

BLUEPRINT FOR ACTION

Preventing Youth Violence in Minneapolis



GOAL 1

Every young person in Minneapolis is supported by at least one trusted adult in their family or their community

GOAL 2

Intervene at the first sign that youth and families are at risk for or involved in violence

GOAL 3

Do not give up on our kids; work to restore and get them back on track

GOAL 4

Recognize that violence is learned and can be unlearned by reducing the impact of violent messages in our media, culture and entertainment

Purpose of Blueprint Strategic Planning Workgroups

Minneapolis has been invited to join the National Forum on Youth Violence Prevention. This opportunity provides an important opportunity to refresh the Minneapolis Blueprint for Action through a strategic planning process. The planning process will not only allow us to identify new recommendations but also to strengthen new and existing partnerships to support coordinated implementation and to leverage new funding and resources.

Workgroups will play an important role in developing new strategies and objectives for the plan. Workgroups will discuss their concerns around youth violence prevention and identify new recommendations and strategies to include in the new Blueprint for Action Strategic plan to reduce youth violence. There will be 4 workgroups structured around the 4 goals the Blueprint in conjunction with the National Forum focus areas. Each workgroup will meet 5 times in February and early March.

Workgroups (Blueprint goal/Forum focus area)	Dates and times
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prevention/ Connect every youth to trusted adults 2. Intervention/Intervene at the first sign of risk 3. Re-entry/Restore young people who have gone down the wrong path 4. Enforcement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday February 6th from 1:00-3:00 • Tuesday February 12th from 1:00-3:00 • Wednesday February 20th from 1:00-3:00 • Wednesday February 27th from 1:00-3:00 • Thursday March 7th from 1:00 to 3:00
Unlearn the culture of violence (Forum focus area not a direct match to goal)	All sessions to be held at Currie Center

Role of the workgroups in the planning process

The workgroups will support the planning process by raising their concerns and ideas about addressing youth violence in Minneapolis. The workgroups will synthesize and prioritize the concerns and develop strategies to address concerns. The work will be guided by members of the City of Minneapolis youth violence prevention team, the Youth Violence Prevention Executive Committee and an outside consultant, directing the workgroups to produce the deliverables needed to go into the strategic plan.

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Member Expectation Affirmation Statement

As a member of the workgroup, you have the opportunity to contribute to the future of preventing youth violence in Minneapolis. Minneapolis will be recognized as a leader in developing and implementing prevention strategies that work. Thank you for your commitment to the youth of Minneapolis and the well-being of our shared community!

What concerns you most with regard to preventing youth violence in Minneapolis?

You will have the opportunity to bring your concerns to your fellow group members as we work together to inform the strategic planning process.

As a member of the workgroup, you agree:

- I will represent my organization and the interests of youth while maintaining a professional, courteous relationship with my fellow members.
- I will attend as many of the five meetings as possible and/or advocate for another member of my organization to attend if I am not available.
- I will endeavor to complete the assignments given between meetings, including reading and reviewing materials and seeking input, in order to complete the work as efficiently as possible.
- I will respect the process being used and the meeting protocol to help produce the strategies that will support youth violence prevention.

Signature:

Date:

Organization:
