The Community Safety Coordination Center (CSCC) is a citywide coordination center that across City departments and sister agencies to ensure a comprehensive and coordinated approach to violence prevention. It uses a collaborative model for emergency pandemic response, which coordinates resources and information across the City, practitioners, nonprofits, and community-based organizations.

Since its inception, the CSCC has worked to ensure equitable investment in the communities that have historically experienced the greatest disinvestment and highest rates of violence. It is critical to collaborate across City departments and agencies to think holistically about what works in violence prevention and how to improve our collective efforts.

Our success also relies on community engagement staff who have deep connections and credibility in the communities that they represent and who work directly with the City to provide resources and support.

The goal is to create a sustainable community safety model that will be impactful in the communities with the highest levels of violence and in all 77 communities across Chicago.

The CSCC works to increase community safety by prioritizing efforts in the 15 community areas most heavily impacted by violence. This is a crucial step in getting resources and opportunities to the individuals who need them most to positively change the trajectory of violence.

1. Auburn Gresham
2. Austin
3. Chicago Lawn
4. East Garfield Park
5. Englewood
6. Greater Grand Crossing
7. Humboldt Park
8. New City
9. North Lawndale
10. Roseland
11. South Lawndale
12. South Shore
13. West Englewood
14. West Garfield Park
15. West Pullman

To truly reduce violence, the CSCC understands that we need everyone onboard through centralized coordination of resources. Rather than implementing strategies through a hierarchical approach, the CSCC works in service of community, working hand in hand to create programming and intervention.

The CSCC uses community-level data to drive its work, determining hot spots, trends/common themes, incident reviews, and correlation of incident to help identify areas within communities experiencing high rates of violence and structure our interventions accordingly.

The CSCC coordinates across 22 City departments and sister agencies to create and implement a community safety framework that helps the City execute a public health approach to violence prevention and ensure equitable investment in the communities with the highest levels of violence.

The CSCC executes beautification strategies to repurpose vacant lots and aid in urban revitalization efforts. This place-based approach in our city has impacted crime rates by increasing green space known to have a positive impact on community and mental health, creating an inviting space for local residents and empowering communities to work towards positive change.

The CSCC partners with community to create and activate initiatives that drive behavioral change and advance a positive narrative around the communities and individuals impacted by violence. By utilizing paid, earned and owned media, the CSCC aims to increase individual and collective responsibility for violence reduction.

The CSCC helps Chicago residents and business owners obtain private security devices to protect their property and feel safe by providing reimbursement for purchase of outdoor security cameras, outdoor lighting, and vehicular tracking devices. To remove financial barriers, we also provide private security devices based on income.

The CSCC conducts trauma-informed mental health skills trainings that support persons who are most likely to encounter individuals and families who have experienced the impacts of community violence. Additionally, the CSCC provides emergency compensation to address immediate financial needs of gun violence victims and their families.

The CSCC implements a multi-layered engagement strategy that solicits feedback from community members, city departments and subject matter experts to drive our violence reduction strategy. We provide the tools and resources needed to strengthen communities, like block clubs, with a particular focus on the most violent blocks in 15 community areas.

**WHO WE ARE**

**WHERE WE ARE FOCUSED**

**HOW WE WORK**

**WHAT WE DO**

**CLEAN VACANT LOTS**

**DRIVE BEHAVIORAL CHANGE**

**ADDRESS TRAUMA**

**COORDINATE HIGH-RISK INTERVENTION TEAMS**

**PROVIDE PERSONAL SECURITY RESOURCES**

**PRIORITIZE CITY SERVICES**

**COORDINATION**

**DATA-INFORMED**

**WHOLE-OF-CITY**
CROSS-DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION

DEVELOPED A COMMUNITY SAFETY FRAMEWORK

22 CITY DEPARTMENTS & SISTER AGENCIES TO ENSURE A COMPREHENSIVE, PUBLIC HEALTH APPROACH TO COMMUNITY VIOLENCE

HYPERLOCAL STRATEGY

PRIORITIZING RESOURCES AND SERVICES IN

15 COMMUNITY AREAS
ON THE TOP 5% OF BLOCKS EXPERIENCING VIOLENCE

ENGAGEMENT

CREATED THE COMMUNITY SAFETY LEADERSHIP COLLECTIVE TO SERVE AS A STEERING COMMITTEE FOR THE COMMUNITY SAFETY COORDINATION CENTER

STARTED 06 HIGH-RISK INTERVENTION TEAMS TO COORDINATE VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND RESPONSE AT THE COMMUNITY LEVEL

EMBEDDED 08 COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES AT THE CSCC

COMMUNITY EVENTS

WE HELD OR SUPPORTED 79 EVENTS TO PROMOTE SAFETY & COMMUNITY COHESION

ADDRESSING TRAUMA

BUILT OUR TRAUMA-INFORMED STRATEGY THROUGH:

NEEDS ASSESSMENT SYMPOSIUM ON TRAUMA-INFORMED RESPONSE TO VIOLENCE
IMPLEMENTATION MENTAL HEALTH SKILL BUILDING TRAINING
EVALUATION FALL CONVENING

CHANGING THE NARRATIVE

OVER 15M SOCIAL MEDIA & RADIO IMPRESSIONS FROM THE RIPPLE EFFECT CAMPAIGN
OVER 800K SOCIAL MEDIA VIDEO VIEWS
OVER 2M PEOPLE SINCE MAY 31 2022

HOME & BUSINESS PROTECTION PROGRAM

APPLCIATIONS RECEIVED:
OVER 4,540 FOR THE REBATE PROGRAM
OVER $940,000 IN REIMBURSEMENT PAYMENTS APPROVED
OVER 2,134 FOR THE INCOME-BASED PROGRAM

OVER 475+ VACANT LOTS CLEANED, GREENED, FENCED

STREETSCEAPE IMPROVEMENTS

OVER 400 PUBLIC SAFETY INFRASTRUCTURE ISSUES ADDRESSED
OVER 130+ VACANT LOTS CLEANED, GREENED, FENCED

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