

Los Angeles County Office of Violence Prevention

Vision: A violence free LA County where all the individuals are safe, healthy, and thrive.

The LA County Board of Supervisors established the **Countywide Office of Violence Prevention (OVP)** within the Department of Public Health in February 2019. OVP has worked with a broad coalition of stakeholders, including survivors, advocates, county and community partners, to develop a collective vision and strategic plan.

Mission:

The Office of Violence Prevention works to strengthen coordination, capacity and partnerships to address the root causes of violence, and to advance policies and practices that are grounded in race equity, to prevent all forms of violence and to promote healing across all communities in LA County.

Values:

- Collaboration
- Capacity-Building
- Equity & Justice
- Accountability
- Transparency

Guiding Principles:

- Community Engaged
- Culturally Inclusive
- Grounded in Science
- Trauma-Informed
- Prevention Focus
- Strength-Based
- Youth-Engaged

OVP Strategic Plan Goals 2020-2024



Goal #1: Safe and Healthy Children, Youth & Families

Increase awareness and access to opportunities and **resources that help all youth, families, and community members thrive** and build positive relationships free of violence and hate and the harms caused by racism.



Goal #2: Safe and Thriving Neighborhoods

Build **nurturing, supportive environments for communities**, including safe public spaces, resources for basic needs, community-driven safety strategies, arts and culture programs, and opportunities for neighbors to connect.



Goal #3: Culture of Peace

Develop a communication plan that promotes a **shared understanding of the root causes of violence** including the connection between racism, historical oppression and violence; an understanding of trauma; the connections among multiple forms of violence; and the resources available to prevent violence.



Goal #4: Healing Informed & Equitable Systems and Policies

Develop healing informed and equitable systems that **address the needs of individual and families who are exposed to violence**, including survivors and perpetrators, and foster conditions that advance the well-being and empowerment of all county residents.



Goal #5: Community Relevant Accessible Data & Evaluation Support

Develop an open data portal that will provide easy access to data from multiple sources, to help **understand the circumstances of violence and reflect the experience of those who have been historically marginalized**.
Develop standard metrics to support evaluation of strategies and policies.

Countywide Violence Prevention Coordination

Community Partnership Council

25



Community leaders and survivors

County Leadership Committee

30



County department leaders

Regional Violence Prevention Coalitions



- 1 Antelope Valley
- 2 San Fernando Valley
- 3 San Gabriel Valley
- 4 Metro
- 5 West
- 6 South
- 7 East
- 8 South Bay (includes Catalina Island)

OVP is working together with county and community partners to implement 6 key priorities:

- 1 Establish Regional Violence Prevention Coalitions** in each of the 8 Service Planning Areas of the County and build inclusive tables where community stakeholders work together to advance important practice, policy, and systems change.
- 2 Expand the Trauma Prevention Initiative** to more communities with high rates of violence. TPI strategies include:
 - Community Action for Peace Networks
 - Street Outreach and Community Violence Intervention Services
 - Hospital Violence Intervention Programs
 - Peer-to-Peer Violence Prevention Learning Academy
- 3 Implement a Crisis Response Violence Intervention Program Pilot** to provide immediate peer support to individuals and families most directly affected, support healing across the impacted community, message about the unacceptability of violence, and link to longer-term services to address mental health and well-being.
- 4 Promote Healing Centered & Trauma Informed System Change** to transform how County Departments serve communities to promote healing and reduce harm.
- 5 Develop a Community Accessible Open Data Portal** that will provide easy access to violence-related data for use by County Departments and community members.
- 6 Shift the Public Narrative** by centering survivor voice and the core message that violence is preventable as well as increasing awareness of the root causes of violence and elevating solutions to violence.