

Get to Know the LA County Department of Public Health Office of Violence Prevention's Trauma Prevention Initiative



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Increase in Violence and Trauma in LA County

- Homicides rose **41%** and gun homicides rose **39%** in 2020 compared to 2019.
- People of color and people in communities that have borne the brunt of poverty, divestment, and racism are disproportionately impacted by violence.
- COVID-19 has exacerbated the existing violence and trauma in many historically marginalized and oppressed communities.

About Office of Violence Prevention (OVP)

DPH's Office of Violence Prevention (OVP) is advancing policy, practice and system change that works to increase access to safety, health and healing services and resources to all individuals regardless of race or zip code.

OVP aligns county and community partners to bring a healing-centered and equity lens to address multiple forms of violence.



About the Trauma Prevention Initiative (TPI)

Launched in 2016, the Trauma Prevention Initiative (TPI) is a priority of OVP's strategic plan and provides a comprehensive, place-based model for violence prevention and intervention that invests in community driven safety solutions, including peer outreach and community leadership.

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County-wide Expansion

On July 13, 2021, the LA County Board of Supervisors approved a motion to expand the Trauma Prevention Initiative (TPI):

1st District:

East LA, Puente
Valley, Pomona

2nd District:

Westmont West Athens,
Willowbrook, Florence
Firestone, Unincorporated
Compton



5th District:

Lancaster, Palmdale

4th District:

Hawaiian Gardens,
Norwalk

Expansion Strategies

- Establishing Community Action for Peace Networks to build leadership, identify community priorities, and promote peace.
- Street Outreach and Community Violence Intervention to respond to violent incidents and promote peace.
- Hospital Violence Intervention to engage victims of violence in the hospital setting.
- Hire Peer Specialists with lived experience to support community engagement and intervention in each region.