

CITY OF STOCKTON'S

**OFFICE OF VIOLENCE
PREVENTION**

AUDIT COMMITTEE

AUGUST 4, 2026

OVP BUDGET OVERVIEW

- 📌 OFFICE OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION (OVP) - CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE
- 💰 ANNUAL BUDGET: **\$2.2 MILLION**
- 👥 STAFF SIZE: **17**

SERVICES PROVIDED

- COMMUNITY VIOLENCE INTERVENTION & PREVENTION
- HOSPITAL-BASED VIOLENCE PREVENTION
- INTENSIVE CASE MANAGEMENT FOR CLIENTS & FAMILIES
- VICTIM'S OF CRIME SERVICE CONNECTION
- RESEARCH AND DATA ANALYSIS

PRIMARY FUNDING SOURCES

- GENERAL FUND
- SPECIAL TAX (MEASURE A)
- CALIFORNIA VIOLENCE INTERVENTION & PREVENTION (CALVIP)
- GRANT FUNDING



OFFICE OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION: CRITICAL ROLE IN PREVENTING VIOLENCE AND SAVING LIVES

- PREVENTING GUN AND GANG VIOLENCE THROUGH TRUSTED OUTREACH AND DIRECT INTERVENTION
OVP WORKS WITH INDIVIDUALS AT THE HIGHEST RISK OF BECOMING INVOLVED IN, OR HARMED BY, GUN AND GANG VIOLENCE. THROUGH CREDIBLE MESSENGERS AND COORDINATED PARTNERSHIPS.

OVP'S OPERATIONS

PREVENT

- Build trusted relationships with individuals at elevated risk
- Provide mentoring, case management, and connections to services
- Mediate conflicts before they escalate into violence

INTERVENE

- Receive real-time notifications of shootings and violent incidents
- Respond to hospitals, neighborhoods, victims, and families
- Interrupt conflicts and prevent retaliation

STABILIZE

- Develop individualized safety and service plans
- Coordinate emergency relocation when a credible threat exists
- Connect participants to employment, education, mental health, substance-use treatment, and other support

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & EARLY PREVENTION:

- School-based mentoring and conflict mediation
- Community outreach and events
- Connections to supportive services
- Early intervention to prevent violence escalation

EMERGENCY HOUSING, CRISIS RESPONSE, AND SAFETY PLANNING ARE OFTEN IMPLEMENTED WITHIN HOURS OF A SHOOTING OR CREDIBLE THREAT - SEPARATING INDIVIDUALS FROM DANGER AND ACTIVELY PREVENTING FURTHER VIOLENCE



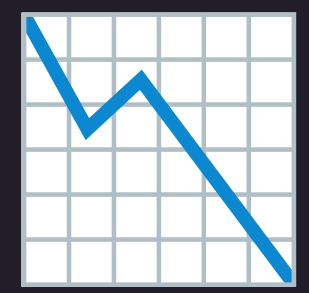
DR. ANTHONY BRAGA

MARCH 2024

IMPACT EVALUATION

THE IMPACT OF STOCKTON CEASEFIRE (1997-2022)

HOMICIDE REDUCTION



40% DECREASE in monthly homicides compared to other California cities. (Longitudinal study 1997-2022)

13% REDUCTION in homicides during the COVID-19 pandemic, despite statewide increases.

A STUDY COMPARING TREATED VS. UNTREATED GANG MEMBERS FOUND THAT THE CEASEFIRE STRATEGY SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED:

SHOOTING VICTIMIZATION BY: **40%**

OVERALL RECIDIVISM BY: **25%**

VIOLENT RECIDIVISM BY: **37%**

STOCKTON'S HOMICIDE PATTERNS & GUN VIOLENCE TRENDS

For the past 30 years, academic and nonprofit-led problem analyses have consistently examined Stockton's homicide patterns.

KEY FINDINGS:

- Homicides are highly concentrated within small geographic areas and among a small number of individuals.
- Firearms are overwhelmingly the weapon of choice.
- Young men of color are disproportionately both victims and perpetrators.
- Many victims and perpetrators are already known to the criminal justice system and are often under supervision (probation/parole).
- Gang members are the primary drivers of gun homicides. Stockton has **2,756 documented individuals** across **87 known gangs**, and gun and gang-related violence is driven by **LESS THAN 1% of the city's population**.

~~VIOLENCE~~

OFFICE OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION



OVP is actively working with Stockton's **most active gang members**.

88% of OVP Peacekeeper caseload is connected
to Stockton's most active gangs

Frontline engagement with those at highest risk

of Gangs
Engaged

54

88%

of Peacekeeper
caseload is
connected to
**Stockton's most
active** gangs

2025

HOW ARE HIGH RISK INDIVIDUALS IDENTIFIED?



**INVOLVED IN
GANG-RELATED
SHOOTINGS**



**PROBATION &
PAROLE**



**STOCKTON PD &
DISTRICT ATTORNEY**



**CHILD WELFARE
SERVICES &
SCHOOLS**

OVP CLIENT PROFILE

Are we working with **the right** people?

Average Age: 12-35 years old

Education: High School Drop Out

- GANG AFFILIATED
- HAS BEEN SHOT OR SHOT AT
- JUSTICE INVOLVED
- GUN ACTIVITY & SAFETY ISSUES
- YOUTH AT RISK OF THE ABOVE

CRITICAL CLIENT NEEDS:



CRITICAL
SAFETY
ISSUES



UNEMPLOYED



UNSTABLE
HOUSING



UNABLE
TO EAT
DAILY



UNTREATED
TRAUMA



INTENSIVE CASE MANAGEMENT 2025-26



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2025-2026

GUN VIOLENCE INTERVENTION

238
EMERGENCY/
PERMANENT
HOUSING ASSISTANCE



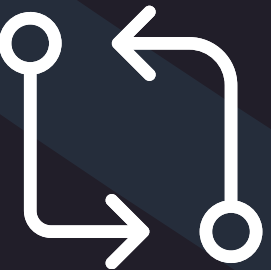
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CONFLICT
MEDATIONS



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SHOOTING
RESPONSES



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REFERRAL
FOLLOW-UPS





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MANAGING TRAUMA 2025-26

- INTERRUPTS THE CYCLE OF VIOLENCE THROUGH HEALING, WHICH REDUCES THE LIKELIHOOD OF INDIVIDUALS ENGAGING IN VIOLENCE
- IMPROVES EMOTIONAL REGULATION BY MANAGING STRESS WHEN RESPONDING TO TRIGGERS WITHOUT AGGRESSION
- REDUCES RETALIATORY VIOLENCE
- ENHANCES COMMUNITY SAFETY
- EMPOWER SURVIVORS TO REGAIN CONTROL, REDUCING THE RISK OF HARMFUL BEHAVIORS.

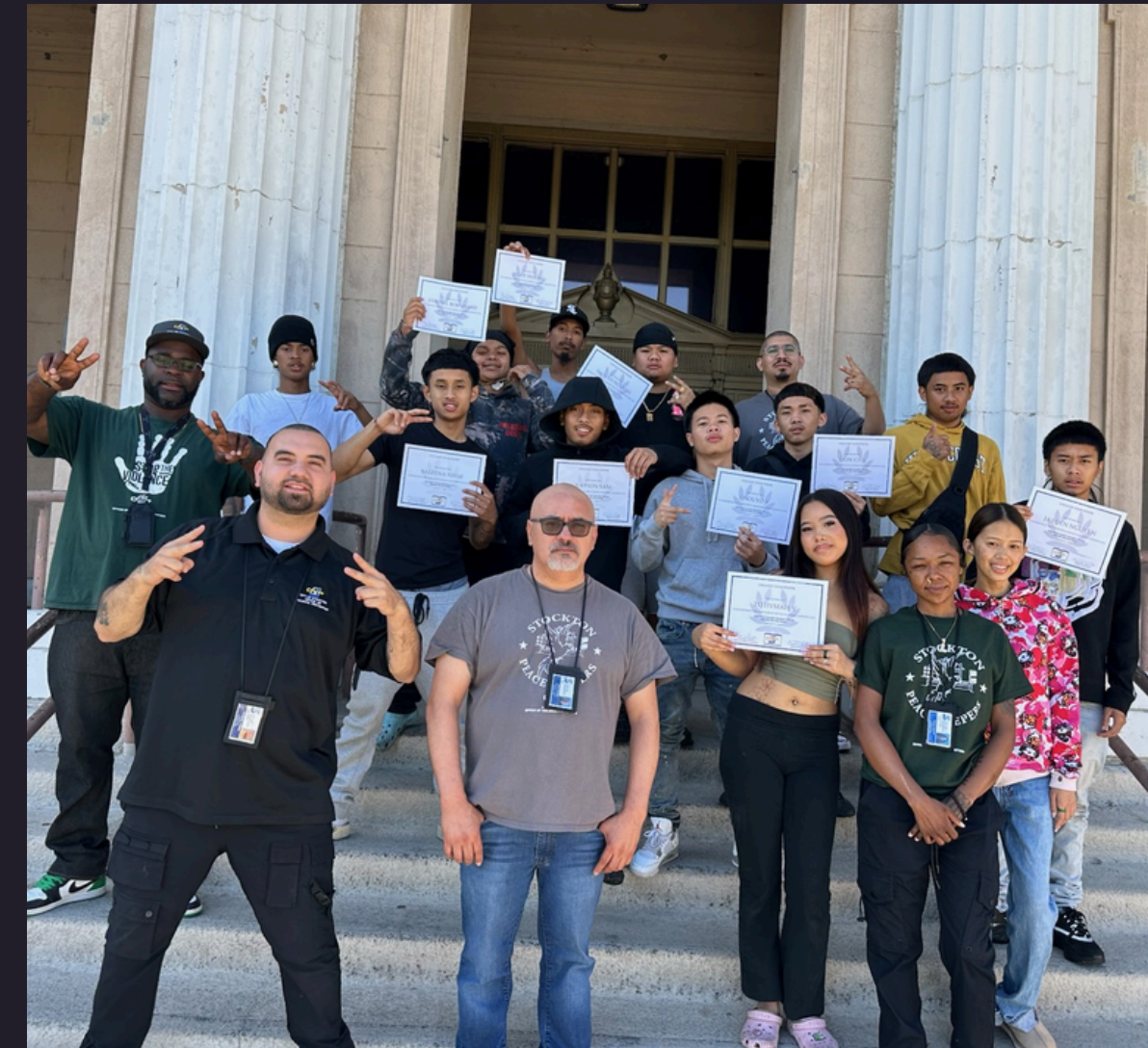
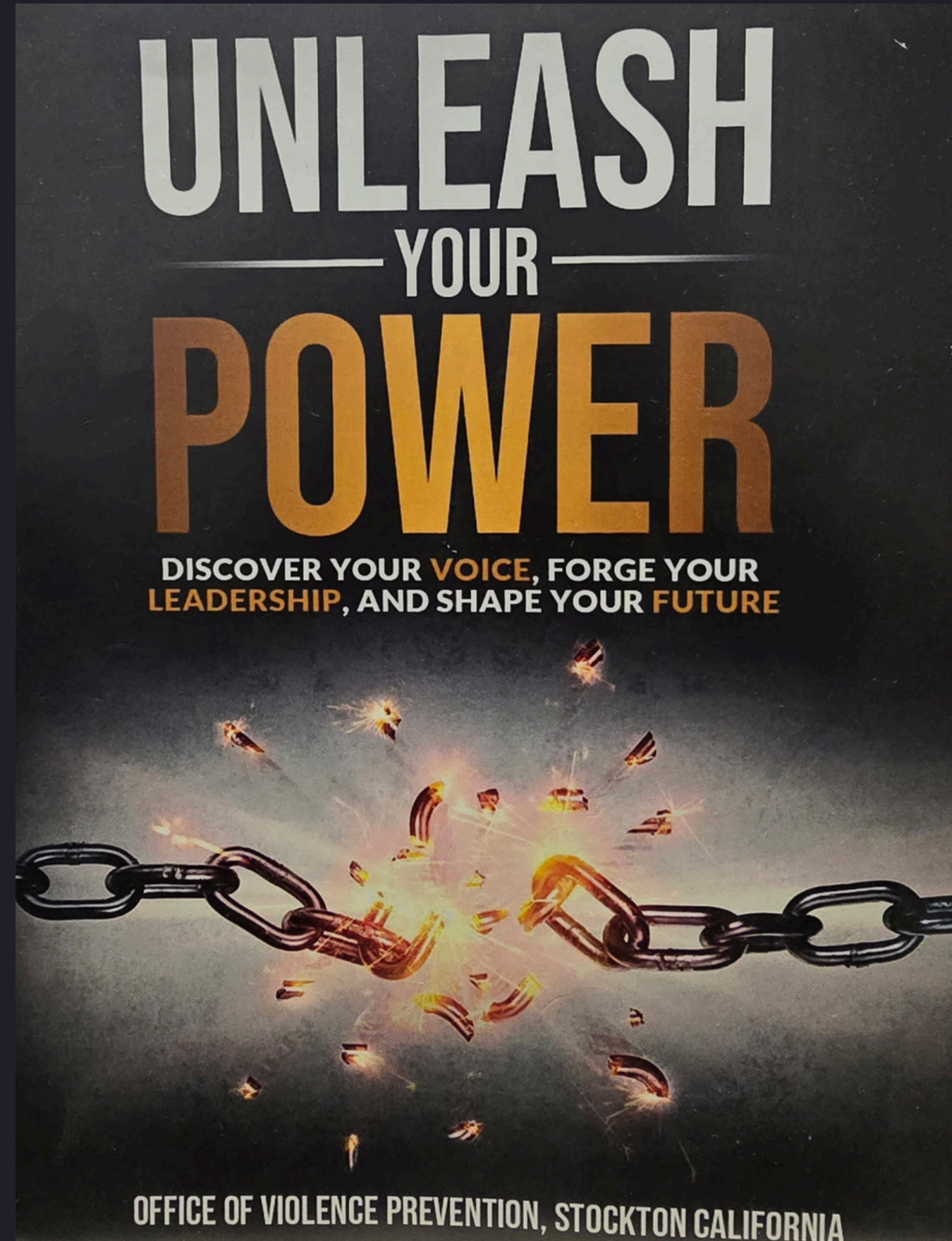
TOPICS DISCUSSED: CHILDHOOD TRAUMA; CHALLENGING ENVIRONMENT; FATHERLESS HOMES; HEALTHY/UNHEALTHY COPING SKILLS; TRAUMA AND PERSONAL TRIGGERS; COPING STRATEGIES TO MANAGE EMOTIONAL RESPONSES; SELF-AWARENESS; RESILIENCE; TAKING STEPS TOWARD HEALING AND GROWTH

48 INDIVIDUAL SESSIONS

44 GROUP SESSIONS

442 TOTAL
ATTENDEES

OVP'S *COGNITIVE BEHAVIORAL TRAINING*



15
GRADUATES



CHOICES GRADUATION 2025



K-1 RACING.
LEARNING HOW TO NOT CRASH OUT.
THINK ABOUT YOUR NEXT MOVE.
LET IT BE YOUR BEST MOVE TO MOVE AHEAD IN LIFE AND WIN.
OVP



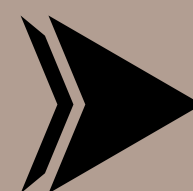
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GRADUATES



BETTER DECISION MAKING



MANAGING TRAUMA



FINANCIAL LITERACY

REFLECTIVE TRAVEL



TRAVELING WITH PURPOSE - TO STRETCH, LEARN, AND GROW
THROUGH NEW EXPERIENCES AND DEEPER ENGAGEMENT
WITH THE WORLD

132 PARTICIPANTS
2025-26



 **TOGETHER, WE CAN
END GUN VIOLENCE.** 

JANUARY 2025 - JULY 2026
7,105 HOT MEALS
4,302 GROCERIES



REDIRECT Project: Prop 47 Grant Overview

REDIRECT – Restoring Engagement & Diversion through Incarceration Reduction, Care & Treatment

REFERRAL SOURCES: Referrals can be received from the courts, probation, and the community

Grant Purpose–REDIRECT Project (6–12 Months)

- **Youth (Ages 15–17)**
 - Peacekeeper Mentoring
 - Case Management
 - School & Family Support
 - Mental Health & Substance Use Services
 - Employment Readiness
- **Adults (18+)**
 - Case Management
 - Employment & Job Placement
 - Housing Support
 - Mental Health & Substance Use Services
 - Expungement Assistance
 - Employment Readiness(Paid)

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• Grant Staffing

- **OVP**
 - Grant Manager
 - Program Supervisor
 - Outreach Worker (x2)
- **San Joaquin County BHS**
 - Court Liaison
- **Friends Outside**
 - Court Liaison
 - Senior Case Manager
 - Case Manager (x2)
 - Job Developer/Trainer
 - 0.25 FTE Director of Re-Entry
 - 0.25 FTE HR Director
 - Court Social Worker

Stockton Safe Pathways Initiative: Prevent, Intervene, Transform

CalVIP 5 Grant Overview

- **A PUBLIC HEALTH DRIVEN STRATEGY TO REDUCE GUN AND GANG VIOLENCE IN STOCKTON'S HIGHEST RISK NEIGHBORHOODS**

1. School Based Violence Prevention Program
2. Real Time Crisis Response Program–Implement the "Talk to A Peacekeeper"(TAP-IN)
3. Coordinated Care–Family Support Teams(FSTs)

- **GRANT STAFFING:**
 - **1 FTE PROGRAM SUPERVISOR**
 - **1 FTE OUTREACH WORKER**
 - **2 PTE OUTREACH WORKERS**

YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION STEERING COMMITTEE (YVPSC)



The YVPSC is a citywide integrated youth violence prevention steering committee focused on addressing Stockton's youth violence and strengthening and broadening the Office of Violence Prevention's approach to gun violence. The YVPSC's vision is to reduce youth violence in Stockton through collaboration and positive relationships.

The YVPSC's goal for 2026-27 is to reduce arrests for violent crime among youth ages 8-17 yrs in Stockton by 15%, by June 30, 2027



The YVPSC has been meeting monthly since August 2023 and currently represents a network of almost 50 community-based organizations and child-serving agencies.



Youth Survey



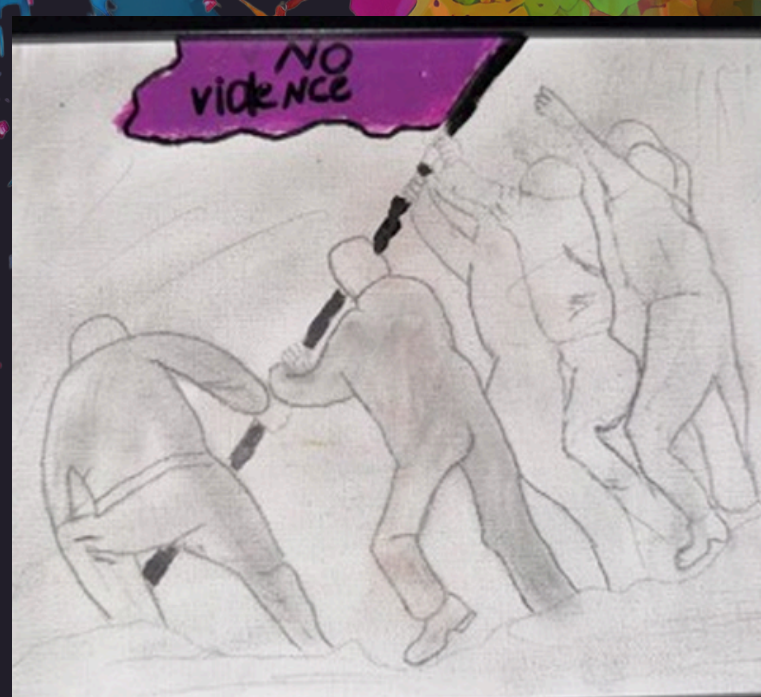
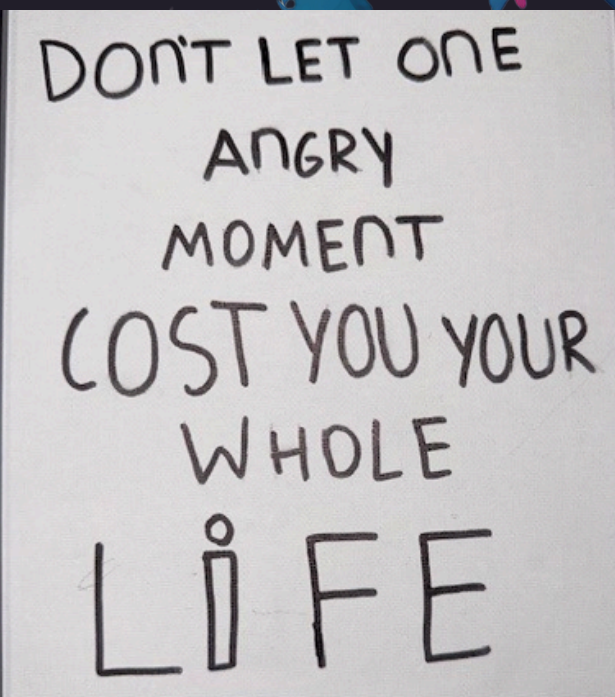
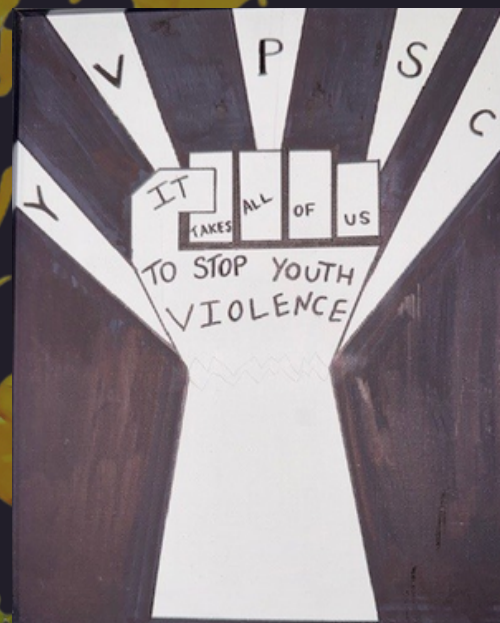
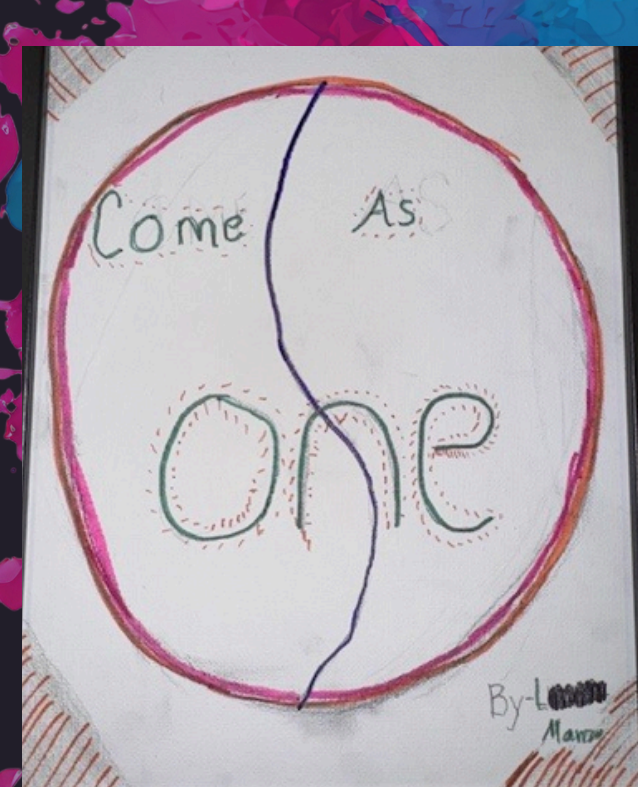
Between March and April 2026, the Stockton YVPSC surveyed 201 youth ages 12–26 to better understand their experiences with violence and their ideas for creating safer communities.

- While nearly 60% reported witnessing violence and more than **one in four** had been victims of violence.
- Youth consistently emphasized the need for **trusted adults**, stronger family and peer relationships, safe community spaces, meaningful activities, mental health support, and greater respect and communication.
- Rather than focusing solely on enforcement, youth identified **connection, opportunity, and belonging** as key strategies for preventing violence and building safer communities.

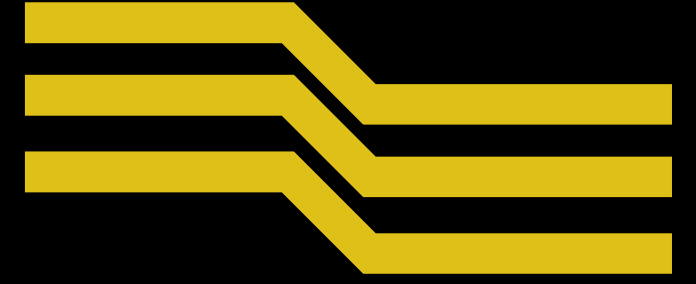


YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION ART EXHIBITION

TO COMBAT YOUTH VIOLENCE THROUGH PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR CREATIVE EXPRESSION REFLECTING THEMES OF UNITY, RESILIENCE, AND SAFETY.



LOOKING FORWARD



WHAT IS WORKING WELL:

- **Rapid Response:** Immediate intervention after shootings to reduce retaliation.
- **Targeted Outreach:** Trusted engagement with individuals at highest risk.
- **Strong Partnerships:** Coordinated response with, hospitals, schools, and community partners.
- **OVP currently incorporates several DOJ-recognized effective models**, including Ceasefire, Cure Violence, and hospital-based violence intervention.

Challenges:

- **Limited Resources:** Current funding limit OVP's ability to expand services and provide sustained support to the growing need of support.
- **Growing Demand:** The need for violence prevention services continues to exceed current staffing capacity.
- **24/7 Response Model:** Maintaining around-the-clock shooting response and follow-up places significant demands on existing staff.
- **Long-Term Support Needs:** Participants often require extended case management, housing, employment, behavioral health, and family support that exceed available resources.



Next Steps:

- **Expand OVP's Violence Prevention Model:** Build on Ceasefire, Cure Violence, and hospital-based intervention by incorporating elements of LA's GRYD model.
- **Strengthen Neighborhood-Based Services:** Expand gang intervention, youth and family support, and community engagement.
- **Develop a Community Outreach Team:** Hire and train trusted community members to engage high-risk individuals and prevent violence.

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you!