

# Cure Violence Global

*Advancing an evidence-based health approach to end violence globally.*



## Pioneer, Leader, Innovator, and Trusted Partner

Cure Violence Global (CVG) has pioneered a health-based approach to violence prevention for more than 20 years. In its first year of implementation, CVG's model was associated with a 67% decrease in shootings in one of Chicago's most violent communities at the time, West Garfield Park.

Since then, the Cure Violence model has been tested, proven effective, and increasingly broadly implemented.

Today, the approach is being implemented in 81 communities in 26 cities in the US and 52 communities in 11 cities in Latin American countries. Countless other organizations and cities have adopted and adapted key components of the model, particularly violence interruption and community outreach, to reduce violence in their communities.

CVG has remained on the front lines guiding, training, and supporting other localities and community-based partners in the United States and around the world in the effective implementation and adaptation of its model.






## Violence is one of the greatest public health problems of our time.

Too often, in the past and even today, violence has been viewed and addressed as an issue of crime and punishment. This has resulted in over-incarceration and exacerbation of distrust between communities and law enforcement – both have hindered community safety.

For more than 20 years, CVG has played a pivotal role in pioneering a solution to this problem, developing and refining an evidence-based health model that has significantly impacted how violence is addressed across the country and around the world.

### The Cure Violence Model

CVG approaches violence with the understanding that violence is a contagious health issue that can be treated rather than an issue of criminality to be punished. The approach is implemented by credible health workers who interrupt conflicts and change behaviors and norms around the use of violence.

-  **1. Detect and interrupt conflicts before violence erupts**
-  **2. Change behaviors of those at highest risk for violence**
-  **3. Change group and community norms to discourage violence**

# Cure Violence builds local capacity for preventing violence.

CVG is a premier provider of training and technical assistance on health-based violence prevention and an innovator in applying the approach to other contexts and forms of violence. CVG has expertise in engaging people at every level to establish effective and comprehensive strategies for safer communities.

## How CVG assists partners

1. Assess the violence problem and existing resources
2. Build community partnerships and coalitions
3. Develop and implement collaboratives
4. Plan and guide implementation of interventions
5. Build capacity for all aspects of the work
6. Connect with a national network of organizations addressing violence

## The Cure Violence Approach

CVG works with local partners to implement effective approaches for reducing violence. Since 2000, the Cure Violence approach has been implemented in more than 100 communities across the world and independently evaluated numerous times, with each evaluation showing large, statistically significant reductions in violence.

### Our Guiding Principles

- Partnership-based - Deeply engaged with local community-based organizations and jurisdictions
- Community-driven - Empowering people who are closest to the problem
- Data-driven - Monitoring the work to ensure effectiveness

### Our Services

- Training for Violence Prevention
- Robust Technical Assistance
- Data Management System
- Peer Learning Network

## Evidence of Effectiveness

	YEAR	MAJOR FINDING
Baltimore (USA)	2023	32% reduction in killings
Charlotte (USA)	2023	75% reduction in killings
Culiacan (Mexico)	2022	90% reduction in killings
Cali (Colombia)	2020	30% - 47% reduction in killings
Port of Spain (Trinidad)	2018	45% reduction in violent crime
New York City (USA)	2017	63% reduction in shootings
Philadelphia (USA)	2017	30% reduction in shootings
New Orleans (USA)	2016	56% reduction in shootings
Kansas City (USA)	2014	42% reduction in killings
Chicago (USA)	2014	31% reduction in killings
New York City (USA)	2013	20% reduction in shootings
Chicago (USA)	2009	41% -73% reduction in shootings