Create a comprehensive vision and roadmap for a safe and peaceful community.

Challenge the community to continually review and adapt its vision to the realities and present conditions in the community, adjusting its goals and strategies to reflect the state of the community over time.

Private and public organizations can work together to determine the nature of the broader community voice, and should include the hopes of many stakeholders in the community.

Engaging Violence Prevention Collaboratives

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ICP work is grounded in the following:

- Building collaborations of collaboration.
- Engaging community members in participatory strategies to promote and support community-driven solutions.
- Focusing on building effective, inclusive, and democratic collaboratives that are responsive to community needs.
- Building comprehensive collaborations across multiple disciplines and sectors that include those directly affected by violence.
- Recognizing that all forms of violence are interconnected.

The Institute for Community Peace is a partnership among public and private grantmakers, experts in violence prevention, and community collaborations. We provide information to practitioners and ways to connect with various sectors many believe are difficult to reach. ICP's mission is to promote and support community-driven solutions.

Visioning is an active, evolving process that reflects the interests and hopes of its members. It creates a vision that focuses on root causes of violence and positive outcomes.

Focus on developing broad collaborative leadership

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Diversity your resource base. Because, being both a leader and a follower and the success of collaborative efforts are a function of both local and federal government, private philanthropy, and organizational resources, resources from a variety of sources can fill identified service gaps. To facilitate this diversification, inclusion is a foundation in the collaborative. Bring them along in the collaborative team, and see the collaborative present a way to cultivate funders. Persuade them to translate their giving into interventions in criminal activity to violence prevention and eventually to supporting the prevention of community peace and health. For example, local community foundations initially funded the Neighborhood Violence Prevention Collaborative in East Bay, the Gulf Coast Community Foundation then provided funds for the first collaborative. STV, as a funders collaborator, was able to significantly reduce crime and build environments in the communities. It is better for collaboratives to develop the capacity of one or several organizations to fill the gaps by funding an extensive, coordinated mini-grants program. In that way, those resources mobilized can be sustained. STV helped residents establish neighborhood associations and partnerships among community groups and local government, and schools. In addition, STV’s efforts were built around STV’s ability to lead residents to run them. In this way, these services were institutionalized in organizations to fill the gaps by funding an extensive, coordinated mini-grants program. In that way, those resources mobilized can be sustained. STV, as a funders collaborator, was able to significantly reduce crime and build environments in the communities.

Learn from the successes of others, and adapt them to your local context. Take the time to become familiar with what has worked in other communities, and plan how you’ll utilize within your local context. In Spartanburg, S.C., the collaborative applied the principles of community organizing, development and revitalization. This focus is “ending violence”. The Neighborhood Violence Prevention Collaborative (NVPC) is a collaborative among community-based organizations, residents, and individuals, including youth, to prevent violence and promote peace.

The Fountain for Youth works to reduce and prevent youth and community violence in the Corridor communities of the East Bay by reducing crime and violence, it is important to revisit your vision. Often communities are channeled toward one or several solutions in an attempt to solve complex issues. In Spartanburg, S.C., the collaborative applied the principles of community organizing, development and revitalization. The following organizations are experts in violence prevention and focus attention on the range of factors that contribute to and promote violence in their communities.

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