



Youth Violence Intervention and Prevention Strategic Plan

May 17, 2023

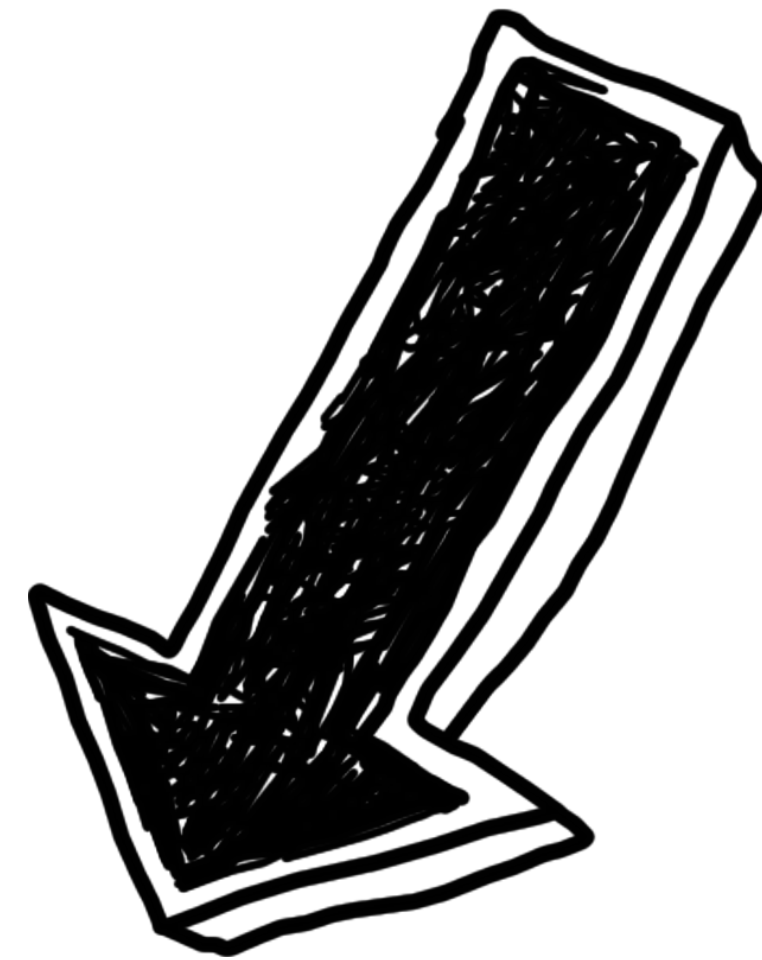






Community Approach to Reduce Violence by 10%

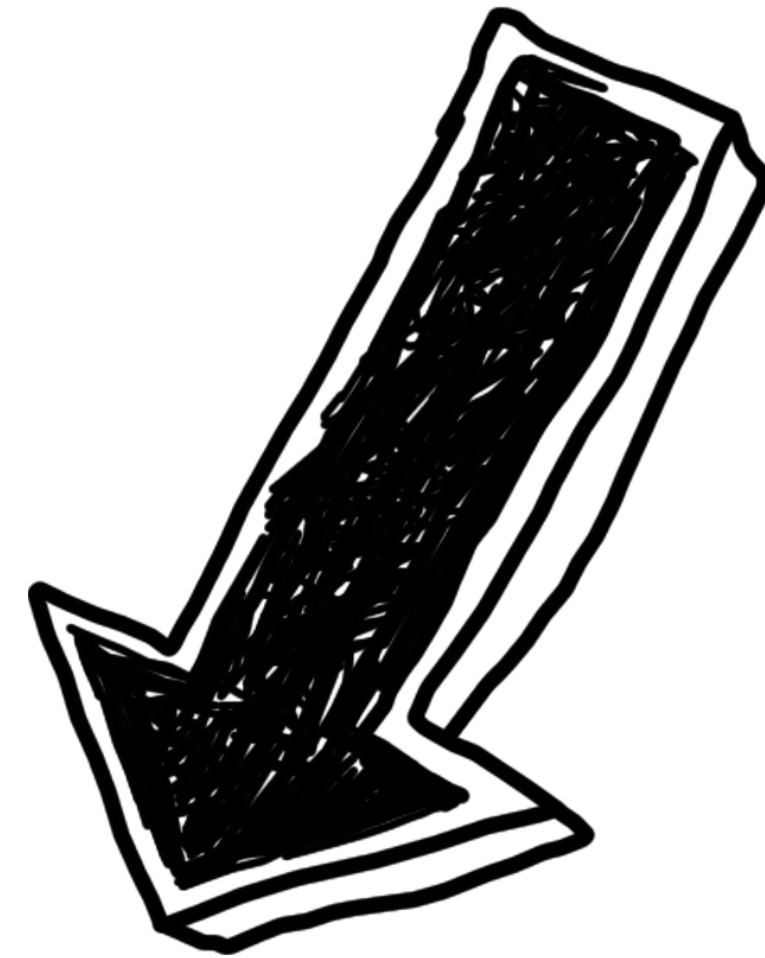
- 1. VIP Planning Committee
2019**
- 2. Racial Equity Social Justice
Task Force**
- 3. Mayor Horrigan's 5 Point
Framework**
- 4. Youth & Community
Opportunity Director**



Goal of Akron Plan

**THE GOAL OF THE AKRON
YOUTH VIOLENCE
INTERVENTION AND
PREVENTION STRATEGIC PLAN
IS TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF
VIOLENT CRIMES COMMITTED
BY AKRON YOUTH AGES 13-24
BY AT LEAST 10% FROM 2023
TO 2028**

10%





PROJECT UJIMA

Collective Work & Responsibility

8 STRATEGIC APPROACHES

Approach 1:

Mentoring

One-on-one and group mentoring targeted to youth and young adults

Approach 2

Recreation and Discretionary Time

Programs to provide positive, safe recreational and social activities for youth and young adults.

Approach 3:

Re-entry Support

Services to help formerly incarcerated youth get their lives back on track and avoid recidivism

Approach 4:

Police-Youth Relations

Initiatives to build and improve relationships of trust between youth and law enforcement

Approach 5:

Mental Health/Substance Abuse Supports and Treatment

Supports for youth and families struggling with mental health and substance abuse issues

Approach 6:

Gun Violence Reduction

Strategies to reduce young people's unsupervised and unrestricted access to guns

Approach 7:

Community Awareness and Involvement

Structured dialogue and feedback processes to generate sustained community engagement

Approach 8:

Workforce Development and Livable Wage Employment

Training, job placement, and coaching for out-of-school time employment for youth and livable wage employment for young adults

Summit
**Education
Initiative**





City of Akron's 7th Health Equity Summit

May 17, 2023

Summit Education Initiative



A backbone organization that
uses data to inspire action and
make education attainable and
equitable from kindergarten
readiness all the way to college
and career persistence



Collaborative Action
Networks



Research & Evaluation
Services



Early Childhood
Programs for Literacy



2023 Updated Strategic Plan Evaluation



Community-based evaluation in collaboration with fifty+ local organizations



Organizational leaders, program administrators, and staff are experts



Center community and youth voices



Identify successes, opportunities, best practices



Build evidence that contributes to sustainability efforts



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Implementation

**Youth Violence Intervention and Prevention Strategic Plan
2023 Update to 2019 Strategic Plan
Akron OH**



Accountability

- Oversight Team
- Communications Team
- Strategic Approaches Teams

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- **City of Akron Dir of Youth Opportunity**
- **Akron Police Department**
- **Akron Public Schools**
- **AxessPointe Community Health Center**
- **Community Legal Aid**
- **Out of School Time Network**
- **Project Ujima, Inc.**
- **Summit County Public Health**
- **Summit Education Initiative**

Oversight Team

- For each of the 8 Strategic Approaches
 - 2 ARPA Grantee representatives
 - 1+ Legacy Partner representative

Role: communication and collaboration

Goal: effective, seamless implementation

Bi-monthly Meeting (x8)

- Set interim goals
- Track progress

Judging Our Progress (JOP)

- Did we accomplish our goal?
- If not, why not?
- What did we learn?
- What is our implementation goal for the next two-month period?

“Nothing about us, without us”

Community Circles

2x/year

x8

QUESTIONS?

