

**PHMDC  
Violence Prevention  
Unit &  
MDCVP  
Coalition**

# Background

## Roadmap to Reducing Violence Released

- The [Roadmap to Reducing Violence](#), a comprehensive, 5-year plan to reduce violence in Madison & Dane County was released in March 2021. Violence Prevention Coalition reconvened.

## Violence Prevention Unit (VPU) Formalized

- Violence prevention unit expanded from a Violence Prevention Outreach & Response Coordinator and Data Analyst to include a Violence Prevention Supervisor, Violence Prevention Coordinator, Public Health Specialist – CARES Program, and Crime Reduction Community Development Specialist.

# Roadmap to Reducing Violence

**The Roadmap is a multi-year plan that includes five goals for reducing violence in our communities:**

**Goal 1:** Understand violence in our community through data.

**Goal 2:** Support community engagement with children, youth and families.

**Goal 3:** Foster strong neighborhoods.

**Goal 4:** Bolster and increase intervention and continuous healing for those affected by violence.

**Goal 5:** Strengthen community capacity, engagement, and coordination of violence prevention efforts.

# MDCVP Coalition

## Madison Dane County Violence Prevention Coalition (MDCVP) Reconvened

**June 2021:** Identified strategic priorities for each of the 5 goals of the Roadmap for 2022. Formed coalition workgroups to support the development and implementation of action plans to address the strategic priorities.

**October 2021:** Shared the 2022 priorities of all MDCVP coalition workgroups and preliminary coalition data surveillance & evaluation plans.

**July – December 2021:** Planned and hosted workgroup meetings. Started 2022 workgroup action plans.

# MDCVP Coalition

## 2022 Planning + Implementation

- **Work Groups:** Each of the 5 work groups developing action plans and activities to support the goals of the Roadmap.
- **Service Provision Survey + Assessment**
- **Data Surveillance & Monitoring – Inform Decision Making**
- **ARPA Funding:** Issue RFP and fund programming based on prioritized activities of work groups

# Funding and Timeline:

## Overview – the American Recovery Program Act (ARPA):

- ARPA/SLFRF--No sole source
  - \$1.5 million from City/County combined for Violence Prevention
    - Funding is to support PHMDC violence prevention infrastructure and to support the work of the Coalition.
    - The goal is to maximize the amount of funding available through RFP
    - Spending through June 2024
- Competitive RFP(s) issued by PHMDC to address priorities of Work Groups
  - Plan to issue RFP(s) in May 2022
- A funding FAQ document is under development and will be shared with the workgroups in an upcoming meeting



## Understand Violence in Our Community Through Data

**VPU Goal:** Leverage partnerships throughout Dane County to receive and report on data on a regular basis.

**Strategy 1:** Use timely, comprehensive data to prioritize and implement prevention efforts

**Strategy 2:** Create data dissemination tools to aid in the understanding of violence data

**Strategy 3:** Enhance and strengthen data about gun ownership, safety, and use

# Violence Prevention Unit Activities:

## **Community Safety Intervention Team (CSIT)**

- Sharing information on violent incidents; tracking of cases and outcomes
- CSIT quarterly reports

## **Data Collection & Analysis**

- Data inventory of violent crime information in Dane County, which will allow the VPU to analyze and report on relevant crime trends.
- Make recommendations and support violence prevention and intervention efforts

## **Community Alternative Response Emergency Services (CARES)**

- September: Launched CARES program; started responding to non-violent, mental health crises.
- Strategic planning, program evaluation, data dashboard

## **Byrne Criminal Justice Grant – Downtown Madison Safety Initiative**

- Implementing violence interventions based on data
- Focus on sexual violence and gun crimes

# Violence Prevention Unit

- **Cindy Grady** – Violence Prevention Supervisor
- **Randy Molina** – Violence Prevention Outreach & Response Coordinator
- **Matt Scanlin** – Public Health Specialist – CARES Program
- **Caleb Odorfer** – Crime Reduction Community Development Specialist
- **Brittany Grogan** – Data Analyst
- **Melinda Knuth** – Violence Prevention Coordinator

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