# Implementing Community Based Violence Intervention Strategies

Bringing a Folding Chair: Planning for Community Violence Intervention and Prevention

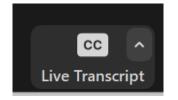






## Housekeeping

- Thank you for joining us today!
- Join the conversation online with #CVIStrengtheningCommunities
- Helpful links will be available in the chat
- Please submit your questions and comments via the Q&A box
- Any additional questions can be sent to <u>bjanttac@usdoj.gov</u>
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## Welcome & Introduction

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## Setting the Stage

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## Introduction to Community based Violence Intervention

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## Join the conversation

Be part of this CVI movement!

Help raise awareness. Share the message.

You are part of the solution.

## #CVIStrengtheningCommunities







## Engagement, Partnerships & Outreach

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## **Community Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative (CVIPI): CVIPI Implementation Checklist**

The LISC Safety & Justice team, using experience working with local community violence intervention organizations and researchers throughout the county, supported the development of the BJA CVIPI Implementation Checklist. This tool can be used as a framework for jurisdictions to create or enhance a community-driven, holistic safety approach that includes strategies to engage/support individuals impacted by violence as a perpetrator and/or victim AND address the root causes of violence including the collective community trauma resulting from community violence. The Checklist includes:

- The definition, essential elements, and guiding principles of CVIPI
- A step-by-step process to guide local CVIPI efforts
- A glossary of key terms related to CVIPI



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#### **COMMUNITY BASED VIOLENCE** INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION INITIATIVE IMPLEMENTATION CHECKLIST

#### Introduction

Community violence generally happens outside the home in public spaces. Most community violence involves a relatively small number of people as victims or perpetrators, but its effects impact entire communities, eroding public health, causing economic disruption, and contributing to

Tip: See the CVI Glossary for definitions of bolded terms found throughout this Checklist.

lasting individual and community traumas. Mitigation efforts typically focus on high-risk individuals, gun violence, specific violent crime problems, as well as the historical and structural challenges that often result in community violence.

Definition: Community violence intervention (CVI) is an approach that uses evidence-informed strategies to reduce violence through tailored community-centered initiatives. These multidisciplinary strategies engage individuals and groups to prevent and disrupt cycles of violence and retaliation, and establish relationships between individuals and community assets to deliver services that save lives, address trauma, provide opportunity, and improve the physical, social, and economic conditions that drive violence.

The CVI approach includes or employs:

- Trusted, credible messengers and practitioners to deliver key intervention elements.
- · Representatives of the affected communities as full partners who provide input and guidance on the intervention's approach.
- · A focus on those individuals at highest risk of experiencing or perpetrating community violence in the near term.
- · Data from multiple sources that are vetted for racial, ethnic, economic, or other biases to inform the approach.
- · Practices that are informed by, and respond to, the impact of trauma on individuals and the broader population in historically underinvested communities.
- · Public, private, and community stakeholders most impacted by violence, building authentic relationships to prevent violence, strengthen community resilience, and build social capital.
- · Racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic equity, including understanding the many social, demographic, economic, and institutional factors that perpetuate community violence, and bringing supportive responses directly to the neighborhoods and people with the greatest need

### Community Violence Intervention Checklist Guiding Principles



#### **Community-centered**

The CVI approach must be informed by, and tailored to, community residents and stakeholders, and everyone involved must prioritize the needs of the community. This means social service partners are engaged to align and collaborate with residents and law enforcement partners in order to reduce violence and build community.





## Equitable and Inclusive

Care must be taken to guarantee the community members most affected and most disenfranchised are included in creating CVI solutions so they can benefit from them.



#### **Evidence-informed**

Each CVI strategy should be built using evidence generated by multiple disciplines and a variety of methods. Evidence used to support a CVI program may include findings from research and evaluation as well as case studies, expert opinions, or documented lessons learned from the field. Ideally, a CVI program will engage in research and evaluation to help build the evidence base for what works.



## Effective and Sustainable

CVI programs must demonstrate measurable impacts on violence and community well-being, and they must have access to resources that enable responses to new and ongoing challenges over time.



#### The LISC Model

LISC is an investor, capacity builder, convener and innovator.



Pool Public and Private Dollars

We raise funds from philanthropies, corporations and financial firms, federal, state and local governments and through the capital markets.

We also generate income from consulting, and lending services.



Work With Local Partners

Through a network of local offices and community-based partners across the country, we provide grants, loans, equity and technical assistance.

We also lead advocacy efforts on local, regional and national policy.



Support People and Places

By investing in housing, businesses, jobs, schools, public spaces, safety, youth, health centers, grocery stores and more, we catalyze opportunities in communities nationwide.





## **Quality of Life Planning**

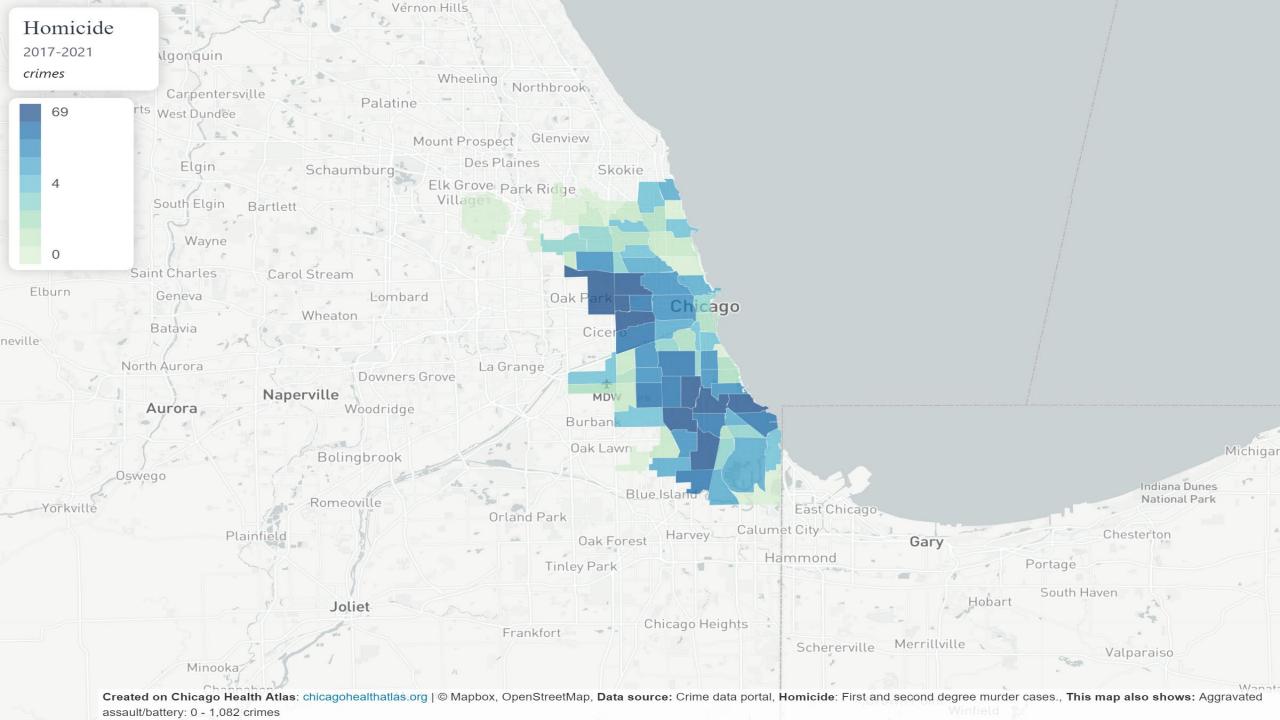
Quality of Life Planning is a community-driven planning process that convenes residents, community leaders, subject matter experts and civic organizations to develop a vision for a neighborhood (or site) and to translate that vision into achievable strategies.

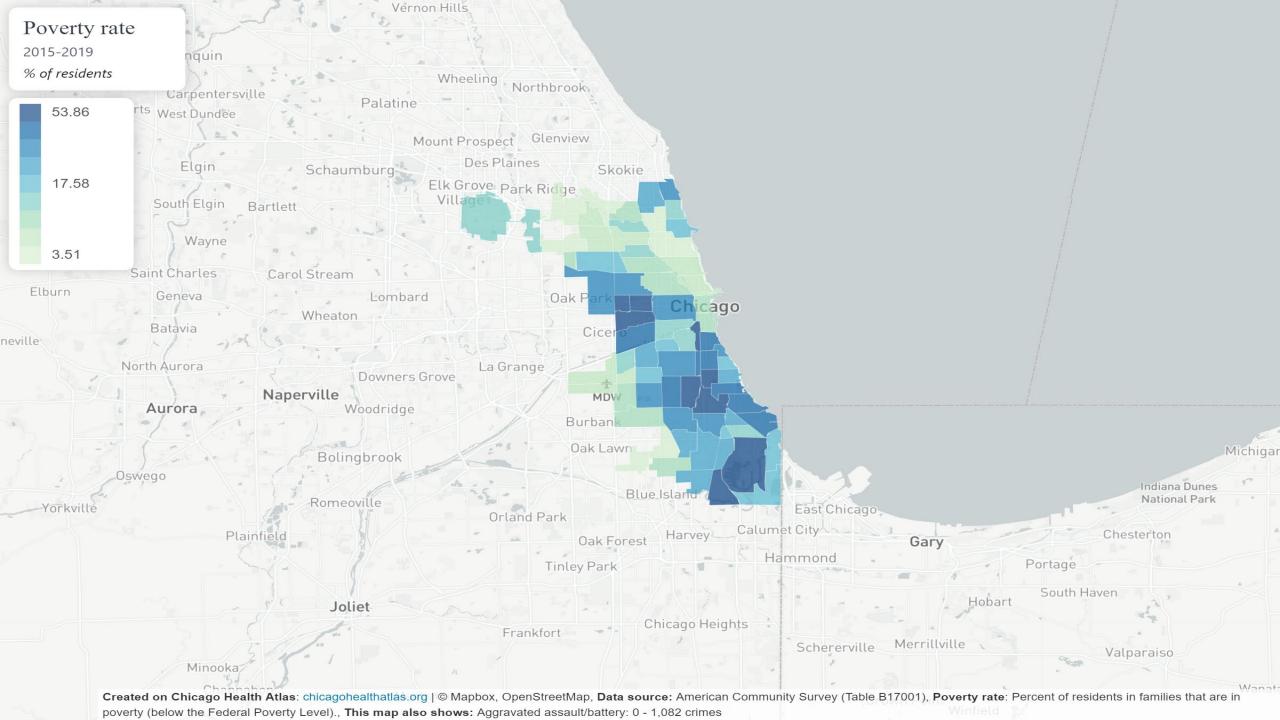


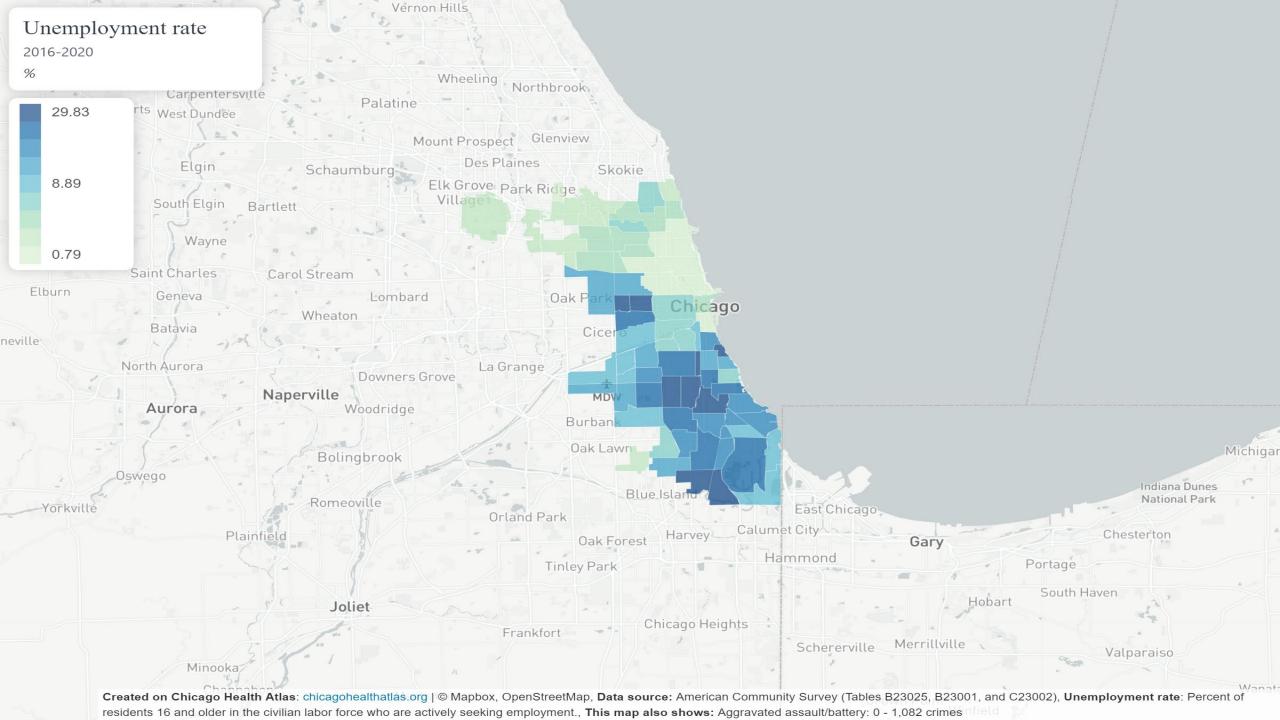
- Creates a road map for physical development, programmatic partnership and investment
- Build social infrastructure
- Creates community ownership
- Establishes an agenda for action
- Inclusive and collaborative process
- Data driven

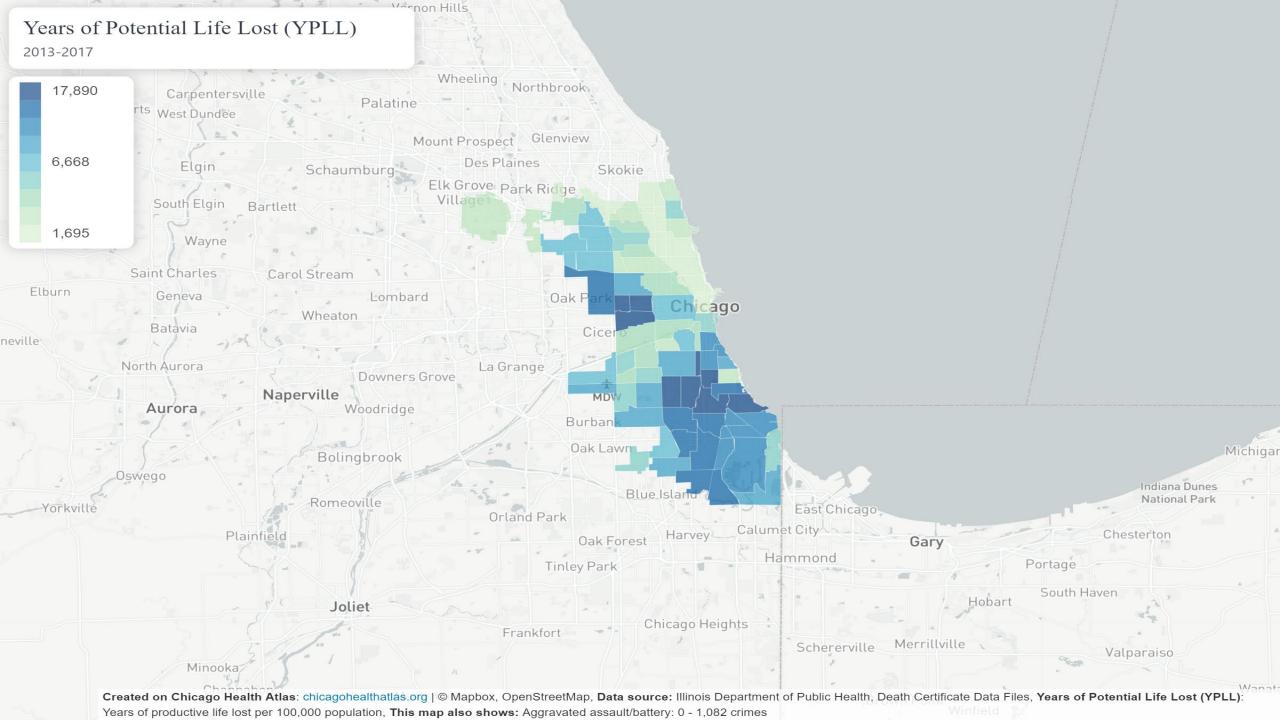












## Panel Discussion: Engagement



**Brenda Palms**, President and CEO, North Lawndale Employment Network

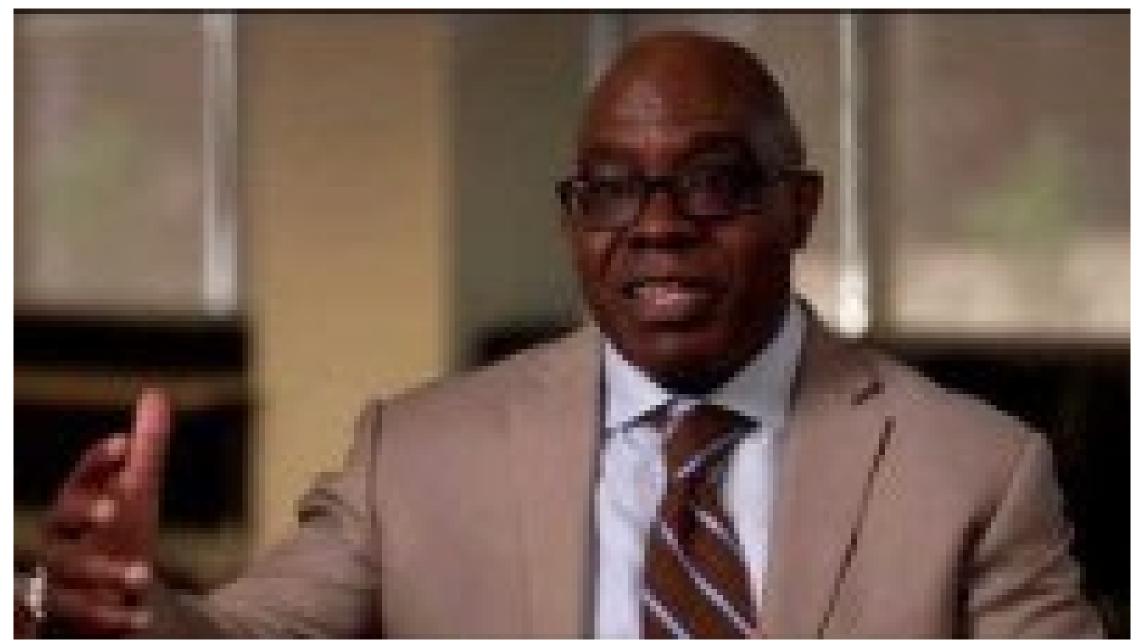


Anthony Smith, Executive Director, Cities United









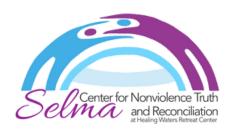
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## Panel Discussion: Partnership



Ainka Jackson, Executive Director, The Selma Center for Nonviolence, Truth & Reconciliation



James Timpson (JT), Managing Director of Community Violence Initiatives, Roca Impact Institute



Rodney Brown, Executive Director/CEO, New Covenant Community Development Corporation





## Questions, Answers, and Closing

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- Register for the next webinar in the series October 12

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