

Central NStat Working Group #4 - Safety & Justice
April 29, 2021 - 4-6pm
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Action Agenda Shareback

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Issue Area: Crime + Gun Violence

Policy Event: Safe in the city grant intensive (\$500-1k grants that anyone can apply to, run by office of gun violence)

- For those who apply, what are the guidelines? What do we want people to respond to? What are people applying?
 - Things are done, but don't double up or follow up. Do a parade. If someone lost someone due to gun violence, they can put out pictures and candles. Events on the basketball court and have people talk about mental health + trauma, especially those who have dealt with serious gun violence issues.
 - There isn't any check up of families who have lost loved ones.
 - Ask people to do public demonstrations followed by community conversations around gun violence and impact. When one submits app to grant, they would be applying to do public demonstrations followed by conversations
 - Applying to produce some form of theatre around issue
 - Use money to provide funding to families who have been impacted by gun violence. Create opening of services for families to get scholarship
 - Data collection that focuses on the root causes of gun violation, or ownership, or economic links or something else that is less focused on the crime but searching to help give additional info to what we know. May be used to help with policy advocacy. Could be good community based participatory research to understand causes of gun violence, not just the act.
 - Peer to peer support groups consisting of individuals affected by gun violence.
 - Provide priority categories in applications
 - Support families impacted by gun violence
 - Create healing spaces
 - People can select categories and select ideas to apply for funding
 - Any input is good, but sometimes things are not practical. We do not have time for healing spaces. Kids are being abducted into gangs and initiated at alarming rates. Need to catch kids in their homes, at schools so they avoid the gangs at all costs.
 - Appeal to City Council
 - Need more boots on the ground, like I am my brother's keeper.
 - workshops in schools talk to DOE to get involved allowing us to come in and allowing them to created the space and target the youth
 - Bus trips out of the city with resources recreation plan with activities group voice talk express yourself . (Speaking your mind) mental health,

- If NCOs know who the gang members are invite them to any events we have, offer to hear there issues
- I feel like a theme that's coming out is peer engagement and support, and maybe an accountability system among peers
- Specific pool of funds for mothers affected by gun violence, whether child is victim or perpetrator
- Champions
 - All here in WG
- Resource
 - MAP committed resources from Safe in the City
- Time frame
 - Short

Policy Event: Design resident led space activation events to increase foot traffic

- How can we make this more impactful?
 - Current programs: anti violence fairs, summer programming for teens, arts enrichments, summer street games, fresh air fund, saturday night lights (80 community centers across the city), b-ball courts, local neighborhood stat events from June to Sept, citywide b-ball tournaments
 - Civic education component, events with formerly incarcerated young men, learning the truth about the system has been inspiring for them. Can be done in conjunction with b-ball tournaments. Hits home in a way that no football or b-ball game could do.
 - brave spaces during events so they can voice how they really feel. Pow Pow type of thing with counselors having very graphic images and nurses and doc from trauma units engage
 - Should utilize microphones during events in the summer, MCs give positive messages out, halftimes, in between event times to highlight awesome community members (young people who've graduated, etc)
 - Anger management / conflict resolution workshops, like during a b-ball tournament
 - Need big brother programs, programs for fathers/men. Highlight that weaknesses are strengths, empowerment programs. Culturally component mentoring, create a collective to reach out for support. Not a program, more so a loose group to lean on. March with all men and their families, use basketball courts to catch attention
 - Consistently make these things happen. Somebody is suffering from something, and needs to have things regularly, like every season. Every season brings a different personality out. Something ongoing and at different times
 - Silent discos
 - Mobilize calls to arms, using a microphone. Aim to put kids in those positions at every opportunity (MC, score keeper, referee). Every slot at an event should be taken up by kids

- Need to celebrate more of the positives in the community, highlighting how many days have gone by without shootings. Interview those who have been impacted by gun violence. Every week.
- It is an abnormality that gun violence happens in a community. Would rather be counting the 500th child enrolled in a program, what are the positive stats in our community to lift up.
- Use the art from some of the programs we have running for action plan 2.0 in the comms campaigns?
- NYCHA is the heartbeat of the city. The number one employer of NYCHA residents in the city of NY. We should brag about how NYCHA keeps the city moving. And celebrate that.
- Use funding to get celebrity involvement at events, something to look forward to.
- gangs members, ex gang members, videos by lifers in prison, formerly incarcerated people. To show them the truth about what gun violence is real. All over social media they show how dope jail is, but you never see the lifers saying that.
- 80% of kids who have gotten shot in the last two years have been 2p-11p at night
- MAP developments - most shootings happen around midnight (2020 NYPD data)
- Under 21 dance party, safer space at night. Shuttles to take people home.
- Saturday night lights happened bc most CBOs aren't open past 6pm and are closed on weekends
- NYPD is trying to light up courts so kids can actually play
- Cornerstones have been open late friday/saturday and open on sunday
- Movie night would be good
- Lights hit canvases and kids can graffiti on canvases, so it's not one in a manner they will get in trouble. Make it into an event with poetry, music, etc
- Roller Skating with music
- Maybe that's what we can use to save the city grant for- hosting events for the community throughout the summer. ie- roller skating events, movie night, etc.
- Should def engage young folks at MAP in generating some of these late night ideas - maybe they can vote on the following month's events?
- Champions
 - MAP
 - YCOs
 - Community Affairs
 - Youth Council
- Resources
- Time frame
 - Make things constantly happen, not one off events. Ongoing.

Policy Event: Collaborate with youth to host monthly activation spaces

- Champions
- Resource
- Time frame

Issue Area: Community + Police Relations

Policy Event: Intergenerational healing and relationship building about experience with police

- How can we do this?
 - With NCOs, concerns from residents, especially the older generation, about younger crowds. Certain people get irritated by the presence of youth. When they are able to attend community events, they can get together and work along with each other. Relationships changed b/t older residents and younger ones after attending these events.
 - At Patterson, seniors get irritated by music. Need a senior building away from basketball courts
 - Use music to bring groups together
 - It's not the type of music played, it's the lateness of the music.
 - NYPD: very familiar with late night/loud noise. NCOs have been working in Patterson houses for some years. Most often, if there is a 311 call for a noise complaint, the responding sector car of patrol would most likely walk up to the group and explain there has been a complaint and ask to turn off music. 9/10, the music is turned off. No enforcement is made, an enforcement would be summons and removal of sound devices, usually an escalation. Most situations happen the first way.
 - Maybe some space activation Inter-generational music/movie night.
 - Familiarity could help with noise concerns
 - NYCHA has a noise policy, 10pm-7am (NYC quiet hours, LL113)
 - Seniors come out and start dancing - kids don't like that
 - Potential events, youth teaching seniors tech. Seniors teaching youth about old games (dominoes, spades) or music or something else. Opportunities to teach others and learn from each other.
 - Is there an alternative to NYPD for small disturbances like noise complaints? Maybe coordinated community members can be the first touch in these cases
 - NYCHA rule: reason for sound permits
 - Stop calling police on things that we can police ourselves (neighbors solving issues on their own, without intervention)
 - Peacemaking trainings
 - I have seen about 20+ cases while facilitating peacemaking and it has been a good way to bridge the intergenerational gap. I think some resources would be training in peacemaking practices to address issues without involving police. NCO's in the past have been in on this idea as well.
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- Champions
 - NYCHA
 - DYCD
 - Youth Council
 - TA Presidents
 - NCOs

- Resource
 - Trainings about peacemaking practices; MAP has bank of resources to request trainings like this
- Time frame
 - Medium, End of 2022

Policy Event: Pilot a police / community innovation fund

- What can we incorporate?
 - Involve people who have had police contact; if you got caught in certain crime, now have to participate in certain program
 - They can come out and stand with us when we providing food and PPE oppose to sitting in car watching they can help , not talking about our regular NCO they ones who are there for a few weeks then gone
 - They can also step out cruiser as well and introduce themselves to a group of people sitting outside let them know there here for us
 - Don't need to reinvent the wheel, look at what works. During wartime activities, afterwards, the military comes up with projects where individuals who have experienced wartime action can work with soldiers to build things together to build camaraderie. Members of service are versed in CPR, people in the community would want cert for infancy PR. do a training that is socially distant, where officer can take part in with community members
 - NYPD should play fun music
 - Democratizing of skill sets/skill-shares
 - Involve new NYPD recruits
 - Billboard campaign
- Champions
 - Community leaders
 - CBOs
- Resource
 - Money
 - Technical assistance
- Time frame
 - End of 2022 by next fiscal year