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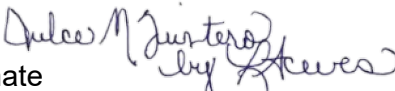
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MEMORANDUM

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The Honorable Emanuel "Chris" Welch, Speaker of the House

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SUBJECT: **2023 Reimagine Public Safety Act End of Year Report**

The Illinois Department of Human Services respectfully submits the 2023 Reimagine Public Safety Act End of Year Report on behalf of the Office of Firearm Violence Prevention in order to fulfill the requirements set forth in Public Act 102-0679

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PREVENTION

2023 END OF THE YEAR REPORT

Report developed by University of Illinois Chicago: Institute for Policy and Civic Engagement (IPCE) in collaboration with the OFVP.

December 2023

TO THE GOVERNOR AND HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

On behalf of the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS), I am pleased to present the Office of Firearm Violence Prevention (OFVP) annual report. This report features OFVP's work in Illinois to prevent firearm violence across Illinois, build community capacity, and support evidence-based and trauma-informed approaches in some of Illinois' most disadvantaged communities.

In Fiscal Year 2023, OFVP continued to support the growth of community-led approaches to reducing firearm violence across Illinois. During this time, IDHS awarded \$64 million in grants to community-based organizations focused on community violence intervention, youth development, trauma-informed behavioral health, cross-grantee collaboration, and technical assistance. OFVP's diverse set of grantees were spread across 32 distinct municipalities and Community Areas across Illinois. By the end of FY 2023, OFVP made more than 160 grant awards to support this critical work. This work continued into the first half of FY 2024 (July through December 2023), with OFVP able to further escalate investments during the remainder of the calendar year. By the end of 2023, OFVP awarded nearly \$150 million in grants across its portfolio heading into FY 2024. Critically, these investments contributed to year-over-year reductions in firearm victimizations in 73% of RPSA-covered community areas in Chicago, with several community areas seeing declines of nearly 50%. Of the 10 community areas with the most firearm victimizations in 2022, 80% saw declines in firearm victimizations in 2023.

In the area of community violence intervention (CVI), IDHS continues to lead Illinois in supporting this critical and historically under-funded work. IDHS funded and provided technical assistance to CVI organizations providing critical street outreach, case management, and victim services across Illinois, resulting in more than 10,000 people receiving services from OFVP grantees in FY 2023. These engagements resulted in victim services being delivered to more than 2,000 individuals and case management services for more than 4,000 individuals over the same period.

In the area of youth development, IDHS grantees built upon their work from FY 2022 to continue to make critical investments aimed at long-term prevention and supporting those youth at the highest risk of firearm violence involvement. Across its two primary youth development grants, OFVP grantees served more than 4,500 youth in FY 2023, with more grantees scaling up in the second half of 2023, contributing to an even larger footprint of youth development programs.

Looking ahead to 2024, OFVP anticipates significant increases in the reach of its grantees across its different grant areas. With increases in the amount of funding and improvements to the rate of pay, OFVP grantees will be able to further scale effective approaches and interventions to help Illinois realize additional declines in firearm violence. OFVP also looks forward to improving and expanding its own data and analytics capacity to help further inform and refine its approach to violence prevention work.

In closing, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to our community providers, the legislature, and the public. Your partnership and commitment to preventing and intervening in firearm violence is invaluable. Together, we are making strides towards building safer communities across this great State. Thank you for your unwavering support and dedication to this mission. Let's continue to work together to make a difference.

— **Quiwana Bell**

Assistant Secretary, Office of Firearm Violence Prevention

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1. INTRODUCTION

A. Background

The Reimagine Public Safety Act (RPSA) was passed by the Illinois legislature in June 2021 and amended in November 2021 (430 ILCS 69/35). It established a new Office of Firearms Violence Prevention (OFVP) in the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) and directed OFVP to take a public health approach to firearm violence prevention. Pursuant to that Act, the OFVP must report on its activities to the legislature annually. This report covers activities of IDHS and the OFVP from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

B. Eligible Chicago Community Areas and Greater Illinois Municipalities

Pursuant to the requirements in RPSA, the Firearm Violence Research Group (FVRG) convened in August 2021 to help determine the State’s most concentrated areas of firearm violence for investment. After consideration of the requirements of the Act and available data sources, the FVRG developed a process for recommending eligible community areas in Chicago and municipalities in Greater Illinois as per the requirements of the Act. The FVRG applied this process to determine the Chicago Community Areas and Greater Illinois Municipalities that rate highest in firearms victimization, excluding self-inflicted injuries. Figure 1 below illustrates the eligible Chicago Community Areas and Figure 2 shows the Greater Illinois Municipalities that are eligible for RPSA funding.

Eligible Chicago Community Areas (for RPSA)

Auburn Gresham
Austin
Burnside
Chatham
Chicago Lawn
East Garfield Park
Englewood
Fuller Park
Greate Grand Crossing
Humboldt Park
New City

North Lawndale
Riverdale
Roseland
South Chicago
South Lawndale
South Shore
Washington Park
West Englewood
West Garfield Park
West Pullman
Woodlawn

Northside Cluster:

Belmont Cragin,
Hermosa, Logan Square,
Avondale, Irving Park,
Albany Park

Southwest Side Cluster:

Lower West Side,
Brighton Park, Gage Park,
McKinley Park

South Deering
Ashburn

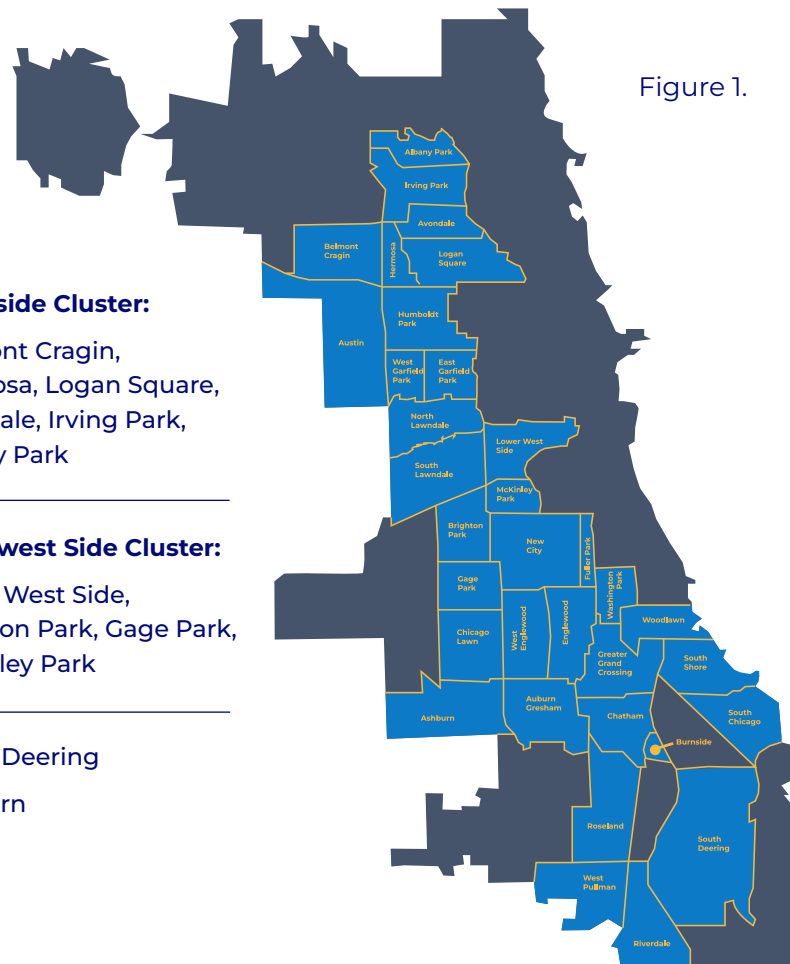


Figure 1.

Figure 1. Eligible Chicago Community Areas

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Eligible Municipalities outside of Chicago (for RPSA)

Aurora

Belleville Cluster:

Belleville, East St. Louis,
& Cahokia Heights

Berwyn-Cicero Cluster

Berwyn-Cicero Cluster

Calumet City Cluster:

Calumet City, Harvey,
Dolton, Riverdale, South
Holland, Markham, &
Lansing

Chicago Heights Cluster:

Chicago Heights, Park
Forest, & Sauk Village

Danville

Decatur

Joliet

Kankakee

Maywood-Bellwood
Cluster

Peoria

Rockford

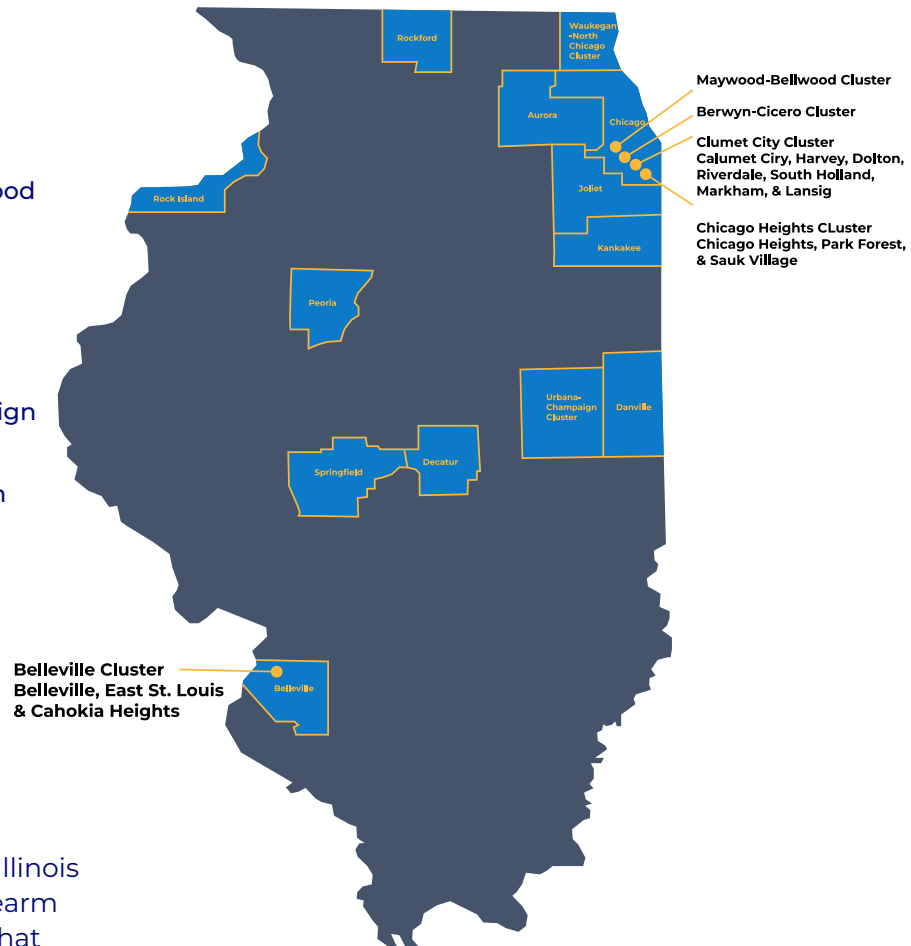
Springfield

Urbana-Champaign
Cluster

Waukegan-North
Chicago Cluster

Rock Island

Figure 2.



C. Structure and Requirements of RPSA

RPSA is designed to support Community Areas in Chicago and Municipalities across Illinois that are disproportionately impacted by firearm violence with community-based supports that address the following:

- 1. High-risk youth intervention programs** that have been proven to reduce involvement in the criminal or juvenile justice system, referrals of teens into therapeutic programs that address trauma recovery, and other mental health services.
- 2. Violence prevention services**, including street-based violence interruption work, emotional or trauma-related therapy, housing, employment, job training/placement, family engagement, and wraparound support services.
- 3. Youth development programs**, including after school and summer programming to increase school attendance and school performance, reduce criminal justice system involvement, and build social-emotional persistence and intelligence.
- 4. Trauma recovery services for young people**, funded by Medicaid and designed and implemented by the Department of Healthcare and Family Services, to address trauma recovery from chronic exposure to firearm violence. A team-based model of care includes case management and school support services, group and individual therapy, and evidence-based family systems interventions.

1. INTRODUCTION

Governor J.B. Pritzker issued Executive Order 2021-29 in November 2021, which allocated \$250 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to the implementation of RPSA. OFVP has worked since that time to disseminate these dollars while adhering to the requirements of the Act, which include:

In Chicago:

1. Make grants to violence prevention organizations for evidence-based violence prevention services. Per RPSA Eligible Chicago community, OFVP can fund no fewer than 2 and no more than 6 violence prevention organizations.
2. Make grants to youth development organizations for evidence-based youth after-school and summer programming. Per RPSA Eligible Chicago community, OFVP can fund no fewer than 4 and no more than 8 youth development organizations.
3. OFVP shall identify municipal blocks where more than 35% of all fatal and nonfatal firearm-shot incidents take place and focus youth development service grants to residents of these identified blocks in the designated eligible service areas.
4. Make grants to high-risk youth intervention organizations to provide evidence-based intervention services that reduce involvement in the criminal and juvenile justice systems, increase school attendance, and refer high-risk teens into therapeutic programs that address trauma recovery and other mental health improvements. High-risk youth intervention grants shall be issued to no less than 2 and no more than 4 youth intervention organizations across Chicago.
5. Identify an experienced, violence prevention organization to serve as the Lead Violence Prevention Convener for each eligible Chicago community area and coordinate monthly meetings between violence prevention organizations and youth development organizations under this Act.
6. Select, when possible and appropriate, no fewer than 4 and no more than 6 approved technical assistance and training providers to deliver technical assistance and training to the violence prevention and youth development organizations that request to receive approved technical assistance and training.

In Greater Illinois:

1. The OFVP shall create local advisory councils for each eligible municipality with less than 1,000,000 residents for the purpose of obtaining recommendations on how to distribute funds in these areas to reduce firearm violence incidents. Local advisory councils shall have a minimum of 5 members with specified expertise.
2. Each local advisory council shall make recommendations on how to allocate distributed resources for its area based on information provided to them by the OFVP, local law enforcement data, and other locally available data.
3. The OFVP shall consider the recommendations and determine how to distribute funds through grants to community-based organizations and local governments.
4. Each local advisory council is terminated upon making the recommendations required of it under (430 ILCS 69/35-40).

In addition, the act requires that the Department of Healthcare and Family Services design; seek approval from the United States Department of Health and Human Services; and subject to federal approval and State appropriations for this purpose; implement a team-based model of care system to address trauma recovery from chronic exposure to firearm violence for Illinois adults.

D. OFVP Administrative Structure

The enactment of the Reimagine Public Safety Act (430 ILCS 69/35) established the Office of Firearm Violence Prevention (OFVP). In October 2023, Quiwana Bell was appointed by Governor Pritzker as the Assistant Secretary for the Illinois Department of Human Services Office of Firearm Violence Prevention, where she oversees the Office's strategies and activities. OFVP collaborates closely with the IDHS Division of Family and Community Services Bureau of Violence Prevention Services, which handles grant agreements from solicitation to execution and management. OFVP and the Bureau are supported by the University of Illinois Chicago's Institute for Policy and Civic Engagement (IPCE). The following is a summary of the responsibilities of these entities:

Office of Firearm Violence Prevention (OFVP): OFVP is primarily responsible for overseeing the grant-making processes, engaging grantees, and fostering strong relationships with community stakeholders and providers to effectively address the matter of violence prevention and reduction. OFVP has a targeted approach, ensuring that the interventions funded are effective in specific community areas. To inform their strategy and monitor progress, OFVP utilizes the Reimagine Chicago Conveners and Greater Illinois Violence Prevention Coordinating Councils (formerly known as the Local Advisory Councils). Furthermore, OFVP oversees research and evaluation efforts, as well as manages the University of Illinois Chicago's Institute for Policy and Civic Engagement (IPCE) and the Firearm Violence Research Group (FVRG).

IDHS Division of Family and Community Services Bureau of Violence Prevention Services:

Responsible for awarding and monitoring funding to all RPSA grantees. They provide program oversight and oversee technical assistance and training so that community organizations can develop and implement high-quality services.

University of Illinois Chicago: Institute for Policy and Civic Engagement (IPCE):

IPCE, under the direction of the OFVP, is responsible for providing research and evaluation support for the project. This includes managing the Firearm Violence Research Group (FVRG) which meets bi-monthly to advise on evaluation goals and program outcomes. In addition, IPCE is responsible for supporting all OFVP program reporting and soliciting grantee and program participant feedback to inform the program model.

2. OFVP ACTIVITIES

A. Funding Distribution

OFVP is pleased to report on the progress made in distributing the \$250 million ARPA investment allocated to the Reimagine Public Safety Initiatives (RPSA) community violence prevention program since launching in late 2021.

Since the program's inception, OFVP has released over \$235M in funding through 20 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) solicitation rounds to communities and municipalities in Chicago and across the State that are disproportionately affected by firearm violence.

The OFVP has successfully committed the following ARPA funding amounts to RPSA statewide:

- \$180 million in Chicago
- \$38 million in Greater Illinois

This includes 296 grant awards distributed to 160 grantees.

The chart below lists all NOFOs distributed during the first two years of OFVP operation.

| Notice of Funding Opportunities | Start Date | End Date |
|--|------------|------------|
| RPSA Violence Prevention Training, Technical Assistance and Support (RVP-TTAS) | 12/10/2021 | 1/19/2022 |
| RPSA Youth Development Training, Technical Assistance and Support (RYD-TTAS) | 12/10/2021 | 1/19/2022 |
| Reimagine Public Safety Act Conveners | 1/21/2022 | 2/23/2022 |
| RPSA Violence Prevention Services-Chicago | 2/2/2022 | 3/9/2022 |
| RPSA Youth Development Services-Chicago | 2/16/2022 | 3/21/2022 |
| Reimagine High-Risk Youth Intervention Services | 2/18/2022 | 3/30/2022 |
| RPSA Violence Prevention Services-Chicago | 5/2/2022 | 4/14/2023 |
| RPSA Youth Development Services-Chicago | 5/2/2022 | 9/8/2022 |
| RPSA Violence Prevention Services-Greater Illinois | 8/8/2022 | 9/16/2022 |
| Greater Illinois Reimagine Youth Intervention Services (GI-RYIS) | 8/18/2022 | 9/19/2022 |
| Chicago Youth Development & Intervention Services (CYDIS) | 9/7/2022 | 10/19/2022 |
| Greater Illinois Trauma Informed Behavioral Health Services (TIBHS) | 9/9/2022 | 10/14/2022 |
| RPSA Greater Illinois Training and Technical Assistance Program (GI-TTAS) | 9/30/2022 | 11/2/2022 |
| Greater Illinois Violence Prevention Council Coordinator (GI-VPCC) | 10/7/2022 | 11/9/2022 |
| Greater Illinois Trauma Informed Behavioral Health Services (TIBHS) | 3/1/2023 | 4/19/2023 |
| RPSA Violence Prevention Services-Greater Illinois | 3/1/2023 | 4/19/2023 |

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| Greater Illinois Reimagine Youth Intervention Services (GI-RYIS) | 3/1/2023 | 4/19/2023 |
| Chicago Youth Development & Intervention Services (CYDIS) | 3/1/2023 | 4/19/2023 |
| Greater Illinois Violence Prevention Council Coordinator (GI-VPCC) | 3/2/2023 | 4/19/2023 |
| Peacekeepers Program | 5/30/2023 | 6/7/2023 |



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Each NOFO was competitively solicited and reviewed. IDHS worked to build a diverse and robust merit review process that involved both internal IDHS staff as well as external experts to conduct a thorough review of all applications. All applications must meet basic eligibility criteria including, but not limited to: receipt by due date; Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) pre-qualification; and submission of required documents. In addition, some NOFOs had geographic and/or experience eligibility criteria which applicants provided in their submission. The “rolling” NOFOs had a minimum point threshold of 75 to be recommended for funding. Please see a summary of applications received and the merit review process below:

| FY23 RPSA Number of Applications and Awardees | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|---|
| Notice of Funding Opportunities | Number of Apps Received | Number eligible for Review | Number of awarded grants | Number of awarded organizations | Number of Teams | Number of Reviewers | Percent of Reviewers are persons of color |
| Greater Illinois Trauma Informed Behavioral Health Services | 18 | 14 | 11 | 11 | 2 | 6 | 67% |
| Conveners - Exceptions | 24 | 13 | 9 | 6 | OFVP selections | | |
| Violence Prevention Services Rolling (Rounds 1-4) | 98 | 19 | 10 | 5 | 5 | 15 | 73% |
| Greater Illinois Violence Prevention Services | 22 | 21 | 14 | 14 | 3 | 9 | 44% |
| Youth Development Services Rolling | 46 | 18 | 12 | 10 | 4 | 12 | 92% |
| Greater Illinois Youth Intervention Services | 30 | 28 | 16 | 11 | 4 | 12 | 42% |
| Chicago Youth Development and Intervention Services | 35 | 33 | 26 | 21 | 4 | 12 | 58% |
| Greater Illinois Training and Technical Assistance | 7 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 33% |
| Greater Illinois Violence Prevention Council Coordinator | 11 | 10 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 33% |
| Violence Prevention Services Rolling (Rounds 5-9) | 148 | 85 | 35 | 23 | 6 | 19 | 37% |
| Greater Illinois Violence Prevention Services-Release 2 | 18 | 14 | 7 | 7 | 2 | 4 | 25% |
| Greater Illinois Youth Intervention Services-Release 2 | 32 | 29 | 22 | 22 | 3 | 9 | 33% |
| Youth Intervention Chicago (RYDIS)-Release 2 | 65 | 53 | 44 | 23 | 8 | 24 | 54% |
| Greater IL Trauma Informed Behavioral Health Services (GI-TIBHS)-Release 2 | 14 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 1 | 3 | 33% |
| Greater IL Violence Prevention Coordinating Council-Release 2 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 66% |
| Peacekeepers | 8 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 100% |
| TOTALS | 582 | 360 | 187 | 176 | 47 | 140 | |

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Throughout the solicitation process, IDHS incorporated several new innovations in its grantmaking to ensure responsiveness to grantee feedback about its NOFO processes. After releasing the first round of NOFOs, IDHS conducted a feedback survey among potential applicants to gauge effectiveness and to learn how to improve its processes. Based on this feedback, IDHS adjusted its second release of these NOFO opportunities by:

Streamlining and simplifying the application content as much as possible. Though it was not possible to remove most required forms, IDHS worked to streamline questions and make the application more readable and accessible.

Increasing the amount of time for response by introducing the 2nd Round Chicago Violence Prevention and Statewide Youth Development as rolling NOFOs. IDHS obtained a Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) exception to be able to release and leave open these NOFOs for applications until the OFVP determined a sufficient response had been received. This allowed grantees greater flexibility in achieving the administrative requirements that are needed to apply as well as in managing the staffing needed to complete and submit the grant. The intent of this change was to ensure application accessibility to smaller organizations that might lack the grant writing infrastructure to turn-around a successful application quickly.

Elevating the NOFO marketing approach through engagement with a marketing firm and purchasing paid media promoting NOFOs. Following the feedback received, OFVP engaged a professional marketing firm to develop marketing materials that could be distributed widely and through paid marketing channels to ensure the widest possible awareness of OFVP opportunities. Material developed to this end can be found in Appendix A – Communications and Marketing Collateral.

In addition to this initial NOFO feedback, IDHS regularly met with community stakeholders and received extensive input from the Local Advisory Councils (described in section D below) regarding challenges presented by the current NOFO models and opportunities for improvement. In particular, IDHS received feedback that RPSA Youth Development, which was modeled after the existing Teen Reach Program, was inaccessible to those organizations who are providing youth development programming, but not doing so against the strict Teen Reach requirements. Stakeholders expressed that the Teen Reach model was also only available to school-engaged youth and left out other at-risk youth who had been disengaged from the school system. As a response, IDHS developed a more flexible model for providing youth development services under RPSA and released the more flexible Youth Intervention Model in both Greater Illinois and Chicago. The Youth Intervention model includes mentoring, employment skills development, life skills development, assistance with accessing education/ vocational programming and employment, as well as other activities that promote positive engagement for high-risk youth ages 11-24. This NOFO as well as other Greater Illinois NOFOs were released for a second round to again, be responsive to potential applicants and increase services in RPSA-designated communities and municipalities.



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In FY23, OFVP distributed RPSA funds to the following organizations across all RPSA Programs.

| FY23 RPSA Number of Applications and Awardees | |
|---|--------------------------|
| Organization | Funds Dispersed FY23 YTD |
| ACCLIVUS, INC. | \$2, 459, 890 |
| ADVOCATE NORTHSIDE HEALTH | \$754, 226 |
| ADVOCATES OF CHANGE | \$221, 220 |
| Alliance of Local Service Organizations | \$392, 506 |
| Alternatives, Inc. | \$152, 091 |
| ARTISTS REENVISIONING TOM | \$120, 936 |
| AURORA AREA AFRICAN AMERICAN MEN OF UNITY | \$314, 672 |
| Bandwith Music Ltd. | \$57, 673 |
| Big Brothers-Big Sisters of Metropolitan Chicago | \$22, 052 |
| BLACK COMMUNITY PROVIDER | \$477, 364 |
| Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois | \$101, 438 |
| Boys & Girls Club of Lake County | \$184, 871 |
| Breakthrough Urban Ministries Inc | \$310, 407 |
| BRIGHT STAR COMMUNITY OUTREACH | \$142, 898 |
| BUILD, INC. | \$1, 174, 259 |
| CHICAGO AREA PROJECT | \$198, 272 |
| CHICAGO CULTURAL PERFORMING ARTS | \$192, 106 |
| CHILDREN'S HOME AND AID Society | \$165, 613 |
| CHILDREN'S HOME AND AID SOCIETY OF ILLINOIS | \$83, 231 |
| Christian Friendliness Association, Inc. dba Youth Hope | \$108, 746 |
| CITY OF CALUMET CITY | \$256, 374 |
| City of East St. Louis | \$17, 747 |
| Claretian Associates | \$194, 254 |
| Community Counseling Center (C4) | \$348, 406 |
| COMMUNITY EDUCATION NETWORK | \$325, 096 |
| COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS, INC | \$304, 397 |
| Cook County Justice Advisory Council | \$5, 000, 588 |
| County of Kankakee, SAO | \$189, 169 |
| Covenant House Illinois Inc | \$269, 486 |
| Duane Dean Behavioral Health Center | \$25, 728 |
| ENLACE CHICAGO | \$116, 372 |

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| Envision Community Services | \$64,699 |
| Family Resources, Inc. | \$74,999 |
| FAMILY SERVICE AND MENTAL HEALTH CENTER OF CICERO | \$142,355 |
| FIERCE WOMEN OF FAITH | \$348,455 |
| Focus Fairies Mentoring | \$41,511 |
| FRIENDLY TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD | \$111,002 |
| Gary Comer Youth Center | \$369,605 |
| Get Connected | \$144,535 |
| GOODWILL INDUSTRIES OF CENTRAL ILLINOIS | \$65,326 |
| Grand Boulevard Prevention Services | \$63,494 |
| HARVEY BROOKS FOUNDATION | \$96,165 |
| HOMEWORK HANGOUT, INC. | \$306,500 |
| HOPE OPPORTUNITY PURPOSE | \$762,132 |
| I & F Incorporated NFP | \$352,245 |
| INSTITUTE FOR NONVIOLENCE | \$977,528 |
| Jehovah Jireh #1 Outreach Ministry | \$13,625 |
| Joliet Township Government | \$109,448 |
| KIDS ABOVE ALL | \$31,789 |
| Korreecting Our Own Lives | \$120,000 |
| La Casa Norte | \$62,070 |
| LAKE COUNTY CRISIS CENTER FOR THE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE | \$28,040 |
| LAWNDALE CHRISTIAN LEGAL CENTER | \$138,650 |
| LAWRENCE HALL YOUTH SERVICES | \$77,546 |
| LIFELINE TO HOPE, INC | \$67,770 |
| LOST BOYZ INC | \$436,785 |
| MAJOR ADAMS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE | \$726,121 |
| METROPOLITAN FAMILY SERVICES | \$8,642,383 |
| MOUNT SINAI HOSP MEDICAL | \$247,053 |
| NATIONAL YOUTH ADVOCATE PROGRAM | \$986,786 |
| NEW LIFE CENTERS OF CHICAGO | \$299,150 |
| Options for Youth | \$128,725 |
| PHALANX FAMILY SERVICES | \$895,977 |
| PILSEN WELLNESS CENTER, INC | \$526,785 |
| PREVENTION FIRST, INC | \$645,475 |
| PROJECT HOOD | \$116,178 |
| Project Success of Vermillion County | \$77,266 |

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| Proviso-Leyden Council for Community Action | \$64,487 |
| PUBLIC EQUITY | \$557,886 |
| PUERTO RICAN CULTURAL CEN | \$400,435 |
| Reestablishing Hope Inc. | \$154,476 |
| RINCON FAMILY SERVICES | \$441,980 |
| Saving Our Sons Ministries, Inc | \$197,425 |
| Seeds of Roseland | \$112,047 |
| SGA YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES | \$541,122 |
| SOUTH SHORE DRILL TEAM | \$121,586 |
| SOUTH SUBURBAN COMMUNITY | \$366,969 |
| ST SABINA CHURCH | \$225,073 |
| Target Area Development | \$180,492 |
| The Firehouse Community Arts Center | \$236,068 |
| THE RESTORATIVE PROJECT | \$797,459 |
| THE SALVATION ARMY | \$70,562 |
| THE SALVATION ARMY (KROC CENTER) | \$70,562 |
| THE SALVATION ARMY RED SHIELD/HARBOR LIGHT CENTER | \$167,774 |
| The Start Program | \$96,759 |
| THE WELL EXPERIENCE | \$256,048 |
| The Work Foundation | \$33,521 |
| TOGETHER CHICAGO, INC | \$791,207 |
| TOUCHETTE REGIONAL HOSPITAL | \$54,750 |
| Tri-County Urban League | \$65,155 |
| True Star Foundation | \$152,480 |
| UCAN | \$401,126 |
| United Faith Christian Institute | \$16,967 |
| UNIVER OF CHICAGO MED CNTR | \$404,717 |
| UNIVERSAL FAMILY CONNECTION | \$582,617 |
| Unstacked Inc | \$71,169 |
| Urban Male Network | \$180,000 |
| Volunteers of America of Illinois | \$82,566 |
| West Side Health Authority | \$359,280 |
| WHAT ABOUT US CHARITABLE | \$100,000 |
| YMCA OF METROPOLITAN CHICAGO | \$114,927 |

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| YMCA OF ROCK RIVER VALLEY | \$74, 376 |
| YourPassion1st | \$110, 526 |
| YOUTH CROSSROADS | \$66, 853 |
| Youth Network Council (ICOY) | \$105, 905 |
| YWCA OF METROPOLITAN CHICAGO | \$24, 696 |
| YWCA of Quad Cities | \$86, 784 |
| Grand Total | \$41, 919, 088 |

B. Additional Investment Strategies

In addition to the ARPA investments detailed above, several other critical funding sources have contributed to OFVP's overall community violence impact. OFVP continues to leverage the work and success of its traditional youth development funders under the Division of Family and Community Services. Investments for those programs are listed below:

In FY 23, Illinois invested \$67.6 million in non-RPSA/ARPA youth development and community violence response

- \$20.9 million in Comprehensive Community Based Youth Services
- \$13.7 million in Teen Reach services
- \$19 million in youth employment programs
- \$7.4 million to assist homeless youth
- \$6.6 million for Redeploy Illinois programs

Additional violence prevention efforts: Flat Lining Violence Inspires Peace (Peacekeepers)

- \$30 million investment

Expansion of Flat Lining Violence Inspires Peace (FLIP) to 30 community areas with a \$30M investment was executed in July 2023. FLIP leverages the influence of community residents by partnering with young men and women who live in neighborhoods that are at a high risk for violence. These individuals are given a stipend to act as peacekeepers and mediate conflict in their own communities. They are also provided with training to de-escalate conflict.

Crisis Prevention and Response Unit

- \$2.5 million investment

The Citywide Crisis Prevention & Response Unit (CPRU) is composed of carefully-selected individuals who reside in the 20 communities most impacted by violence. This program's emphasis on prevention is crucial. By providing appropriate support, CPRU aims to ensure that young people can enjoy city amenities without arrests or victimizations. In the event of incidents, Crisis Response becomes necessary; a proper response can help minimize arrests and victimizations. CPRU members undergo specialized training in areas such as Street Outreach, De-escalation, Conflict Mediation, and CPR. They serve a dual role: responding to crises when needed, and offering additional support to their communities as FLIP (Peacekeepers) outreach staff during non-crisis periods.

Chicago Public Schools Back to Our Future

- \$16.2 million investment

2. OFVP ACTIVITIES

The Back to Our Future (B2OF) program aims to reach 1,000 disconnected youth and reconnect them with Chicago Public Schools (CPS) schools to provide them with education completion opportunities. B2OF provides support to the following groups:

- Disconnected youth aged 14-20 years old
- Youth who have been disengaged from CPS for *18+ months or have a history of chronic absenteeism (*individual circumstances may vary)
- Youth who have been involved in the juvenile justice system
- Youth who have been affected by community violence

This 9–12-month program offers a safe environment, a support system, economic opportunities, and a smooth transition back into an educational setting. It strives to make significant progress in and around school communities and improve outcomes for youth throughout Chicago.

B2OF includes:

- 12 weeks of paid skills and workforce development training
- High-level mentorship and life coaching
- Mental health and trauma support/clinical services
- Family support through direct social services connection
- Supported transition and reconnection back to the education system

Cook County Justice Partnership

- \$25 million investment
- 3,257 Individuals Served

IDHS provided funding to support the Cook County Justice Advisory Council (JAC) to deploy \$25 million to 39 organizations through a Cook County grant making opportunity.

Through this achievement in intergovernmental collaboration, bureaucratic barriers were reduced which has resulted in expedited funding to qualified organizations that are prepared to make an impact on violence rates in Cook County's RPSA communities.

- Funded Services: Street Outreach, Case Management, Victim Services
- Service Area: RPSA-eligible communities/municipalities within the bounds of Cook County.
- Applicant must receive a favorable review through the JAC review process for this specific grant opportunity.



2. OFVP ACTIVITIES

C. Program Administration

Leading up to the start of Fiscal Year 2023, IDHS staff worked closely with each of the awarded grantees to review and approve their grant budgets. The grantees then selected a Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) provider that offered program-specific or general capacity building training to the grantee staff. The TTA providers are also convening their grantees at least once every quarter. Throughout 2023, both IDHS and the TTA providers held quarterly meetings with grantees to discuss their programs.

It's important for grantees to be aware of other RPSA providers so they can share resources and learn from each other. To facilitate communication between grantees, IDHS implemented Groupsite, an innovative online communication platform that allows grantees to share and discuss issues across communities and grant programs.

Additionally, IDHS staff regularly review quarterly program and monthly fiscal reporting materials submitted by grantees. They work collaboratively with the grantees to answer any questions and resolve issues that may arise.

D. Community Informed Design / Local Advisory Council Strategy

To design our funding approach for areas of the State with little or no violence prevention service provider capacity, OFVP convened 16 Local Advisory Councils (LACs), made up of nearly 150 members. These LACs generated recommendations for activities most needed to reduce firearm violence from which IDHS designed a program approach that now funds over \$38 million in services in Greater Illinois.

In June 2023, the RPSA statute was amended to sunset the LACs. However, RPSA grantee coordination remains a priority within each RPSA community. To address this need, the Violence Prevention Coordinating Councils (VPCC) grant program was established. Eleven communities applied for this grant in the first NOFO release, and four were selected. In the second NOFO release, six communities applied, and four were selected, making a total of eight VPCC grants awarded to the sixteen Greater Illinois RPSA areas. OFVP aims to make this grant opportunity available to the remaining eight communities, but it is dependent on sufficient FY 25 appropriation.

E. Partnerships

Government Alliance for Safe Communities

In August 2021, a historic partnership was formed between Cook County, the State of Illinois, and the City of Chicago to create the Government Alliance for Safe Communities (GASC) (formally known as Intergovernmental Partnership). Together, they are committed to reducing violence and creating safer communities for everyone.

In 2021, President Preckwinkle sent a letter to the Governor and Mayor asking for their partnership in aligning and coordinating historic funding from the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2020. The resulting GASC includes the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA), the IDHS Office of Firearm Violence Prevention, the Cook County Office of the President, and the Office of the Chicago Mayor. GASC coordinates efforts to maximize the impact of historic ARPA funding across the State, County, and City. Coordination is essential to effectively and sustainably reduce gun violence and increase community safety in the communities and municipalities most impacted by the gun violence crisis in Chicago and Suburban Cook County.

GASC's first priority is to assist with solicitation alignment to avoid funding overlaps and ensure funds are going to areas of greatest need. GASC's second priority is unifying capacity-building efforts that help community-based service providers pursue and manage State violence prevention funding to maximize their impact in communities and help organizations make positive changes in their communities.

2. OFVP ACTIVITIES

Medicaid Partnership – Department of Health and Family Services

The Department of Healthcare and Family Services - Violence Prevention Community Support Team (VP-CST) is a new service added to the Medicaid Community-Based Behavioral Health Services array effective May 1, 2022. VP-CST is intended to reduce traumatic stress symptoms and increase community functioning for individuals who have experienced chronic exposure to firearm violence using evidence-informed, trauma-specific interventions and techniques. OFVP continues to work closely with HFS to create a viable Medicaid billable service line where violence prevention organizations can partner with healthcare institutions to be reimbursed through Medicaid.

Partners for Safe and Peaceful Communities

The Partnership for Safe and Peaceful Communities (PSPC) is a coalition of more than 50 foundations and funders, working together to identify and support community-led, evidence-based solutions that the public sector can scale as part of a comprehensive approach to addressing gun violence. OFVP works alongside PSPC to coordinate investment and to support innovation and advancement in the field of community violence intervention.

F. Special Programs

Department of Juvenile Justice Pilot

The Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) pilot project aims to have street outreach workers visit DJJ facilities and engage with youth returning to the community in areas covered by the participating partners. Partners have been identified, and rapport-building with participants began in August 2023.

SAMHSA Mental Health Crisis Response Project

The Office of Firearm Violence Prevention (OFVP) and the Division of Mental Health (DMH) have joined efforts to respond to mass shootings (defined as firearm violence with four or more victims). In such cases, a violence prevention organization operating within the affected community will deploy a representative to respond to the incident and will engage with the victims, law enforcement, and relevant individuals to assess critical needs and required services. If required, the 24/7 Mental Health 590 Crisis Response Team is activated to provide additional support.



2. OFVP ACTIVITIES

G. Research & Evaluation

Firearm Violence Research Group

The Firearm Violence Research Group (FVRG) serves as an advisory body to IDHS and provides research advice to OFVP. The FVRG meets virtually every other month and is composed of experts from various disciplines whose work focuses on violence prevention. Members are asked to attend meetings, review any materials shared, contribute to any papers or collective products created by the group, and provide advice to the Office. As this is a public body, each meeting is live streamed and open to public comment as required by the Illinois Open Meetings Act. Current FVRG members are listed below.

Current FVRG Members as of December 2023

| Name | Role | Title | Institution |
|----------------------------|---------------|---|---|
| Joe Hoereth | Member/ Chair | Director, Institute for Policy and Civic Engagement | University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) |
| *Tammy Kochel | Member | Professor, Criminology and Criminal Justice | Southern Illinois University (SIU) |
| *Darryl Kroner | Member | Professor, Criminology and Criminal Justice | Southern Illinois University (SIU) |
| Timothy Lavery | Member | Director, Research & Analysis Unit | Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA) |
| Soledad McGrath | Member | Executive Director, Center for Neighborhood Engaged Research & Science (CORNERS) | Northwestern University |
| Dave Olson | Member | Professor, Co-Director, Center for Criminal Justice | Loyola University Chicago |
| Andrew Papachristos | Member | Professor, Sociology and Faculty Director, Center for Neighborhood Engaged Research & Science (CORNERS) | Northwestern University |
| *Dr. Jon Patterson | Member | Assistant Professor, Criminology | Chicago State University |
| Eric Reinhart | Member | Political Anthropologist, Physician | Northwestern University/Harvard University |
| Kim Smith | Member | Director of Programs, Crime Lab and Education Lab | University of Chicago Crime and Education Labs |
| Dr. Lance Williams | Member | Assistant Director, Assistant Professor College of Education | Northeastern Illinois University |

*As of December 2023, Tammy Kochel, Darryl Kroner, and Jon Patterson have resigned, all of whom served for two years.

2. OFVP ACTIVITIES

RPSA required that the first task of the research group was to develop a process to define the initial areas within Illinois eligible for funding. In December 2021, shortly after the body was created by an order of the Governor, the FVRG approved the municipalities and community areas listed in Section I.

Since its inception, the FVRG held a total of 22 meetings, with five meetings held in calendar year 2023. The group currently meets bi-monthly and met in 2023 on January 17, March 21, May 16, September 19, and November 21.

The research group has advised, discussed, or contributed directly to the following topics or tasks for the OFVP:

- Data sources on the state of firearm violence in Illinois.
- Research sources supporting a public health approach to violence prevention.
- Addressing major challenges facing firearms violence research in Illinois.
- Establishing eligibility requirements to ensure those at the highest risk of shooting or being shot are being reached with program services.
- FVRG engaged in a study “Assessing Firearms Violence in Illinois,” with the goal of establishing a methodology for regularly generating a comprehensive set of data from a variety of sources that can be used to track the trends in firearms violence in Illinois on an annual and long-term basis.



3. SUMMARY OF PROGRAM DATA

A. Notes and Limitations on Program Data

The summary of data in this report reflects a full year of program data collection under RPSA. The data presented here comes from reports submitted by grantees to OFVP. The reports submitted were grant-specific, Excel spreadsheets distributed to grantees in which they manually input their program data. Despite technical assistance on the part of the Office, some reports contained errors or inconsistencies, which made it necessary to determine the best methods to aggregate reported data on a case-by-case basis. Where applicable, specific limitations are outlined in footnotes throughout this report. OFVP continues to work towards improving the grantee reporting process for future reports in a way that minimizes data entry errors and enhances the ease of data input for aggregation.

B. Violence Prevention: Street Outreach, Case Management, and Victim Services

The purpose of RPSA violence prevention services is to provide comprehensive violence prevention programming intended to mitigate, reduce, and prevent violent behavior, in particular firearm violence. OFVP sought and selected applications from organizations with the ability to connect with those individuals at highest risk of harming someone or being harmed by firearm violence. The comprehensive violence prevention program is inclusive of the three required program components: street outreach, case management, and victim services. This program also includes collaboration with law enforcement and events to foster community cohesion.

During the first NOFO (22-444-80-2774), a total of 37 RPSA violence prevention grants were awarded to 22 organizations by OFVP. To provide more opportunities to community-based agencies, OFVP introduced the first-ever “rolling NOFO” that reviews applications on an ongoing basis. This rolling NOFO was open for approximately 11 months, and through it, OFVP awarded another 25 RPSA violence prevention grants to 20 organizations. The most significant achievement of this rolling NOFO approach is that 15 out of these 20 organizations would not have received funding if not for this approach. Additionally, the Rolling NOFO has enabled violence prevention providers to be available in five RPSA Chicago communities, namely Burnside, Northside Cluster, Roseland, Riverdale, and Southwest Side Cluster.

Grantees are required to report quarterly on their grant activities through submission of Periodic Performance Reports (PPRs), which includes a wide range of program data. This report summarizes program data from OFVP Violence Prevention for Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23) and includes quarters 1-4 (Q1-Q4). Data from one grantee is omitted from the totals in Tables 1 and 2 below, due to a presumed error in its reporting.

Collectively, over 63 grantees provided violence prevention services to 5,744 unique individuals through street outreach, case management and victim services for FY23. For this same period, 6,926 individuals received street outreach services, 2,203 received victim advocacy services, and 4,302 received case management services. Some individuals received multiple services and thus, are counted in each of the totals for the services they received. This program data summarized from grantee reports is presented in Table 1 below.

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Table 1. RPSA Violence Prevention - Select Program Data, FY23

| <i>Individuals Served</i> | TOTAL FY22 Q4 | TOTAL FY23 |
|--|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Unduplicated Totals of Individuals Served | | |
| New individuals served | 1,389 | 5,744 |
| Total number | 1,389 | 7,133 |
| Number of Individuals Served by | | |
| Street Outreach | 989 | 6,926 |
| Victim Services and Advocacy | 304 | 2,203 |
| Case Management | N/A | 4,302 |
| Case Plan currently under development | N/A | 1,308 |
| Individuals referred by Outreach Workers or Victim Advocacy during the Report Period with a Case Plan in place | 210 | 452 |
| Individuals served during the Report Period with a Case Plan currently under development | N/A | 302 |

Grantees were also required to report on the demographics of individuals to whom they provided any service. Table 2 below breaks down this data from grantee reports by race/ethnicity, age, and gender identity.

Table 2. RPSA Violence Prevention - Race/Ethnicity Demographics, FY23

| <i>Race/Ethnicity of Individuals Served</i> | Hispanic/Latino | Non-Hispanic/ Latino | TOTAL |
|---|------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| American Indian / Alaska Native | 157, 2.7% | 4, 0.0% | 161, 2.8% |
| Asian | 0.0% | 4, 0.0% | 4, 0.0% |
| Black / African American | 974, 16.8% | 3516, 60.1% | 4490, 77.5% |
| Hawaiian / Pacific Islander | 1, 0.0% | 2, 0.0% | 3, 0.0% |
| Multiple Races | 236, 4.1% | 105, 1.8% | 341, 5.8% |
| White | 632, 10.8% | 95, 1.6% | 727, 12.5% |
| Undisclosed ¹ | N/A | N/A | 68, 1.2% |
| TOTAL | 2,000 (34.5%) | 3,726 (64.3%) | 5,794 (100%) |

¹ Undisclosed participants determined by total demographic counts, including Hispanic/Latino and Non Hispanic/Latino

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Program data from the “Greater Illinois” VP grantees is summarized in Tables 4-6. The Greater Illinois grantees serve local communities or clusters of communities statewide, not including the City of Chicago. At the time of this report, only data from FY23 Q3 and Q4 was available.

Table 4. Greater Illinois Violence Prevention - Select Program Data, FY23

| <i>Individuals Served</i> | TOTAL |
|--|--------------|
| Unduplicated totals | |
| New individuals served during this report period | 142 |
| Total Number of Individuals Served | 151 |
| Number of Individuals Served by | |
| Street Outreach | 114 |
| Victim Services and Advocacy | 54 |
| Case Management | 53 |
| Case Plan currently under development | 7 |

Table 5. Greater Illinois Violence Prevention - Race/Ethnicity Demographics, FY23

| <i>Race/Ethnicity of Individuals Served</i> | Hispanic/Latino | Non-Hispanic/Latino | TOTAL |
|---|------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| American Indian / Alaska Native | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Asian | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Black / African American | 48 (33.8%) | 42 (29.6%) | 90 (63.4%) |
| Hawaiian / Pacific Islander | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Multiple Races | 3 (2.1%) | 2 (1.4%) | 5 (3.5%) |
| White | 32 (22.5%) | 15 (10.6%) | 47 (33.1%) |
| Undisclosed ² | N/A | N/A | 0 |
| TOTAL | 83 (58.5%) | 59 (41.5%) | 142 (100%) |

² Undisclosed participants determined by total demographic counts, including Hispanic/Latino and Non Hispanic/Latino

C. RPSA Conveners - Chicago

RPSA calls for meaningful community and provider engagement that supports a strong infrastructure for violence prevention providers. OFVP NOFO #22-444-80-2773, known as the “RPSA Reimagine Conveners” grant, provided grants to 18 organizations charged with bringing stakeholders together to help strategize and make plans to address the issues most impacting them. The Reimagine Conveners are expected to work with OFVP to help build capacity within Chicago’s most impacted community areas to reduce firearm violence by encouraging effective, collaborative working relationships across providers in such disciplines as violence prevention, mental health, and youth development.

Conveners are asked to report on their activities, which include meetings with providers, community events, and meetings with other Conveners. Table 7 summarizes Conveners program activity.³

| Table 7. RPSA Conveners Grant - Program Data, FY23 Q1-Q4 | | | | | |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------|
| <i>Number of Meetings or Events</i> | FY23 Q1 | FY23 Q2 | FY23 Q3 | FY23 Q4 | TOTAL |
| Monthly, Emergency, or Other Meeting | 78 | 71 | 52 | 59 | 260 |
| Events held (all types) | 32 | 69 | 52 | 62 | 215 |
| OFVP meetings convened with Conveners | 4 | 25 | 29 | 35 | 93 |

D. High Risk Youth Intervention Services

Youth intervention services are focused on youth and young adults ages 11-24 at highest risk of harming someone or being harmed by gun related violence. Programs are intended to improve youth outcomes and decrease risk factors associated with firearm violence. Services include mentoring, employment skills development, life skills development, career assessment, and assistance with accessing education/vocational programming and employment, as well as other activities that promote positive youth engagement.

| Table 8. High Risk Youth Intervention Services FY23 | | | | | |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------|
| <i>Program Data</i> | FY23 Q1 | FY23 Q2 | FY23 Q3 | FY23 Q4 | Total |
| Youth Accepted/Enrolled into Program | N/A | 10 | 60 | 69 | 139 |

³ The OFVP switched from a monthly reporting format to quarterly for Conveners grants during these two periods, likely resulting in some of the data discrepancies in the reports. Where there were discrepancies, we prioritized the data actually entered by participants themselves. Future reports are expected to be more complete.

E. Youth Development (Teen Reach)

The goal of the Reimagine Youth Development program (RYD) is to provide youth with safe environments and caring adults to guide them toward educational success, to empower them with the social and emotional skills necessary to forge paths toward healthy development and disengagement from high-risk behaviors. RYD provides engaging social, physical, and personal development activities intended to build resilience and the skills associated with healthy social, emotional, and identity development.

The program provides the following menu of prevention-focused, youth development areas of service around which the RYD program will be designed:

1. Improving academic performance
2. Life skills education
3. Caregiver involvement
4. Recreation, sports, and cultural and artistic activities
5. Positive adult mentors
6. Service learning
7. Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Learning Additional services appropriate to the youth and/or their community may also be provided.

OFVP has awarded 22 RPSA youth development grants to 20 organizations under the RPSA NOFO 22-444-80-2775. IDHS subsequently released a “rolling NOFO” for the youth development program, similar to the violence prevention NOFO process. Through this rolling NOFO, OFVP has awarded another 11 RPSA youth development grants to nine organizations. As a result of this rolling NOFO, seven RPSA communities, including Auburn Gresham, Austin, Chatham, Englewood, Southwest Cluster, Waukegan Cluster, and West Pullman, now have youth development providers.

Based on grantee feedback, OFVP released an additional youth development program that was more flexible to community needs. Those NOFOs (23-444-80-3005 and 23-444-80-3007) were released twice each, resulting in a total of 104 grants awarded to 69 organizations. In total, 66 of these grants will begin in FY24.

Grantees are required to submit Periodic Performance Reports (PPRs) every quarter, which includes a wide range of program data, to report on their grant activities during that period. The scale of service delivery for youth development programs can be measured by the number of youth enrolled, the number of sites that served youth through these grants, and average daily attendance at those sites.

Table 6 below shows this data for OFVP youth development grantees.

| Program activity | FY22 Q4 | FY 23 | Programs with reported data |
|--|----------------|--------------|------------------------------------|
| Actual Number of Sites | 20 | 29 | 20 |
| Youth Enrolled (# of Individuals) | 991 | 2, 034 | 21 |
| Actual Average Daily Attendance (# of Individuals) | 756 | 994 | 22 |
| Actual Days Open (# of Days) | 631 | 1, 011 | 22 |

F. Chicago Youth Development and Intervention Services

The Chicago Youth Development and Intervention Services (CYDIS) grant program funds a variety of Youth Development & Intervention Services that utilize evidence-informed programming and services that will improve youth outcomes and decrease risk factors associated with firearm violence. These services include mentoring, caregiver engagement; life skills development; employment readiness, skills development and support; as well as other activities that promote positive youth outcomes. During FY23, IDHS provided a total of 23 grants to organizations in Chicago under NOFO 24-444-80-3007-01. ⁴

The tables below reflect program data between January 1 and June 30 of 2023 (Q3 and Q4 of FY23).

| Table 11. Chicago Youth Development and Intervention Services - Individuals Served, FY23 | |
|---|--------------|
| Individuals Served | TOTAL |
| Total # of New Individuals served this Report Period | 1, 850 |
| Total # of Individuals Continuing from the previous Report Period | 168 |
| Total # of UNDUPLICATED individuals served during the Report Period | 2, 018 |
| Total # of individuals Discharged from service during the Report Period | 364 |

| Table 12. Chicago Youth Development and Intervention Services - Services Provided, FY23 | |
|--|---------------|
| Services Provided | TOTAL |
| Mentorship Services: # of individuals served | 1, 050 |
| Caregiver Involvement: # of individuals served | 170 |
| Safe Place Programming: # of individuals served | 1, 253 |
| Life Skills Services: # of individuals served | 924 |
| Employment Readiness & Skill Development: # of individuals served | 840 |
| Total # of individuals served | 2, 018 |

⁴ <https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=149930>

G. Greater Illinois Reimagine Youth Intervention Services

The Greater Illinois Reimagine Youth Intervention Services (GI-YIS) grant program funds a variety of Youth Development & Intervention Services that utilize evidence-informed programming and services which will improve youth outcomes and decrease risk factors associated with firearm violence. These services include mentoring, caregiver engagement; life skills development; employment readiness, skills development and support; as well as other activities that promote positive youth outcomes. During FY23, IDHS provided a total of 14 grants to organizations in Greater Illinois under NOFO 24-444-80-3005-01.⁵

The tables below reflect program data between January 1 and June 30 of 2023 (Q3 and Q4 of FY23).

**Table 19. Greater Illinois Youth Intervention Services -
Individuals Served, FY23**

| <i>Individuals Served</i> | TOTAL |
|---|--------------|
| Total # of New Individuals served this Report Period | 495 |
| Total # of Individuals Continuing from the previous Report Period | 171 |
| Total # of UNDUPLICATED individuals served during the Report Period | 666 |
| Total # of individuals Discharged from service during the Report Period | 51 |

**Table 20. Greater Illinois Youth Intervention Services -
Services Provided, FY23**

| <i>Services Provided</i> | TOTAL |
|---|--------------|
| Mentorship Services: # of individuals served | 614 |
| Caregiver Involvement: # of individuals served | 429 |
| Safe Place Programming: # of individuals served | 564 |
| Life Skills Services: # of individuals served | 639 |
| Employment Readiness & Skill Development: # of individuals served | 279 |
| Total # of individuals served | 666 |

⁵ <https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=149917>

H. Greater Illinois Trauma Informed Behavioral Health Services (GI-TIBHS)

Greater Illinois Trauma Informed Behavioral Health Services (GI -TIBHS) grantees provided a wide-range of services to individuals in their communities in FY23 ⁶. Overall, IDHS provided a total of 11 grants to organizations in FY23 under NOFO 23-444-80-2600-01. The types of services that organizations provide to individuals through the GI -TIBHS grant program include Trauma Informed Screening and Assessment; Trauma Informed Psychoeducation and Psychological First Aid, Service Linkage and Resource Navigation, and Trauma Specific Therapeutic Services.

The tables below reflect program data between January 1 and June 30 of 2023 (Q3 and Q4 of FY23).

Table 26. Greater Illinois Trauma Informed Behavioral Health Services - Individuals Served, FY23

| <i>Individuals Served</i> | TOTAL |
|---|--------------|
| Total # of New Individuals served this Report Period | 2,269 |
| Total # of Individuals Continuing from the previous Report Period | 51 |
| Total # of UNDUPLICATED individuals served during the Report Period | 2,320 |
| Total # of individuals Discharged from service during the Report Period | 10 |

Table 27. Greater Illinois Trauma Informed Behavioral Health Services - Select Program Data, FY23

| <i>Services Provided</i> | TOTAL |
|--|--------------|
| T.I. Screening and Assessment: # of Individuals served | 639 |
| Psychoeducation / Psych First Aid: # of Individuals served | 2,260 |
| Service Linkage & Resource Navigation: # of Individuals served | 190 |
| Therapeutic Services: # of Individuals served | 82 |
| Total # of individuals served | 2,320 |

⁶ <https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=146059>

I. Training and Technical Assistance Support (TTAS)

The Office of Firearm Violence Prevention selected RPSA Violence Prevention and Youth Development Training, Technical Assistance, and Support (RVP-TTAS/RVD-TTAS) providers to deliver training, technical assistance, and support to IDHS-funded RPSA Violence Prevention Organizations in the eligible areas. These providers were expected to provide comprehensive, racial equity-influenced, and culturally responsive training, technical assistance, and support to RPSA Violence Prevention Organizations requesting assistance.

| Table 32. Trainings Provided by TTAS Providers to Youth Development and Violence Prevention Organizations in FY23- Individuals Served, FY23 | |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| TTA YD Provider | Total # of trainings provided |
| Black Community Provider Network | 38 |
| Metropolitan Family Services (ACT NOW) | 285 |
| PREVENTION FIRST | 33 |
| Total # of Training Provided FY23 TTA Providers – YD | 356 |
| TTA VP Provider | Total # of trainings provided |
| Acclivus | 18 |
| Metropolitan Family Services | 9 |
| Universal Family Connection | 14 |
| Total # of Training Provided TTA Providers – VP | 41 |
| TTA VP Provider | Total # of trainings provided |
| Alternatives | 1* |
| Illinois Collaboration on Youth | 0* |
| University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana | 0* |

* As a result of the contracts for FY 23 being executed towards the end of the fiscal year, there was limited time available to commence training activities.

3. RPSA IMPACT – KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

- **Reduction in Shooting Victimization**
 - **25% reduction in shootings** during Summer 2023 compared to 2022 in communities with Peacekeepers presence
 - As of December 31, 2023, shooting victimizations were **down 16.1% year-to-date in Chicago.**
 - Homicide Deaths by Firearm for RPSA municipalities in **Greater Illinois declined 19%** in 2022 vs. 2021.
 - Roughly 77% of Illinois-funded communities experienced declines or had no increases in total firearm victimizations between January and October 2023 as compared to 2022. Of the 10 Community Areas with the most firearm victimizations during this time period in 2022, 80% have seen declines in 2023.
- **Conflicts Mediated**
 - **406 conflicts mediated** - nearly **77%** of those were **resolved**
- **Street Outreach and Engagement**
 - **5,800+** unique individuals **served**
 - 7,000+ individuals served via street outreach
 - 4,300+ individuals served via case management
 - 2,200+ victims/survivors served
- **Establishment of Non-Aggression Agreements**
 - **90 new non-aggression and peace agreements** were established, part of 69 active agreements via the Peacekeepers violence prevention program
- **Connections with High-Risk Youth**
 - **4,700+ youth** served via youth intervention and RPSA Teen Reach

Building up Infrastructure for Violence Prevention Services

- **26 community areas** experienced community violence intervention (CVI) expansion
- **160 grantees funded**, 62 first-time State awardees
- **18 Community Conveners** established in Chicago and 8 Violence Prevention Coordinating Councils established in Greater Illinois connecting resources in community for violence prevention and intervention
- **500+** Peacekeepers trained
- Technical assistance provided to all grantees to provide them with the tools they need to succeed

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Convener Recommendations to OFVP

Conveners are a key component of RPSA's approach to continual engagement with communities and serve as the primary mechanism through which OFVP receives structure from communities. The groups help to ensure coordination amongst multiple grantees in each community area, encourage collaborative working relationship between providers working in different disciplines, lead monthly community meetings, and support the broader RPSA goal of building capacity within community areas through technical assistance.

In addition to the responsibilities described above, conveners also help to develop recommendations based upon lessons learned in order to improve the efficacy of OFVP's work. Through their multi-disciplinary, community-centered work in 2023, RPSA-funded conveners delivered the following recommendations to OFVP:

Greater integration with workforce development

Conveners identified a lack of access or connection with job opportunities and career counseling as a shortcoming of the current RPSA approach. For the most part, recipients of OFVP-funded services do not always have ready access to an OFVP-funded workforce development opportunity. While some recipients derive sufficient benefit from victim services or case management, others require meaningful employment opportunities to address the underlying risk factors that can lead to firearm violence involvement. Further, workforce development resources are geared to help RPSA community areas create more job and educational opportunities and in so doing, thereby address an underlying cause of violence.

Increased access to emergency food and housing supports

Conveners are also responsible for helping to coordinate community responses to shootings. As a result of this work, the conveners recommended that OFVP make additional emergency food resources and housing resources available to participants. Conveners coordinated food drivers and food drop offs in their communities and believed this work was both valuable to their communities and could be expanded to help address root causes of violence. They also signaled that participants struggle to find or afford stable housing and need additional support for relocation. While OFVP grants will support housing and relocation expenses, conveners suggested increasing access to these resources and increasing the total budget and timeframe for which participants could receive those supports.

Increased focus on and resources for mental health services

Throughout the year, conveners highlighted the importance of mental health services and reinforced the need for the State to fund additional mental health resources in their communities. Many recipients of violence prevention services would benefit, conveners say, from easier access to mental health support. Additionally, conveners recommended a formal community education effort around the benefits of mental health treatment in an effort to reduce stigma. In addition to inadequate availability, the stigma surrounding mental health also impedes grantee efforts to connect individuals to mental health services.

Increased collaboration with local law enforcement

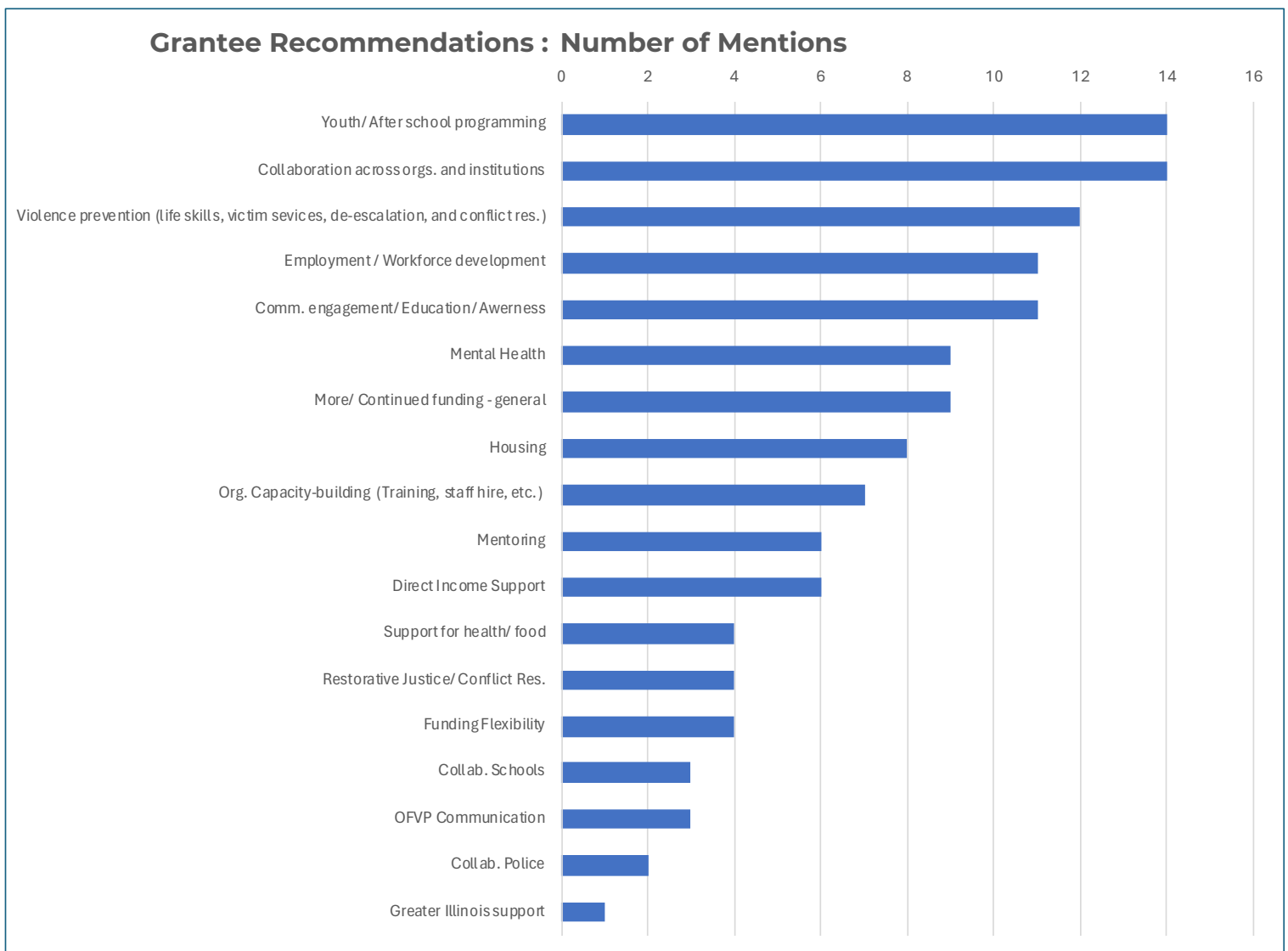
Conveners flagged that, in certain Community Areas, it has been difficult to engage with members of local law enforcement. They speculated that this difficulty stemmed from an aversion to working with justice-impacted outreach workers and an inability or unwillingness to engage in new community partnerships. Conveners in areas where law enforcement have participated have highlighted how valuable the perspectives and information of law enforcement have been. Conveners recommend that OFVP support them in encouraging law enforcement to join conveners groups across all of our covered Community Areas.

B. Grantee Recommendations to OFVP

An informal survey of 200 OFVP grantees was fielded in December 2023 to gather general recommendations as to how best to prevent gun violence in Illinois. A total of 83 grantees responded offering a broad variety of recommendations that ranged from suggestions about program funding priorities, to grant requirements, to the need to be more fully engage the community. Overall, these recommendations synthesize our grantees' sophisticated understanding of the complexity and interrelatedness of the underlying factors that contribute to gun violence.

Responses were compiled, coded, and analyzed to identify overarching themes. OFVP is committed to giving these themes, as well as any specific recommendations, due consideration of how they might be implemented.

Figure 1 shows the topics covered by the recommendations while the overarching themes are discussed below:



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Theme - More and Ongoing Support for Youth Focused Programming

Grantees expressed an interest in increased and sustained resources for youth programming as core to a violence prevention strategy. Some recommendations were entirely youth centered.=
For example:

“Provide more: youth programming; youth job opportunities; stem programs; afterschool programming; trade programs in high schools.”

“We believe that violence prevention starts early on with youth. The community need more resources and financial support to address to the needs of our youth and young adults.”

“Reaching young people at a formative age to steer them away from gun violence and juvenile judicial involvement.”

“Programming for Youth ages 5-18 after school and in summer when school is closed.”

“Support youth programs directly addressing poverty, housing & food access to reduce youth survival crimes such as stealing, selling/using drugs, and engaging in violent acts.”

The importance of youth programming was a common thread, with nearly one in five recommendations making reference to youth, even in some cases when youth programming was not even the primary focus of the recommendation, or among a list of priorities. For example:

“Changing the culture of violence grounded thru neighborhood-based mentorship opportunities, promote positive group clubs for services and empower youth to navigate challenges.”

“Street-level intervention employees; workforce opportunities; housing; coordinating across all funding sources; economic development; youth programming/rec centers.”

Theme – More Opportunities for Grantee Collaboration, as well as Collaboration and Coordination Across Government Agencies

Another prevalent theme in the recommendations offered is the desire for more collaboration, particularly among grantees doing the same/similar work. Some recommendations that illustrate this include:

“Create opportunities for service providers to learn from one another and share best practices regarding violence prevention strategies.”

“Ensure that all RPSA grantees within the Cluster are working together by first introducing them to each other and then setting forth clear deliverables for them to accomplish.”

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“To Be A Proactive Component In Addressing The Gun Violence In Our Community We Need More Training And Support From Larger Organizations And More Funding Resources!”

Collaboration was also an underlying theme of recommendations in another way. Grantees expressed the need for cross-institutional collaborations, such as among grantees and schools, police departments, and among government agencies as well. For example:

“Comprehensive community outreach programs that fosters collaboration between local authorities and local community organizations, and investment in youth focused programs”

“Greater coordination across all systems (city, county and state) that is witnessed on the ground level.”

“Resources to build a CPIC in the greater Chicagoland area. Develop network opportunities among service providers.”

“It would be helpful to get a clearer picture of the overall State of Illinois plan and current resources engaged in this work to help establish more effective collaborations.”

Flexibility in Use of Funds to Support the Many Urgent Needs of Clients

While flexibility in funding was not one of the most common references in the recommendations, it is part of a broader theme whereby respondents indicating a need to support the pressing needs of their clients with regard to employment, housing, mental health services, and generation of income. Although grantees currently identify these needs in their clients, they are unable to address them. Some examples include:

“Allow for agencies to be able to pivot and use dollars for emergent pressing needs.”

“Additional unrestricted funds that can be used for funeral and housing assistance for families that have been affected by gun violence.”

“Support youth programs directly addressing poverty, housing & food access to reduce youth survival crimes such as stealing, selling/using drugs, and engaging in violent acts.”

“Access to behavioral health services and rental assistance to returning residents along with community employment opportunities similar to youth employment jobs.”

Specific Program Suggestions

It may come as no surprise that elements of the intervention model of violence prevention were frequently mentioned in the recommendations. For example:

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“Implement comprehensive education programs, provide support for victims, and establish community-based initiatives for violence prevention.”

“More street outreach workers and community involvement.”

“Violence Prevention staff need training and support to do the work of prevention today. CVI work must include language inclusive of prevention. It is prevention & CVI work.”

“Our top recommendation to OFVP regarding our community needs around violence prevention continues to be resources. Resources include dollars & trainings.”

“Provide additional funding beyond FY24 to support Violence Prevention/Reduction.”

Employment and workforce development were frequently mentioned in recommendations as well, such as the following:

“Year round youth employment”

“To be more preventative and solution focused, provide participants with marketable skills, jobs, and opportunities.”

“Address systemic issues such as lack of employment, and opportunities for healthy recreation.”

Funds for direct income support were referenced in several recommendations as well, reflecting the connection between basic needs as an underlying factor in community violence.

“Stipends for participants, to meet their basic needs, such as food and transportation.”

“Having a strong incentive for participation in violence prevention services, to make programming more attractive than the benefits of the streets.”

“A stipend program for our high risk youth (youth ambassador) programming.”

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C. Policy Considerations

Below is a list of policy considerations that have been recommended by the Conveners and other RPSA Grantees to OFVP. These recommendations are under consideration in our efforts to advance public policy in a way that addresses the root cause of firearm violence and to pursue evidence-based prevention and intervention methods.

- Education funding and resources
- Flexible spending options
- Incentives and stipends
- Collaboration with local law enforcement
- Continuous support of youth development programs
- Workforce development opportunities



5. LOOKING FORWARD, AGENDA FOR 2024

OFVP has identified upcoming priorities which include:

- 1) Expand the programs' reach to reduce firearm violence incident rates.
- 2) Improve the provision of services to the highest risk, hardest to reach population.
- 3) Coordinate planning across governmental entities.
- 4) Analyze the impact of RPSA-funded activities and use the findings to inform future OFVP strategic plans.
- 5) Shift the perception and culture of violence through communication strategies that reflect the communities that the RPSA serves.
- 6) Sustain a hyperlocal strategy by offering technical and administrative support to smaller community organizations.
- 7) Support increased collaboration and coordination among partners to ensure that the highest risk individuals in our communities are reached.
- 8) Improve data reporting for Greater Illinois.
- 9) Improve and expand OFVP's data and analytic capacity to help further inform and refine our approach to violence prevention work.

6. APPENDIX A COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING COLLATERAL

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2. ARE YOU IN A QUALIFYING LOCATION?
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3. FIND A FUNDING OPPORTUNITY (GRANT)
Eligible community-based organizations can apply for grants of **\$250,000 annually** to bring their knowledge and action to the following three areas of focus: **Click Link** to learn more about program requirements.

Violence Prevention Services
Including trauma-informed care, crisis services, case management, and other support services to help youth and their families address the root causes of gun violence. **LIVE NOW! Due September 16**

Youth Intervention Services
Including mentoring, employment assistance, life skills development, and other support services to help youth address the root causes of gun violence. **LIVE NOW! Due September 16**

Trauma-Informed Behavioral Health Services
Including mental and behavioral health interventions that address trauma recovery and other mental health interventions specifically tailored to the high-risk population. **LIVE NOW! Due October 19**

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END VIOLENCE
CUT THROUGH THE NOISE
CHANGE SYSTEMS
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Another bloody weekend of gun violence in Chicago leaves 65 shot, 5 killed
2 arrested in connection with Carabanda shooting early Sunday morning

12 shot over 8 hours in Chicago: 15-year-old girl killed and two other teens, 15 and 16, wounded in separate attacks

4 killed by gunfire in Chicago Wednesday, 2 teens among 18 others wounded

3 Dead, at Least 37 Wounded in Gun Violence
Shooting early Saturday morning

Teacher Pulled: 12-year-old hurt in Wednesday shooting
Springfield shooting identified

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CHANGE SYSTEMS
ADDRESS ROOT CAUSES

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7. APPENDIX B

FUNDING

| RPSA Programs | FY23 Award |
|---|----------------------|
| Chicago Conveners | \$ 1,781,480 |
| Chicago Youth Development and Intervention Services (CYDIS) | \$ 3,324,174 |
| Cook County Violence Prevention (aka JAC expansion) | \$ 5,000,588 |
| Greater Illinois Reimagine Youth Intervention Services | \$ 2,196,444 |
| Greater Illinois Training, Technical Assistance & Support | \$ 969,795 |
| Greater Illinois Violence Prevention Council Coordinator (VPCC) | \$ 206,371 |
| Greater Illinois Violence Prevention Services | \$ 3,347,995 |
| High Risk Youth Intervention Services | \$ 2,062,050 |
| Peacekeepers | \$ 11,750,000 |
| TA Services Violence Prevention | \$ 3,113,831 |
| TA Services Youth Development | \$ 2,040,188 |
| Trauma-Informed Behavioral Health | \$ 2,052,688 |
| Violence Prevention | \$ 18,809,765 |
| Youth Development | \$ 7,750,163 |
| Grand Total | \$ 64,405,532 |

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RPSA PROGRAMS AND FUNDING BY COMMUNITY AREA

| RPSA Programs by Community Areas | FY23 Award |
|---|------------------------|
| Chicago | \$ 53, 479, 825 |
| Auburn Gresham | \$ 1, 371, 996 |
| Chicago Conveners | \$ 100, 000 |
| Violence Prevention | \$ 1, 093, 675 |
| Youth Development | \$ 178, 321 |
| Austin | \$ 3, 243, 146 |
| Chicago Conveners | \$ 100, 000 |
| Chicago Youth Development and Intervention Services | \$ 609, 851 |
| Violence Prevention | \$ 1, 926, 867 |
| Youth Development | \$ 606, 428 |
| Burnside | \$ 132, 299 |
| Chicago Youth Development and Intervention Services | \$ 132, 299 |
| Chatham | \$ 757, 322 |
| Violence Prevention | \$ 579, 001 |
| Youth Development | \$ 178, 321 |
| Chicago (Multiple areas) | \$ 16, 750, 588 |
| Cook County Violence Prevention | \$ 5, 000, 588 |
| Peacekeepers | \$ 11, 750, 000 |
| Chicago Lawn | \$ 567, 296 |
| Chicago Conveners | \$ 96, 296 |
| Violence Prevention | \$ 300, 000 |
| Youth Development | \$ 171, 000 |
| East Garfield Park | \$ 1, 487, 872 |
| Chicago Conveners | \$ 96, 296 |
| Chicago Youth Development and Intervention Services | \$ 511, 633 |
| Violence Prevention | \$ 879, 942 |
| Englewood | \$ 1, 283, 982 |
| Chicago Conveners | \$ 100, 000 |
| Violence Prevention | \$ 1, 084, 244 |
| Youth Development | \$ 99, 738 |
| Fuller Park | \$ 400, 000 |
| Chicago Conveners | \$ 100, 000 |
| Violence Prevention | \$ 300, 000 |
| Greater Grand Crossing | \$ 1, 509, 810 |
| Chicago Conveners | \$ 100, 000 |

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|---|---------------------|
| Chicago Youth Development and Intervention Services | \$ 114,160 |
| Violence Prevention | \$ 593,675 |
| Youth Development | \$ 701,975 |
| Humboldt Park | \$ 2,624,859 |
| Chicago Conveners | \$ 100,000 |
| Chicago Youth Development and Intervention Services | \$ 249,129 |
| Violence Prevention | \$ 1,738,876 |
| Youth Development | \$ 536,854 |
| New City | \$ 1,247,834 |
| Chicago Conveners | \$ 100,000 |
| Chicago Youth Development and Intervention Services (CYDIS) | \$ 117,481 |
| Violence Prevention | \$ 859,353 |
| Youth Development | \$ 171,000 |
| North Lawndale | \$ 2,526,283 |
| Chicago Conveners | \$ 100,000 |
| Chicago Youth Development and Intervention Services (CYDIS) | \$ 221,906 |
| Violence Prevention | \$ 1,789,485 |
| Youth Development | \$ 414,892 |
| Northside Cluster | \$ 781,929 |
| Chicago Youth Development and Intervention Services (CYDIS) | \$ 181,929 |
| Violence Prevention | \$ 600,000 |
| Riverdale | \$ 650,406 |
| Violence Prevention | \$ 270,098 |
| Youth Development | \$ 380,308 |
| Roseland | \$ 879,788 |
| Chicago Conveners | \$ 100,000 |
| Chicago Youth Development and Intervention Services (CYDIS) | \$ 110,526 |
| Violence Prevention | \$ 345,662 |
| Youth Development | \$ 323,600 |
| South Chicago | \$ 1,024,249 |
| Chicago Conveners | \$ 96,296 |
| Violence Prevention | \$ 585,953 |
| Youth Development | \$ 342,000 |
| South Lawndale | \$ 1,705,603 |
| Chicago Youth Development and Intervention Services (CYDIS) | \$ 243,096 |
| Violence Prevention | \$ 1,462,507 |
| South Shore | \$ 1,118,403 |
| Chicago Conveners | \$ 100,000 |

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|---|----------------------|
| Chicago Youth Development and Intervention Services (CYDIS) | \$ 265,342 |
| Violence Prevention | \$ 275,561 |
| Youth Development | \$ 477,500 |
| SouthWest Side Cluster | \$ 386,932 |
| Chicago Youth Development and Intervention Services (CYDIS) | \$ 110,526 |
| Violence Prevention | \$ 100,000 |
| Youth Development | \$ 176,406 |
| Washington Park | \$ 747,263 |
| Chicago Conveners | \$ 100,000 |
| Chicago Youth Development and Intervention Services (CYDIS) | \$ 126,263 |
| Violence Prevention | \$ 300,000 |
| Youth Development | \$ 221,000 |
| West Englewood | \$ 889,277 |
| Chicago Conveners | \$ 100,000 |
| Violence Prevention | \$ 789,277 |
| West Garfield Park | \$ 2,027,137 |
| Chicago Conveners | \$ 96,296 |
| Chicago Youth Development and Intervention Services (CYDIS) | \$ 219,507 |
| Violence Prevention | \$ 1,269,334 |
| Youth Development | \$ 442,000 |
| West Pullman | \$ 1,213,036 |
| Chicago Conveners | \$ 100,000 |
| Chicago Youth Development and Intervention Services (CYDIS) | \$ 110,526 |
| Violence Prevention | \$ 826,104 |
| Youth Development | \$ 176,406 |
| Woodlawn | \$ 936,447 |
| Chicago Conveners | \$ 96,296 |
| Violence Prevention | \$ 840,151 |
| HRYIS (multiple Chicago community areas) | \$ 2,062,050 |
| High Risk Youth Intervention Services | \$ 2,062,050 |
| TTAS (multiple Chicago community areas) | \$ 5,154,019 |
| TA Services Violence Prevention | \$ 3,113,831 |
| TA Services Youth Development | \$ 2,040,188 |
| Greater Illinois | \$ 10,925,707 |
| Aurora | \$ 779,208 |
| Greater Illinois Reimagine Youth Intervention Services | \$ 291,357 |
| Greater Illinois Violence Prevention Council Coordinator (VPCC) | \$ 33,131 |

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RPSA PROGRAMS AND FUNDING BY COMMUNITY AREA

| | |
|---|---------------------|
| Greater Illinois Violence Prevention Services | \$ 301,925 |
| Youth Development | \$ 152,795 |
| Belleville Cluster | \$ 372,781 |
| Greater Illinois Violence Prevention Council Coordinator (VPCC) | \$ 53,240 |
| Trauma-Informed Behavioral Health | \$ 319,541 |
| Berwyn-Cicero Cluster | \$ 1,118,643 |
| Greater Illinois Violence Prevention Services | \$ 200,000 |
| Trauma-Informed Behavioral Health | \$ 530,489 |
| Youth Development | \$ 388,154 |
| Calumet City Cluster | \$ 1,244,387 |
| Greater Illinois Reimagine Youth Intervention Services | \$ 120,000 |
| Greater Illinois Violence Prevention Council Coordinator (VPCC) | \$ 60,000 |
| Greater Illinois Violence Prevention Services | \$ 911,787 |
| Youth Development | \$ 152,600 |
| Chicago Heights Cluster | \$ 171,357 |
| Greater Illinois Reimagine Youth Intervention Services | \$ 171,357 |
| Danville | \$ 195,537 |
| Greater Illinois Reimagine Youth Intervention Services | \$ 195,537 |
| Decatur | \$ 477,857 |
| Greater Illinois Reimagine Youth Intervention Services | \$ 171,357 |
| Youth Development | \$ 306,500 |
| Joliet | \$ 767,373 |
| Greater Illinois Violence Prevention Services | \$ 658,848 |
| Youth Development | \$ 108,525 |
| Kankakee | \$ 459,111 |
| Greater Illinois Violence Prevention Council Coordinator (VPCC) | \$ 60,000 |
| Greater Illinois Violence Prevention Services | \$ 399,111 |
| Maywood-Bellwood Cluster | \$ 134,191 |
| Greater Illinois Reimagine Youth Intervention Services | \$ 134,191 |
| Peoria | \$ 424,759 |
| Greater Illinois Reimagine Youth Intervention Services | \$ 154,768 |
| Trauma-Informed Behavioral Health | \$ 128,028 |
| Youth Development | \$ 141,963 |
| Rock Island | \$ 509,171 |
| Greater Illinois Reimagine Youth Intervention Services | \$ 284,171 |
| Greater Illinois Violence Prevention Services | \$ 225,000 |
| Rockford | \$ 1,226,856 |

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|---|----------------------|
| Greater Illinois Reimagine Youth Intervention Services | \$ 382,349 |
| Greater Illinois Violence Prevention Services | \$ 451,324 |
| Trauma-Informed Behavioral Health | \$ 318,806 |
| Youth Development | \$ 74,377 |
| Urbana-Champaign Cluster | \$ 427,857 |
| Greater Illinois Reimagine Youth Intervention Services | \$ 171,357 |
| Youth Development | \$ 256,500 |
| Waukegan-North Chicago Cluster | \$ 1,646,824 |
| Greater Illinois Reimagine Youth Intervention Services | \$ 120,000 |
| Greater Illinois Violence Prevention Services | \$ 200,000 |
| Trauma-Informed Behavioral Health | \$ 755,824 |
| Youth Development | \$ 571,000 |
| Greater Illinois (Multiple Areas) | \$ 969,795 |
| Greater Illinois Training, Technical Assistance & Support | \$ 969,795 |
| Grand Total | \$ 64,405,532 |

8. APPENDIX C

DEMOGRAPHIC PROGRAM DATA

| Total Demographic data for individuals served across the following grant programs through FY23 (2600, 2774, 2774.03, 2775, 3005, 3007) | | | | |
|---|-------------------------------|--|----------------|--------------------------|
| <i>Race/ Ethnicity of Individuals Served</i> | Hispanic or Latino | Non- Hispanic or Latino | TOTAL | TOTAL Precent |
| American Indian/ AK Native | 229 | 15 | 244 | 2% |
| Asian | 2 | 35 | 37 | 0% |
| Black/ African American | 2, 020 | 7, 618 | 9, 637 | 63% |
| Hawaiian/ Pacifc Islander | 1 | 6 | 8 | 0% |
| Multiple Races | 708 | 485 | 1, 192 | 8% |
| Undisclosed | 99 | 364 | 485 | 3% |
| White | 3, 251 | 449 | 3, 700 | 24% |
| TOTAL | 6, 310 | 8, 971 | 15, 304 | 100% |
| Percent | 41% | 59% | 100% | |

| Table 3. RPSA Violence Prevention - Age and Gender Demographics, FY23 | | |
|--|---------------|----------------|
| <i>Age of Individuals Served</i> | TOTAL | PERCENT |
| Under 18 years old | 1, 163 | 20.4% |
| 19-24 years old | 1, 292 | 22.6% |
| 25-30 years old | 1, 045 | 18.3% |
| 31-40 years old | 924 | 16.2% |
| 41-50 years old | 718 | 12.6% |
| 51-60 years old | 367 | 6.4% |
| 61+ years old | 203 | 3.5% |
| Total reported by Age | 5, 712 | 100% |
| Missing / Unknown Age | 32 | -- |
| <i>Gender of Individuals Served</i> | TOTAL | |
| Female | 2, 133 | 37.6% |
| Male | 3, 512 | 61.9% |
| Non-binary | 5 | 0.1% |
| Transfemale | 3 | 0.1% |
| Transmale | 1 | 0.0% |
| Other | 24 | 0.4% |
| Total reported by Gender | 5, 678 | 100% |
| Missing / Unknown Gender | 66 | -- |
| TOTAL Individuals Served | 5, 744 | -- |

8. APPENDIX C - DEMOGRAPHIC PROGRAM DATA

Table 6. Greater Illinois Violence Prevention - Age and Gender Demographics, FY23

| <i>Age of Individuals Served</i> | TOTAL | PERCENT |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Under 18 years old | 31 | 21.8% |
| 19-24 years old | 62 | 43.7% |
| 25-30 years old | 27 | 19.0% |
| 31-40 years old | 14 | 9.9% |
| 41-50 years old | 2 | 1.4% |
| 51-60 years old | 1 | 0.7% |
| 61+ years old | 5 | 3.5% |
| Total reported by Age | 142 | 100% |
| Missing / Unknown Age | 0 | -- |
| <i>Gender of Individuals Served</i> | TOTAL | PERCENT |
| Female | 63 | 44.4% |
| Male | 79 | 55.6% |
| Non-binary | 0 | 0% |
| Transfemale | 0 | 0% |
| Transmale | 0 | 0% |
| Other | 0 | 0% |
| Total reported by Gender | 142 | 100% |
| Missing / Unknown Gender | 0 | -- |
| TOTAL Individuals Served | 142 | -- |

**Table 9. RPSA Youth Development -
Race and Ethnicity Demographics, FY23**

| <i>Race/Ethnicity of Individuals Served</i> ⁷ | Hispanic or Latino - Number and (Percent) | | Non-Hispanic or Latino - | | TOTAL | |
|--|--|--------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| American Indian / Alaska Native | 11 | 1.1% | 3 | 0.3% | 14 | 1.4% |
| Asian | 0 | - | 4 | 0.4% | 4 | 0.4% |
| Black / African American | 226 | 22.1% | 505 | 49.4% | 731 | 71.7% |
| Hawaiian / Pacific Islander | 0 | - | 0 | - | 0 | - |
| Multiple Races | 126 | 12.3% | 89 | 8.7% | 215 | 21.1% |
| White | 15 | 1.5% | 41 | 4.0% | 56 | 2.5% |
| TOTAL | 378 | 37.0% | 642 | 62.9% | 1,020 | - |
| Missing/Unknown ⁸ | 0 | - | 3 | 0.3% | 3 | 0.3% |

⁷ N=1023

⁸ Although listed under non-Hispanic/Latino, ethnicity for these individuals is unknown

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**Table 10. RPSA Youth Development -
Gender and Age Demographics, FY23**

| <i>Gender and Age of Individuals Served</i> ⁹ | Number of Youth | Percent (%) |
|--|-----------------|--------------|
| Male - 6-10 | 106 | 10.8% |
| Male - 11-13 | 285 | 29.0% |
| Male - 14-17 | 139 | 14.2% |
| Male - Other | 8 | 0.8% |
| Male - Total | 539 | 54.9% |
| Female - 6-10 | 119 | 12.1% |
| Female - 11-13 | 242 | 24.6% |
| Female - 14-17 | 80 | 8.1% |
| Female - Other | 1 | 0.1% |
| Female - Total | 442 | 45.0% |
| Nonbinary - 6-10 | 1 | 0.1% |
| Nonbinary - 11-13 | 0 | 0.0% |
| Nonbinary - 14-17 | 0 | 0.0% |
| Nonbinary - Other | 0 | 0.0% |
| Nonbinary - Total | 1 | 0.1% |

**Table 13. Chicago Youth Development and Intervention Services
- Youth Kept Safe, FY23**

| Youth Kept Safe | TOTAL |
|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Total # of individuals served | 2, 018 |
| # of injured participants | 0 |
| # of uninjured participants | 2, 018 |
| % of Youth Safe | 100% |

**Table 14. Chicago Youth Development and Intervention Services
- Race and Ethnicity Demographics, FY23**

| <i>Race/Ethnicity of Individuals Served</i> | Hispanic or Latino | Non-Hispanic or Latino | TOTAL |
|---|--------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| American Indian / Alaska Native | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Asian | 2 | 16 | 18 |
| Black / African American | 21 | 1, 242 | 1, 263 |
| Hawaiian / Pacific Islander | 0 | 4 | 4 |
| Multiple Races | 25 | 18 | 43 |
| White | 254 | 71 | 325 |
| Undisclosed | 74 | 289 | 363 |
| TOTAL | 377 | 1, 641 | 2, 018 |

⁹ N=982

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Table 15. Chicago Youth Development and Intervention Services - Age Demographics, FY23

| Age of Individuals Served | TOTAL |
|----------------------------------|---------------|
| 0-5 years old | 13 |
| 6-10 years old | 27 |
| 11-13 years old | 214 |
| 14-17 years old | 924 |
| 18-24 years old | 554 |
| 25-30 years old | 19 |
| 31-40 years old | 4 |
| 41-50 years old | 8 |
| 51-60 years old | 5 |
| 61+ years old | 1 |
| Undisclosed | 249 |
| TOTAL | 2, 018 |

16. Chicago Youth Development and Intervention Services - Gender Demographics, FY23

| Gender of Individuals Served | TOTAL |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| Female | 745 |
| Male | 1, 035 |
| Non-binary | 10 |
| Transfemale | 17 |
| Transmale | 4 |
| Other | 3 |
| Undisclosed | 204 |
| TOTAL | 2, 018 |

Table 21. Greater Illinois Youth Intervention Services - Youth Kept Safe, FY23

| Youth Kept Safe | TOTAL |
|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Total # of individuals served | 666 |
| # of injured participants | 0 |
| # of uninjured participants | 666 |
| % of Youth Safe | 100% |

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**Table 22. Greater Illinois Youth Intervention Services -
Race and Ethnicity Demographics, FY23**

| <i>Race/Ethnicity of Individuals Served</i> | Hispanic or Latino | Non-Hispanic or Latino | TOTAL |
|---|---------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| American Indian / Alaska Native | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Asian | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Black / African American | 67 | 372 | 439 |
| Hawaiian / Pacific Islander | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Multiple Races | 9 | 31 | 40 |
| White | 96 | 27 | 123 |
| Undisclosed | 0 | 62 | 62 |
| TOTAL | 173 | 493 | 666 |

**Table 23. Greater Illinois Youth Intervention Services -
Age Demographics, FY23**

| <i>Age of Individuals Served</i> | TOTAL | Non-Hispanic or Latino | TOTAL |
|----------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| 0-5 years old | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 6-10 years old | 10 | 1 | 1 |
| 11-13 years old | 248 | 372 | 439 |
| 14-17 years old | 267 | 0 | 0 |
| 18-24 years old | 94 | 31 | 40 |
| 25-30 years old | 1 | 27 | 123 |
| 31-40 years old | 2 | 62 | 62 |
| 41-50 years old | 3 | 62 | 62 |
| 51-60 years old | 4 | 62 | 62 |
| 61+ years old | 1 | 62 | 62 |
| Undisclosed | 36 | 62 | 62 |
| TOTAL | 666 | 493 | 666 |

**Table 24. Greater Illinois Youth Intervention Services -
Gender Demographics, FY23**

| <i>Gender of Individuals Served</i> | TOTAL |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Female | 198 |
| Male | 454 |
| Non-binary | 0 |
| Transfemale | 0 |
| Transmale | 0 |
| Other | 0 |
| Undisclosed | 14 |
| TOTAL | 666 |

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Table 28. Greater Illinois Trauma Informed Behavioral Health Services - Race and Ethnicity Demographics, FY23

| <i>Race/Ethnicity of Individuals Served</i> | Hispanic or Latino | Non-Hispanic or Latino | TOTAL |
|---|---------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| American Indian / Alaska Native | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Asian | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Black / African American | 6 | 102 | 108 |
| Hawaiian / Pacific Islander | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Multiple Races | 5 | 40 | 45 |
| White | 2,040 | 97 | 2,137 |
| Undisclosed | 25 | 4 | 29 |
| TOTAL | 2,076 | 244 | 2,320 |

Table 29. Greater Illinois Trauma Informed Behavioral Health Services - Age Demographics, FY23

| <i>Age of Individuals Served</i> | TOTAL | Non-Hispanic or Latino | TOTAL |
|----------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| 0-5 years old | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 6-10 years old | 13 | 1 | 1 |
| 11-13 years old | 42 | 372 | 439 |
| 14-17 years old | 1,251 | 0 | 0 |
| 18-24 years old | 31 | 31 | 40 |
| 25-30 years old | 4 | 27 | 123 |
| 31-40 years old | 2 | 62 | 62 |
| 41-50 years old | 1 | 62 | 62 |
| 51-60 years old | 0 | 62 | 62 |
| 61+ years old | 1 | 62 | 62 |
| Undisclosed | 975 | 62 | 62 |
| TOTAL | 2,320 | 493 | 666 |

Table 30. Greater Illinois Trauma Informed Behavioral Health Services - Gender Demographics, FY23

| <i>Gender of Individuals Served</i> | TOTAL |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Female | 68 |
| Male | 83 |
| Non-binary | 0 |
| Transfemale | 0 |
| Transmale | 0 |
| Other | 0 |
| Undisclosed | 2,169 |
| TOTAL | 2,320 |

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**Table 33: Justice Advisory Council Partnership -
Total Individuals Served, FY23**

| Participants by Geography | TOTAL |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| Chicago RPSA | 2,958 |
| Chicago Non-RPSA | 4 |
| Suburban Cook County | 290 |
| Greater Illinois RPSA | 5 |
| TOTAL | 3,257 |

**Table 34. Justice Advisory Council Partnership -
Race Demographics, FY23**

| Race of Individuals Served | TOTAL |
|---------------------------------|--------------|
| American Indian / Alaska Native | 22 |
| Asian | 0 |
| Black / African American | 2,286 |
| Hawaiian / Pacific Islander | 0 |
| White | 84 |
| Some Other Race | 865 |
| TOTAL | 3,257 |

**Table 35. Justice Advisory Council Partnership -
Ethnicity Demographics, FY23**

| Ethnicity of Individuals Served | TOTAL |
|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Hispanic or Latino | 1,218 |
| Not Hispanic or Latino | 2,039 |
| TOTAL | 3,257 |

**Table 36. Justice Advisory Council Partnership -
Age Demographics, FY23**

| Age of Individuals Served | TOTAL |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| Under 18 years old | 1,612 |
| 18-24 years old | 374 |
| 25-30 years old | 308 |
| 31-40 years old | 285 |
| 41-50 years old | 316 |
| 51-60 years old | 320 |
| 61+ years old | 42 |
| TOTAL | 3,257 |

Table 37. Justice Advisory Council Partnership - Gender Demographics, FY23

| Gender of Individuals Served | TOTAL |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| Female | 1,498 |
| Male | 1,733 |
| Non-binary | 16 |
| Transfemale | 0 |
| Transmale | 0 |
| Other | 10 |
| TOTAL | 3,257 |

