



OFFICE OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION COLUMBIA, MISSOURI

Building Safer Communities
Through Collaboration and
Innovation

MISSION + VISION + PURPOSE

Mission: To address the root causes of violence and to support long-term community health and wellbeing, by focusing on coordinating the development, implementation and evaluation of prevention, intervention, and community enrichment and the continued development of programs to sustain coordinated initiatives. Achieved by collaborating with law enforcement, community-based organizations (CBOs), government agencies and other key community stakeholders.

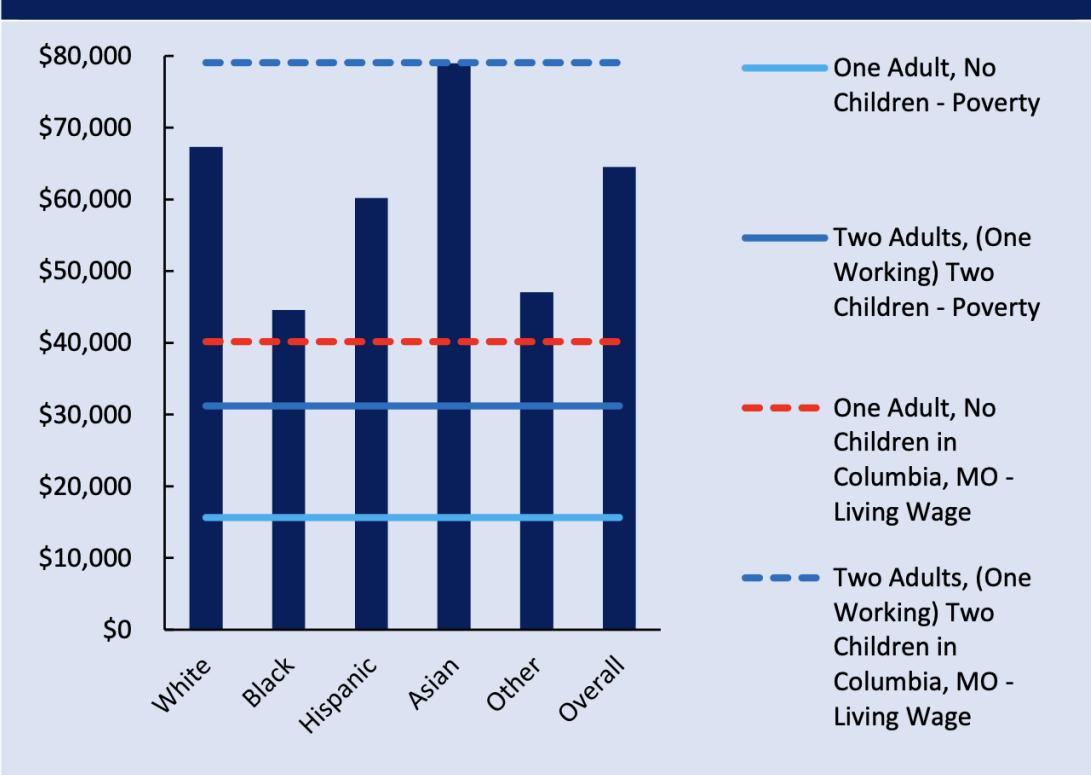
Vision: Columbia is the best place for everyone to live, work, learn, and play.

Purpose: To convene likeminded partnerships that wholistically address the root causes of violence, specifically community enrichment, education, financial stability, and health, both mental and physical to disrupt communal and familial cyclical patterns that may perpetuate violence and hinder flourishing.

WHAT'S GOING ON?

Median Household Income							
Year	Income	Gap	Inflation	White	Black	Asian	Hispanic
2019	\$51,300	\$23,300	1.5%	\$55,600	\$32,300	\$50,100	\$36,600
2020	\$53,400	\$33,700	1.0%	\$56,300	\$33,200	\$66,900	\$42,600
2021	\$57,500	\$27,000	5.1%	\$59,800	\$38,000	\$65,000	\$56,700
2022	\$60,500	\$35,500	8.0%	\$63,700	\$35,000	\$70,500	\$56,800
2023	\$64,500	\$34,400	3.9%	\$67,300	\$44,600	\$79,000	\$60,200

Median Household Income 2023 [7][8]



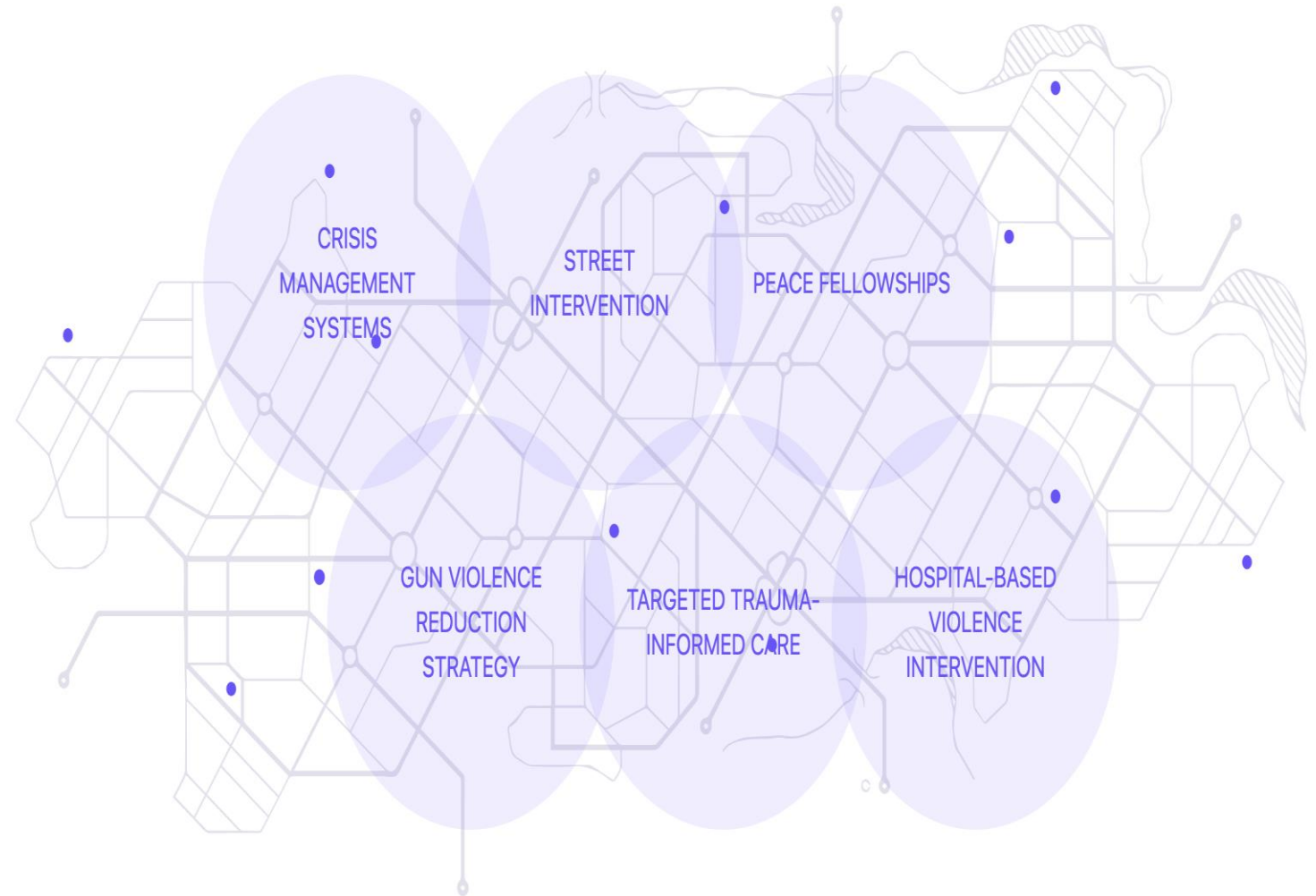
Adult Poverty Rates

		2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
City of Columbia	Overall	22%	20%	20%	21%	20%
	White	19%	17%	17%	18%	17%
	Black	35%	41%	37%	44%	36%
	Asian	25%	21%	22%	22%	22%
	Hispanic	22%	21%	18%	22%	21%
Missouri	Overall	14%	13%	13%	13%	13%
	White	12%	11%	11%	11%	11%
	Black	25%	24%	24%	24%	18%
	Asian	14%	13%	12%	12%	12%
	Hispanic	22%	20%	18%	19%	18%
United States	Overall	13%	13%	13%	13%	12%
	White	11%	11%	10%	10%	10%
	Black	23%	22%	22%	22%	21%
	Asian	11%	11%	10%	10%	10%
	Hispanic	20%	18%	18%	17%	17%

COMMUNITY VIOLENCE INTERVENTION ECOSYSTEM

Trauma Informed – Community
Oriented System of Care (TI-COSC)

Collaborative, synergistic approach
to community engagement,
intervention, and enrichment



CORE FUNCTIONS

Community Coordination: Collaborate with neighborhood leaders, non-profit, service providers, and public agencies to coordinate effective violence prevention strategies that reflect the needs of the community.

Data-Informed Strategies: Being guided by data by collecting and analyzing information to better understand trends, identify risk factors, and shape programs that make measurable impact.

Program Development & Evaluation: Assist in design and management of programs that aim to address root causes of violence by monitoring efforts closely to ensure they're effective and that they impact the problems they identify.

Supported Sustainability & Capacity: Coordinate with community stakeholders to expand resources for efforts that disrupt root causes to violence as well as assist CBOs with grant writing and funding support.

MEASURING SUCCESS



Key Performance Indicators (KPIs):

Reduction in violent crime rates.

Increased community engagement and trust.

Coordination of intervention, prevention, and enrichment programs.



Evaluation Methods:

Regular data analysis and reporting.

Advisory and neighborhood board oversight.

Community feedback sessions and continued input.

REFERENCES

Community Trends Manual 2025

Group Violence Intervention [GVI] Implementation Guide (National Network for Safe Communities, US Department of Justice + Office of Community Oriented Policing Services [COPS])

Health Alliance for Violence Intervention

KC Blueprint for violence prevention and a safe and healthy community (City of KC health department + Violence Free KC + Mid-America Regional Council [MARC] + Health Commission)

Offices of Violence Prevention Toolkit (NICJR + National OVP Network)

Urban Gun Violence Reduction (Department of City & Regional Planning & School of Public Health, Center for Global Healthy Cities, University of California, Berkeley + Advance Peace Program)



THANK YOU!

When “I” is replaced with “we”, even illness becomes wellness. — Malcolm X