

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to foster community-based strategies to help prevent violence and increase public safety. Our strategy is rooted in a public health approach to violence prevention, recognizing that reducing crime is not accomplished through law enforcement alone.



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"Improving public safety requires more than just police. Violence prevention requires everyone's support—families, community and faith-based organizations, and government agencies."

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SAFER COMMUNITIES

Violence Intervention & Prevention Program

This initiative helps reduce violence by establishing strong presence in communities with high levels of violence. We partner with residents, government agencies, and community-based organizations to reduce violence by building relationships with individuals and families most at risk of being directly affected by violence.

Family & Survivor Support Services

This program is utilized as the framework for the District's emergency critical response planning in reaction to all homicides and any shootings suspected of being gang/crew related. Through the facilitation of cross-agency critical response teams, we are able to immediately connect families to government programs and services.

Community Building and Engagement

The ONSE Community Outreach team organizes community events in priority neighborhoods to build community, promote resources, and share helpful information to make communities safer. We encourage togetherness within neighborhoods, motivating them to be tight-knit communities, and assisting them with activities such as safety walks and patrols.



STRONGER PEOPLE

Pathways Program

This program focuses annually on up to 50 individuals most at-risk of being involved in violence through a health-based approach in the areas of employment, education, mental health, conflict resolution and housing stability. The Pathways Program also includes ONSE Caseworkers and Credible Messengers that provide additional long-term support to every participant of the Pathways Program.

Promote Economic Opportunity

The ONSE team connects residents with housing, entrepreneurial and economic opportunities through job fairs, community outreach, violence interventions, and mobile resources. In partnership with the Department of Employment Services and the Department of Small and Local Business Development, ONSE ensures that those most overlooked have a fair shot at these economic opportunities.

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