



# Neighborhood Safety Department initiatives

City Community Partnership Initiatives

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# A commitment to the Ecosystem



Neighborhood Safety is not only prevention – We ARE the ecosystem representing services that are prevention, response and restoration/healing. We are not law enforcement which is the traditional response to public safety.



Committed to collaboration with community, key partners to implementing a holistic approach to safety



ALL IN Approach

NSD spans the entire  
ecosystem with  
alternatives

Rebranding from Prevention to  
Prevention through Restoration

Helps us to focus on the gaps in  
services

Invest wisely in services that address  
the whole person and whole  
communities

# Preventative, Response, Restorative

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Providing resources along the spectrum of the ecosystem including prevention programs such as GVI which you will hear about

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Responder programs like BCR

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And Restorative programs like Next Step hospital-based services

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Allows us to change the culture of violence

# Focused deterrence

"Focused deterrence is a research-validated method for reducing violence committed by a small number of chronic offenders. When done correctly, it reduces law enforcement's footprint and empowers communities to produce their own public safety."

- *A Roadmap for Exploring New Models of Funding Public Safety*, Center for Policing Equity

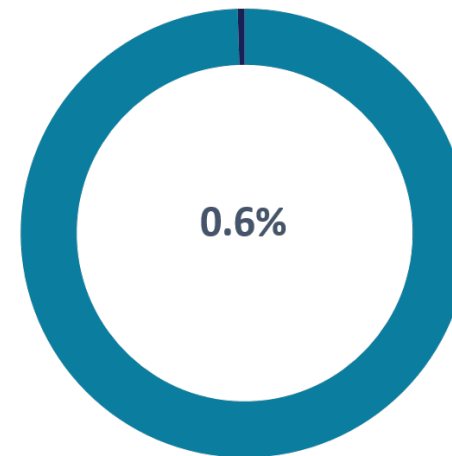
# Impact of GVI

## Utilizes a focused approach

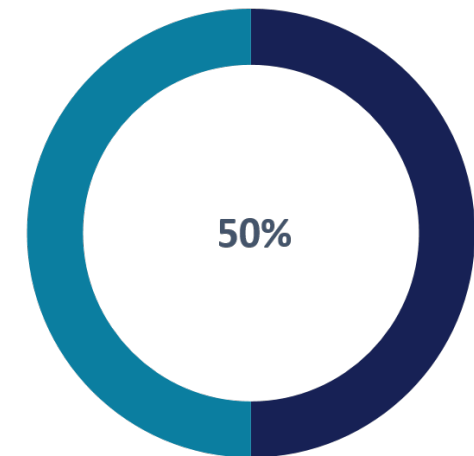
- Utilizes a focused approach to reduce gun violence that involves group members
- Focusing and offering resources to that .5% reduces gun violence overall exponentially

**Typically 70% of shootings are committed by .5% of the population**

Representation in Population



Representation in Homicides



# Already proven successful in Minneapolis

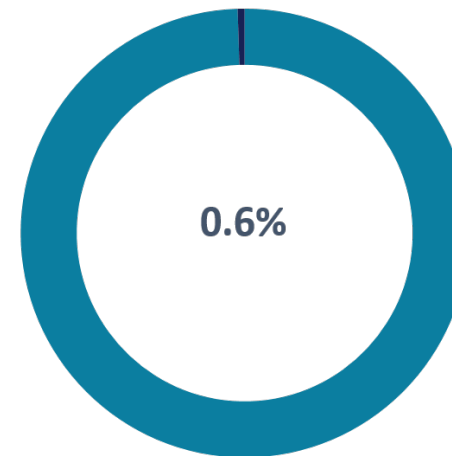
## Previous stats

- 2016 – 93 non-fatal shootings involving group members
- 2017-2019 after the launch of GVI 27 non-fatal shootings involving group members
- During that time period over 430 people served
- One of the key metrics that will be used over the next 12 months which equates to identifying the cost of reducing gun violence

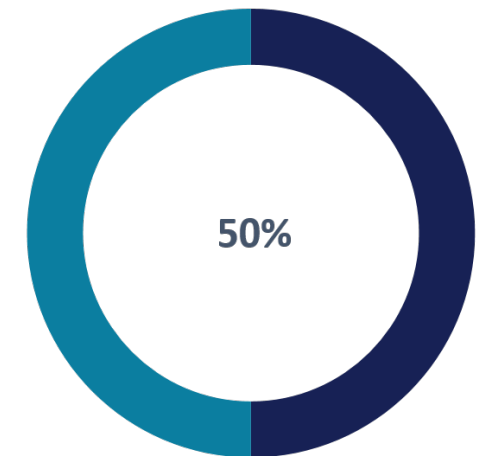
**Does this hold true for us?**

**Key metric will be customized**

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# Change Starts With Community

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Jailia Abdul-Brown, Executive Director  
Change Starts With Community





# Restorative Services

# The importance of Restoration



# Next Step Hospital Based Services

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Kentral Galloway, Director Next Step Program

# Next Step Impact – By the Numbers

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- Served enrolled 599 new participants into the program and severed 832 participants for all of 2023
- In 2023, **90%** of people admitted for treatment to either HCMC, North Memorial, or Abbott Northwestern, Children's Hospital were approached about joining the program.
- In 2023, only **3%** of people who were new Next Step participants in 2023 returned to HCMC, North Memorial, or Abbott Northwestern with another violent injury again in 2023. Hospitals without hospital-based violence intervention programs have shown a recidivism rate of **36%**.
- **70%** of Next Step participants agreed to use community-based services after they leave the hospital.
- **75%** of those who use community-based services achieve progress toward their one of their identified goals.

# Trauma Informed training and support groups

Our team and department completed the first phase of our trauma informed ARC which we will provide to the larger hospital system.

**ARC:** is a framework for intervention with youth and families who have experienced multiple and/or prolonged traumatic stress. ARC identifies three core domains that are frequently impacted among traumatized youth, and which are relevant to future resiliency: Attachment, Regulation, & Competency.

**The Harriet Initiative** is one of the [community outreach](#) programs offered through Next Step. Meetings are held on Tuesdays from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Stillman Community Room and led by wellness professionals. Participants are offered a free catered meal, workbook and childcare if needed. The program welcomes anyone who has experienced violence and aims to improve the holistic well-being of the mind, body, and spirit and offers healthy strategies to overcome challenges.



# What's Next for Next Step

- Partnering with health systems, gun violence prevention advocates and the Health Alliance for Violence Intervention
- Meeting with MN DHS/Governor's office
- Medicaid Violence Prevention reimbursement
- Other states pay for violence prevention specialist services like we provide through their Medicaid program.