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- Improved trust in police
- Norm change - less violent

NEW YORK CITY (CCI/BJA)
- 20% lower shootings

CHICAGO (Northwestern/DOJ)
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- 100% reduction in retaliations

CHICAGO (Univ. of Chicago/UIC)
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- 19% reduction in shootings

NEW ORLEANS (NOLA for Life)
- 47% reduction in shootings
- 85% reduction in retaliations
- 44% reduction in re-injury

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
- Honduras - 94% drop in shootings
- Mexico - 50% drop in killings
- Colombia - 47% drop in killings
- Trinidad - 45% drop in violent crime
- UK - 95% drop in group attacks

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS

CHILDREN/FAMILIES/PARENTING
- 95% of participants thought approach made them a better parent
- Tens of thousands of home visits and help to families of participants

JOBS
- 52% of participants were working after involvement in program
- 82% received help preparing a resume; 87% preparing for a job interview; 86% finding a job opening

EDUCATION
- 45% of participants assisted to complete school/GED

POLICE/COMMUNITY RELATIONS
- 22% increase in confidence in police

ACCOLADES & AWARDS

- Ranked #9 NGO in the World by NGO Advisor (2021); #1 NGO dedicated to reducing violence
- Endorsed by US Conference of Mayors (2012)
- Highlighted by the award winning documentary The Interrupters
- U.S. Attorney General’s Award for Outstanding Contributions to Community Partnerships for Public Safety

TESTIMONIALS

The Economist
“The approach that will come to prominence.”

Nicholas Kristof, New York Times
“Support community anti-violence programs, like Cure Violence … that work with at-risk young people and show excellent success in reducing shootings.”

Sanjay Gupta, MD CNN
“Thinking of this epidemic of preventable deaths as an infection that can be diagnosed, treated and perhaps cured, I feel more hopeful than I have been in a long time.”

Mayor Bill de Blasio, NYC
“We really deeply support the Cure Violence movement.”

Charlie Beck, Chief, Los Angeles PD
“I’ve seen this work; I’m in the middle of watching this work. I firmly believe in it.”

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