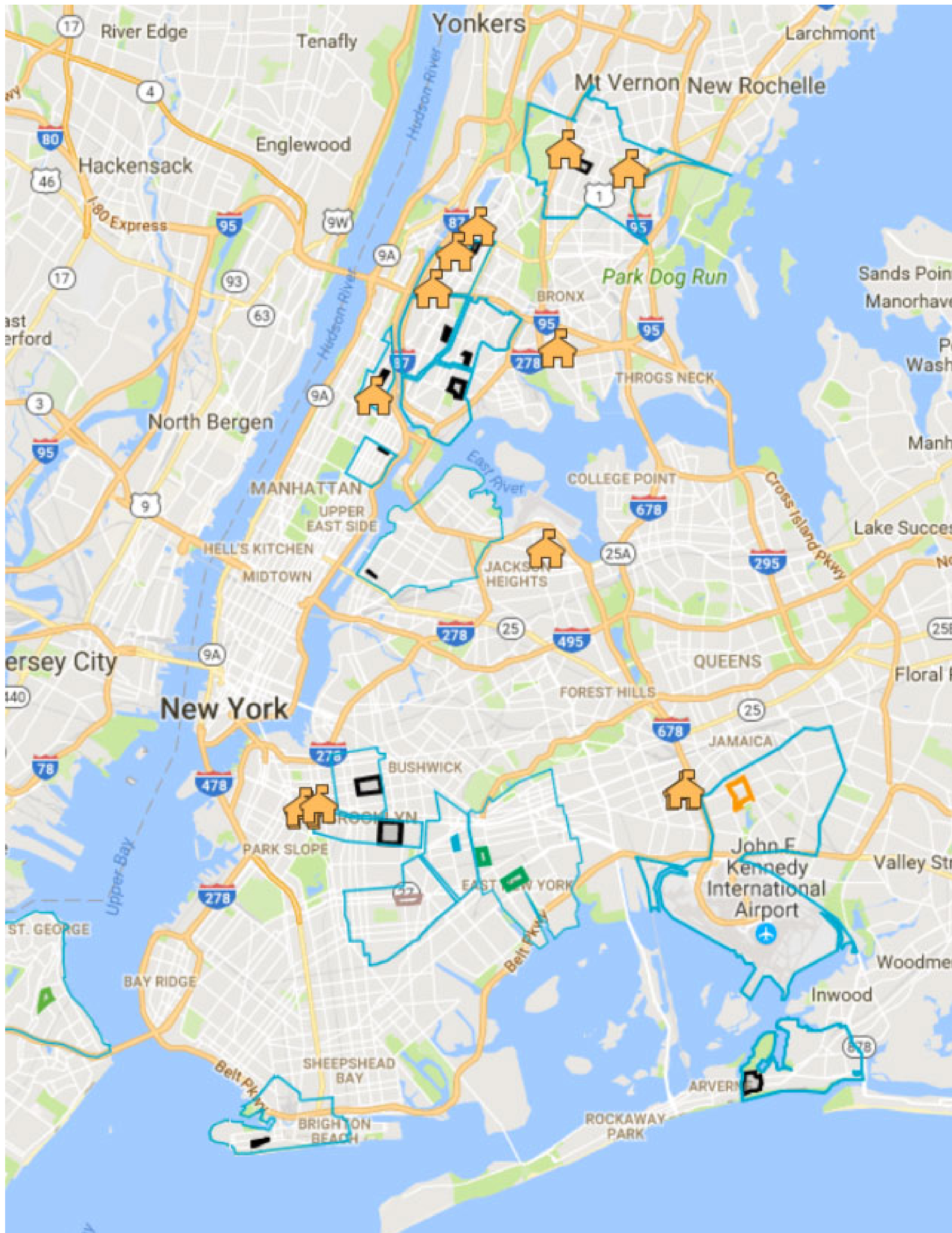
The Crisis Management System: This network deploys teams of credible messengers who mediate conflicts on the street and connect high-risk individuals to services that can reduce the long-term risk of violence. In the last three years, the Crisis Management System has contributed to a 15 percent decline in shootings in the 17 highest violence precincts in New York City.

- Backed by a \$22.5 million investment from the Administration and the City Council, the Crisis Management System is operated in partnership with a network of non-profit providers in 17 precincts.
- Teams of “violence interrupters” – typically credible messengers who have turned their lives around – engage individuals most likely to be involved in gun violence. The teams work to deescalate disputes before crisis or violence erupt and connect high-risk individuals to extensive networks that provide job training, employment opportunities, mental health services and legal services to increase the likelihood of long-term violence reduction.
- The effect of this effort is not only enhanced safety, but also an improved relationship between government and New Yorkers. Emerging evidence of this can be seen in some of the key indicators being tracked by the John Jay College of Criminal Justice, which is [currently evaluating](#) the Cure Violence component of the Crisis Management System.

NYC CMS OVERSIGHT

The Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice, Office to Prevent Gun Violence (OPGV) serves as the lead oversight of the NYC Crisis Management System which includes the following city agency partners:

- New York City Council (provides funding supports for CMS)
- Administration of Children's Services (utilizes CMS workforce in secure and non-secure detention sites and or placements)
- Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (provides training and technical assistance to CMS groups)
- Health + Hospitals Corporation (utilizes CMS workers in four trauma centers throughout NYC and alerts CMS teams whenever a gunshot, stabbing or serious assault victim arrives in their hospitals)
- New York Police Department (provides shooting notifications to OPGV and CMS teams and helps rebuild communities following large-scale law enforcement actions known as crew or gang takedowns)
- Department of Probation (provides job readiness and education trainings)
- Department of Education (utilizes CMS workers to conduct school conflict mediation and restorative justice practices)
- Department of Cultural Affairs (introduces art as a catalyst for change by inspiring students to use art to discuss social problems like gun violence)
- Department of Youth and Community Development (serves as an administrative arm of OPGV's Anti-Gun Violence Employment Program (AGVEP))



NYC CRISIS MANAGEMENT SITES, OUTLINED IN BLUE, ABOVE

NYC CMS PARTNERS

Crisis Management System Cure Violence partners include: Stand Against Violence East Harlem (SAVE)-Getting Out Staying Out, Street Corner Resources, SOS South Bronx, SOS Morrisania, Release the Grip-Bronx Connect , Bronx Raises Against Gun Violence (BRAG)-Good Shepherd Services, Operation H.O.O.D (Helping Our Own Develop)-Jewish Community Council, Gangsta’s Making Astronomical Community Changes, Inc. (GMACC), Violence out of Brownsville-CAMBA, Man Up!, Inc., SOS Crown Heights, SOS Bedford Stuyvesant, Rock Safe Streets-Safe Space, Inc., Life Camp, Inc., Jacob Riis Neighborhood Settlement, and True 2 Life-Central Family Life Center.

Crisis Management System Community Partners include: Edwin Gould Services for Children and Families (STEPS), Union Settlement, Harlem Hospital, Harlem Mothers SAVE, Lincoln Hospital, Osborne, SCAN NY, Police Athletic League, Urban Youth Alliance, CASES, Opportunities for a Better Tomorrow, East Flatbush Village, New York Peace Institute, Berean Community and Family Life, Not Another Child, King’s County Hospital, Brownsville Community Justice Center, Ifetayo, CUNY Creative Arts Team, Rockaway Development Corporation, LaGuardia, Safe Space, Fortune Society, Floating Hospital, Richmond University Medical Center, New York Center for Interpersonal Development, Center for NU Leadership, SAGA Innovation, New Yorkers Against Gun Violence (NYAGV), Citizens Crime Commission, and Green City Force.

WRAPAROUND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

School Conflict Mediation: The school-based conflict mediation component is designed to provide culturally competent programming to at-risk youth to reduce the likelihood of their involvement in violence in their school and community while increasing their attendance, academic progress, and other social measures. The program includes school-wide activities to assist in changing culture around violence and to assist schools in their response to incidents that occur in the school or community.

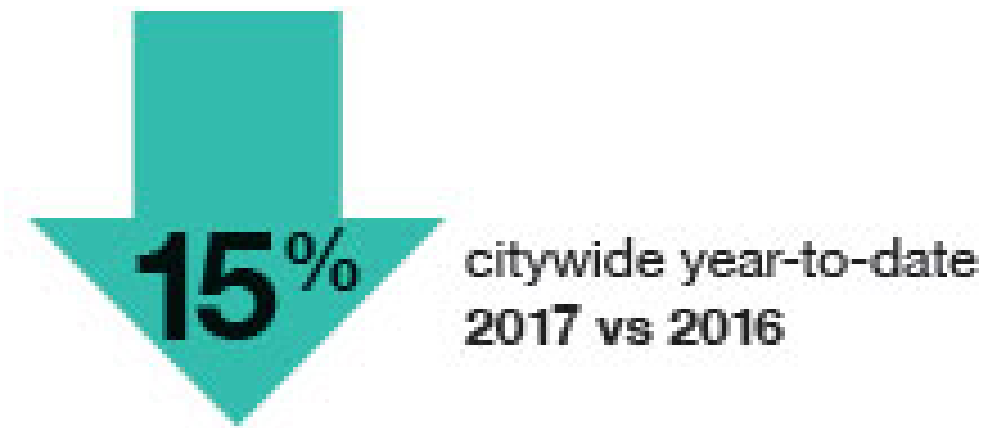
Employment Program: Justice Plus is a flexible, wrap-around designed to support referred participants of neighborhood-based Cure Violence programs by providing a range of work readiness opportunities. These opportunities include: work experience placements, hard/vocational and soft job skills development, and job search and career awareness/planning competencies. The program participants receive stipends.

Therapeutic Mental Health Services: Therapeutic mental health services are offered and designed to provide culturally competent therapeutic support to children, youth, and families impacted by gun violence by improving resilience, network support, and building skills in self-management and self-care.

Legal Services: Cure Violence participants receive support from the Legal Aid Society such as how to identify a legal emergency and substantive legal issues such as criminal law, housing, family, employment issues, what to do post-conviction and the hidden civil consequences of a criminal conviction. Legal representation is provided as needed.

Anti-Gun Violence Employment Program: The Anti-Gun Violence Employment Program (AGVEP) is a seasonal employment program that employs participants (14-24) who are serviced through the New York City Crisis Management System. The program consists of two phases: a 6 week summer program and a 25 week school year program. Job responsibilities include but are not limited to community canvassing, asset mapping, data/research gathering, community outreach and coordinating/conducting shooting responses.

Reduction in Shootings



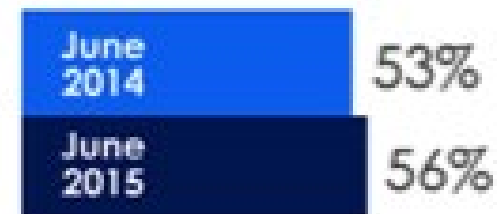
Perceptions in Morrisania Before and After Credible Messengers on the Ground

Confidence in Police

When violence breaks out in my neighborhood, we can count on the police to help.

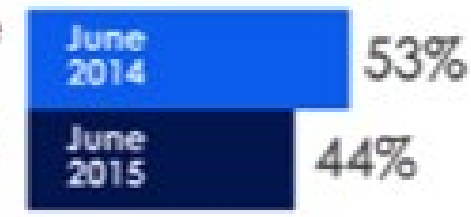


When violence breaks out in my neighborhood, I would call the police.



Exposure to Guns

I have heard of someone in my neighborhood being threatened with a gun in the past year.



I have seen at least one gun on my block in the past year.



I have heard gunshots in my neighborhood at least once in the past year.



Crime in New York City Plunges to a Level Not Seen Since the 1950s

By Ashley Southall

Dec. 27, 2017

It would have seemed unbelievable in 1990, when there were 2,245 killings in New York City, but as of Wednesday there have been just 286 in the city this year — the lowest since reliable records have been kept.

In fact, crime has fallen in New York City in each of the major felony categories — murder and manslaughter, rape, assault, robbery, burglary, grand larceny, and car thefts — to a total of 94,806 as of Sunday, well below the previous record low of 101,716 set last year.

If the trend holds just a few more days, this year's homicide total will be under the city's previous low of 333 in 2014, and crime will have declined for 27 straight years, to levels that police officials have said are the lowest since the 1950s. The numbers, when taken together, portray a city of 8.5 million people growing safer even as the police, under Mayor Bill de Blasio, use less deadly force, make fewer arrests and scale back controversial practices like stopping and frisking thousands of people on the streets.

“There is no denying that the arc is truly exceptional in the unbroken streak of declining crime,” said William J. Bratton, who retired from his second stint as police commissioner last year.

Mr. de Blasio and the police commissioner, James P. O'Neill, credit recent drops in crime to the Police Department's emphasis on going after the relatively small groups of people — mostly gangs and repeat offenders — believed to be responsible for most crime, while also building relationships in communities where trust has been strained.

Mr. Bratton applauded political support for the police from the mayor, who provided funding for investments in officer hiring, training, equipment and overdose-reversal drugs.



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- A recent evaluation by the John Jay College of Criminal Justice provided evidence that men in CMS areas were less likely to use violence to settle disputes compared with young men in areas without CMS programming.
- In precinct areas in which the NYC Crisis Management System is operating shooting incidents have decreased 22.9% 2017 vs. 2016. Citywide shooting incidents have decreased 20.8% 2017 vs. 2016.
- In precinct areas in which the NYC Crisis Management System is operating shooting incidents have decreased 9.9 % 2016 vs. 2015. Citywide shooting incidents have decreased 12.3% 2016 vs. 2015.
- Crisis Management System partners have serviced over 1000 participants to date.
- 5354 mediations/interruptions have been conducted by CMS cure violence partners.
- Over 3,700 students serviced through schools in the Crisis Management System have participated in school conflict mediation workshops.
- Upwards of 80 Safe in the City Grants have been awarded to NYC residents who are dedicated to co-producing public safety
- The Anti-Gun Violence Employment program has employed over 300 CV participants.
- In collaboration with ACS, up to 100 youth in both ACS Non Secure Placement and Detention facilities have access to CMS provider services.
- The John Jay College of Criminal Justice has reported findings related to the effects of Cure Violence programming in the East New York, Brooklyn, the South Bronx, Bed Study Brooklyn, and Morrisania, Bronx.
- After Cure Violence was implemented in East New York, there was a 50% decrease in gun injury rates, whereas there was only a 29% decrease in a matched comparison area.
- After Cure Violence was implemented in the South Bronx, there was a 43% decrease in gun injury rates, whereas there was only a 36% decrease in a matched comparison area.
- After Cure Violence was implemented in Bed Study, Brooklyn, there was a 50% decrease in gun injury rates, whereas there was only a 31% decrease in a matched comparison area.
- After Cure Violence was implemented in the Morrisania section of the Bronx, there was a 58% decrease in gun injury rates, whereas there was only a 40% decrease in a matched comparison area.
- The John Jay College of Criminal Justice has also reported findings related to the effects of Cure Violence programming regarding confidence in police. The findings demonstrated that in Cure Violence areas that citizens had a 22% increase in confidence in their local police to help them when violence occurred versus only a 14% increase in a matched comparison area.

Source: NYC Office to Prevent Gun Violence

ACCOMPLISHMENTS



NYC Crisis Management System-Violence Interruption Strategy:

13 NYC Crisis Management System providers across 17 neighborhoods /precincts (providers have multiple locations) have been trained to facilitate the Cure Violence Health Model which uses the same three components that are used to reverse epidemic disease outbreaks. 1) Interrupting transmission of the disease. 2) Reducing the risk of the highest risk. 3) Changing community norms.

Credible Messengers/Anti-Gun Violence Advocates:

The Cure Violence model employs carefully selected members of the community — trusted insiders — to anticipate where violence may occur and intervene before it erupts. Many members of the workforce are formerly incarcerated individuals and former gang members referred to as “Credible Messengers”. They engage with high risk youth ages 16- 24.

In FY17 we employed over 135 Credible Messengers. Those mostly likely to commit violence will often not interact with someone at all if they do not trust them. Being able to challenge behaviors and impart new ways of behaving to these individuals requires a deep level of trust. One of the best ways to have this sort of trust is to use workers who share the same community and background of those being served.

NYC Crisis Management System accomplishments in FY 17:

Through 12/11, shootings are down 10% and murders are down 6% (better than citywide) in CMS Precincts, and over 50% of citywide shooting incidents are occurring in these precincts. YTD Gun arrests are up 12%.

NYC Crisis Management System accomplishments in current administration:

*Over the last three years, the City has deployed teams of credible messengers who mediate conflicts on the street and connect high-risk individuals to services that can reduce the long-term risk of violence. This approach contributed to a 19 percent decline in shootings in the 17 highest violent precincts in New York City since Mayor de Blasio took office.

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P R O G R A M S

OUR PROGRAMS

A strengths-based collaborative approach to youth and community development

LIFE Camp, Inc.'s Violence Intervention and Prevention System (VIP) is a comprehensive, neighborhood-based strategy to prevent gun violence. VIP is designed to fundamentally change how violence is experienced, perceived and managed.

Partnering with the Mayor's Office, and over 20 nonprofits in 14 precincts (that account for 15 percent of shootings in New York City), VIP has become a nationwide model. Through this collective, multi-agency and multi-disciplinary approach, VIP provides "wrap around" services that meet the needs of the communities most impacted by violence.

In just a few years, the results have been incredible:

- **80% reduction in the amount of shootings**
- **Over 550 days of no shootings in the focus area**



QUEENS CRISIS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

WHAT IS THE QUEENS CRISIS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM?

LIFE Camp, Inc. has launched The Queens Crisis Management System, a collaborative array of stakeholders and influencers who are dedicated to shifting how interpersonal violence and stress-related behavioral issues are experienced, perceived and managed on every level. This new initiative expands on LIFE Camp's existing Peace is a LIFESTyle campaign and includes "wrap around" services which address the mental, emotional and physical wellness needs of the communities we serve.

Using an innovative, collaborative approach based upon the United States Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) model, the Queens Crisis Management System focuses on the four stages of a crisis: Response, Recovery, Mitigation and Preparedness.

While we have experienced measurable success in applying these wraparound services to youth perpetrators and victims to reduce gun violence, what we have observed in the process is the need for long-term professional development and mind/body wellness support across the entire spectrum of stakeholders within our community.

As a result, we began investing in the the long-term professional & behavioral development and holistic well-being of our staff, the youth we serve, and the network of parents, administrators and service-based agencies who impact the lives of our youth and the overall quality of life in the South Jamaica, Queens Community.

WHO ARE THE SERVICE PROVIDERS?

LIFE Camp taps into its extensive relationships among individuals and organizations to curate services which address needs across every spectrum, in communities impacted by violence and the disease of poverty.

The crisis management system brings together a collaborative array of experts, grassroots community and faith-based organizations along with stakeholders in the public and private sectors, to provide a swift, coordinated response to the immediate crisis, while minimizing the impacts of future events through prevention and preparedness methods.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Leveraging years of long-standing, deeply rooted relationships, LIFE Camp galvanizes resources from its vast network of partners, who extended their services to contribute to LIFE Camp's mission. Through our collective, multi-agency and multi-disciplinary approach, we tap into the unique needs and characteristics of the community we collectively serve, using non-traditional methods to promote successful, sustainable growth and development on every level.





QUEENS CRISIS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

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GOAL

Our goal is to make the Queens Crisis Management System an official partner with the Office of the Queens Borough President, so that we can extend these wraparound services to the stakeholders within the Jamaica Now Neighborhood Action Plan and/or other initiatives of the Office of the Borough President, to support the revitalization and growth of South Jamaica Queens and the borough at large as thriving destination.

THE QUEENS CRISIS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM PROVIDES THE FOLLOWING WRAPAROUND SERVICES

- **BUILDING HEALTHY FAMILIES:**

Providing an array of parent services that address the mental, physical and emotional wellness needs of parents, who are impacted by stress and unhealthy living habits. Through our research, we have found that many parents are dealing with emotional trauma from the impact of gun violence, the fear of safety of their children, the stress of employment-related issues and/or the disconnection to their families when re-entering society as a result of incarceration, which prohibits them from establishing a healthy relationship with their children.

In addition, many parents practice unhealthy eating and living habits which they also pass along to their children, promoting dietary and stress-related health issues that can often be reversed or avoided; this also translates to respect for the environment in which they live, by taking a real ownership in the maintenance of the property for long-term sustainability.

- **CELEBRATING THE BOROUGH THROUGH WELLNESS**

Partnering with New York Peace Week, an official date on the NYC Calendar to kick off a series of health and wellness initiatives that include: yoga, mindfulness, meditation and health & wellness workshops that empower community stakeholders with preventive tools for an improved quality of life on all levels.

- **STRENGTHENING BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS**

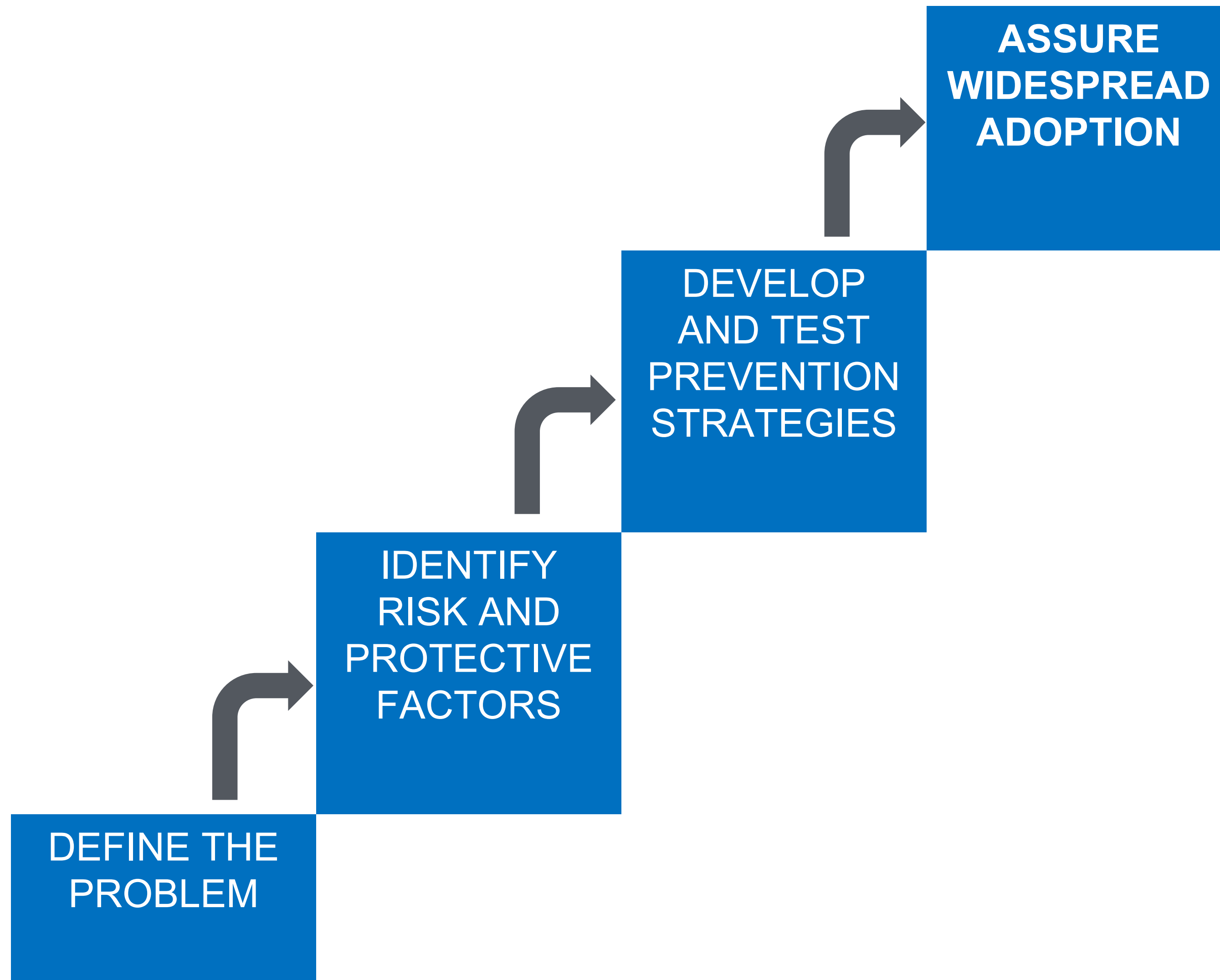
Providing mindfulness training among educators, administrators and business or community leaders, to improve the overall performance of the employees and the quality of the business leadership, to support a viable, healthy business community.

- **STRENGTHENING THE LOCAL WORKFORCE**

Providing a holistic staff training experience that allows each individual to evolve both personally and professionally, within and outside of the workplace as appropriate. This may include: stress reduction, effective communication, personal / professional boundaries, reinforcing a deeper understanding of the employee's role and responsibilities and/or practical techniques and skill building tools for overall performance improvement and retention.



THE PUBLIC HEALTH MODEL



VIOLENCE INTERVENTION & PREVENTION SYSTEM

LIFE Camp, Inc. Approaches Violence As A Public Health Crisis, Therefore Transforming Entire Communities.

The following are the critical aspects of a comprehensive approach to violence as a public health crisis, modeled after the United States FEMA Model for disaster recovery and relief:

- **Prevention / Mitigation:** Proactive steps taken to help all incidents of interpersonal violence (IPV) that can be avoided and reduce the potential or extent of injury from any single incident, for example (Queens, NY) “Peace is a LIFE Style” campaigns and I Love My LIFE VIP (Violence Intervention & Prevention) Team Services
- **Preparedness:** developing skills within the community that empower individuals to recognize the warning signs of impending danger of IPV and prepare to effectively respond to that knowledge (e.g., from what to do when a parent discovers their child is being bullied to how one deals with trauma)
- **Response:** establishing mechanisms that will approach all known instances of IPV as emergency situations that warrant an elicited and structured emergency response while seeking to reduce the likelihood of incident-related injury
- **Recovery:** assistance is helping direct and indirect victims and survivors of IPV recover from the trauma they have experienced – reducing the likelihood of long-term physical and mental health impacts and the potential for retaliation



WRAPAROUND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

Using our Violence Intervention & Prevention (“VIP”) system, LIFE Camp adds a holistic extension to the Cure Violence model with customized wraparound services.

These highly curated offerings address the unique and varied development needs of high-risk teens and young adults, to prevent them from becoming perpetrators or victims of violence.

Through our strategic partnerships, these wraparound services are also provided to credible messengers and critical stakeholders in every aspect of that young person’s life, from parents, to teachers, law enforcement, health services, clergy, peers, VIP staff, etc.





TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADERSHIP TRAININGS

LIFE Camp Inc's newest services are the Transformational Leadership Trainings, available to CBO's and partner agencies.

These trainings provide a unique array of staff development services that address issues unique to the high impact work we do to help keep our communities free from violence and recover from the impact of stress and other wellness-related issues.

Services also include Parent Workshops and Community Wellness Events to promote healthy lifestyles and balanced parenting.



PEACE WEEK

Promoting a culture of peace

Every January, LIFE Camp, Inc. hosts **LIFE Camp, Inc.'s Peace Week**, a week-long series of events in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy of non-violence. Peace Week has now become an official part of New York City's calendar.

The goal of Peace Week is to create a culture of peace throughout New York City for seven days by hosting events, performing activities or simply taking one personal action toward creating inner peace and setting a positive example for young people.

Celebrities, government officials, young people, community leaders and parents who've lost their children to violence participate in Peace Week events that support hundreds of community residents to take personal action toward making peace a lifestyle.

LIFE Camp, Inc.'s Peace Week results include:

- **Millions of media and online impressions**
- **2,500 residents have participated in Peace Week events annually**





URBAN YOGIS

Change from the inside out

In partnership with holistic health guru Deepak Chopra and Astanga Yoga NY, **LIFE Camp, Inc.'s Urban Yogis Program** provides yoga and meditation instruction for over 500 students, educators, philanthropists and community leaders annually.

The goal of LIFE Camp, Inc.'s Urban Yogi's is to teach young people how to resolve conflict by becoming more conscious beings, without the need to resort to violence. Through the partnership, LIFE Camp, Inc. provides yoga to inner-city projects and communities personally impacted by gun violence.

LIFE Camp, Inc.'s Urban Yogis Program results include:

- **Urban Yogis are now teaching yoga in the New York City Public School system**
- **Over 500 students in LIFE Camp, Inc.'s programs have learned yoga and meditation**



JUSTICE NOW!

Investing in the most vulnerable youth

The purpose of **LIFE Camp, Inc.'s Justice Empowerment Program** is to end mass incarceration by reducing the number of young people entering the system, transforming policy and changing the mindset of law enforcement and communities themselves.

In partnership with the City of New York Department of Corrections, New York Police Department, Administration for Children Services, Mayor's Office to Prevent Gun Violence, and New York Justice League, LIFE Camp, Inc. provides educational programming to young people incarcerated in New York City detention centers.

LIFE Camp, Inc. coordinates leadership trainings and experiences to transform mindsets. Through "I Love My LIFE" days, LIFE Camp, Inc. brings artists and influencers inside facilities to inspire them and challenge them to see beyond their current situations.

LIFE Camp, Inc.'s Justice Empowerment Program results include:

- **Hundreds of incarcerated youth have participated in the program**
- **Influential artists, such as LL Cool J, Yandy Smith and Russell Simmons have participated in the program**





WELLNESS CENTER

I Love My LIFE Wellness Center

Opened in 2013, **LIFE Camp, Inc.'s I Love My LIFE Wellness Center** is a neutral zone for youth and parents to receive therapeutic wellness services, conflict mediation, leadership, career and educational development support.

LIFE Camp, Inc. runs all of its programming, including youth mentoring and events associated with Peace Week at the I Love My LIFE Wellness Center.

LIFE Camp, Inc.'s I Love My LIFE Wellness Center results include:

- **Thousands of youth and families have participated in programming at the Wellness Center**
- **A hub of change and transformation in South Jamaica Queens**





The PEACEMOBILE

Our mobile trauma and wellness unit

The Peacemobile responds to violent events across Queens by offering **onsite healing therapies and mediation** to those affected by violence in the community.

The Peacemobile is open to any individual in the community who has experienced violence with an emphasis on youth and families and those who are at the highest risk of inciting violence.

A new addition to our programing in June 2019, this unit has been crucial in responding to violence outside of our current focus area.

On board participants will find a wellness kitchen, a meditation and healing space, and a full recording booth - home to our Pain On Beats program.

LIFE Camp, Inc.'s Peacemobile Program results include:

- Expanded reach beyond LIFE Camp's current focus areas.
- Remote wellness educational pop-up across Queens



**“We must understand people
on both sides of the pistol.
They both need our help,
because hurt people hurt
people.”**

Erica Ford, Founder, LIFE Camp, Inc.



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