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ONE Lexington is a city initiative that leverages government resources and community partnerships to address gun violence impacting youth and young adults (ages 10-29). Below are some of the latest gun violence statistics in Lexington, KY.

Total Shootings Statistics (through August 27th, 2024)

Youth & Young Adult Shootings Statistics

Lexington Homicide By Gun & Shooting Statistics

Lexington Homicide By Gun & Shooting Statistics (Victims ages 10-29)

2024 (to date)	9 homicides by gun (10 total homicides)
2023 (at this point last year)	14 homicides (16 total homicides)
2022 (at this point in the year)	24 homicides (30 total homicides)

2024 (to date)	4 homicides
2023 (at this point last year)	7 homicides
2022 (at this point in the year)	7 homicides

-5 (less gun-related homicides than the previous year)

-3 (fewer gun-related homicides than the previous year)

Lexington Shooting Statistics (Reported Residents Shot)

Lexington Shooting Statistics (Reported Residents Shot) (Victims ages 10-29)

2024 (to date)	44 shootings
2023 (at this point last year)	57 shootings
2022 (at this point in the year)	87 shootings

2024 (to date)	21 shootings
2023 (at this point last year)	42 shootings
2022 (at this point in the year)	62 shootings

-13 (fewer shootings than the previous year)

-21 (fewer shootings than the previous year)



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Responding To Communities Affected By Gun Violence:

The city of Lexington has seen an increase in gun violence activity over the last month, with at least 12 nonfatal shootings, 2 homicides, and several shots fired calls. This creates long days and nights for our One Lexington team and its community partners as we look to physically respond to any shooting incident where affected parties fall into our age purview of 10-29. Over the last week, our team **visited the Hollow Creek area, responded to the scene of a fatal shooting on Delaware, worked with FCPS in response to a middle school student witnessing his dad being shot, attended a press conference on Winchester Road to support business owners and community members following the mass shooting 2 weeks ago, and began community engagement in the Gainsway and Centre Parkway areas.** Over the last 3 weeks alone, we've contacted community members for mental health support, temporary housing, relocation opportunities, youth mentoring, and domestic violence services. While our ultimate goal is to prevent violence before it happens, we as a city must respond and support our neighbors once violence already happens, so that trauma doesn't perpetuate a cycle of hopelessness and future violence. Anyone who has been affected by gun violence please reach out to our Crisis Response Coordinator, Kenneth Payne kpayne@lexingtonky.gov



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One Lexington's Mentoring Collective To Facilitate Groups In 16

Different Schools:

Below are the schools, grades, and facilitators who will be partnering for our It Takes a Village In-School Mentoring Collective this upcoming school year. Our goal is to engage some of our most vulnerable students, with some added social and emotional support so that they can achieve greater things in the classroom! This list is still growing and we will update the community as more are added!



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2024-25 It Takes A Village In-school Mentoring Collective Groups

- Beaumont Middle School (boys) - **Devine Carama**
- Booker T. Washington Elementary School - **Devine Carama**
- Bryan Station High School (boys) - **The Voyage Movement**
- Crawford Middle School (7th grade girls) - **Walker Reconstruction**
- Crawford Middle School (7th grade girls) - **Walker Reconstruction**
- Crawford Middle School (Latino After-school girls) - **Walker Reconstruction**
- Dixie Elementary School (1-on-1) - **Devine Carama**
- Edythe J. Hayes Middle School (boys) - **Devine Carama**
- Frederick Douglas High School (girls) - **Walker Reconstruction**
- Frederick Douglass High School (boys) - **Devine Carama**
- MLK Academy of Excellence - (Middle boys) - **The Voyage Movement**
- MLK Academy of Excellence - (High boys) - **The Voyage Movement**
- MLK Academy of Excellence (Middle, girls) - **Walker Reconstruction**
- MLK Academy of Excellence (High, girls) - **Walker Reconstruction**
- Morton Middle School (8th grade boys) - **Devine Carama**
- Morton Middle School (6th grade boys) - **Devine Carama**
- Southern Elementary School (5th grade boys) - **Devine Carama**
- Southern Middle School (boys) - **Devine Carama**
- Southern Middle School (girls) - **Walker Reconstruction**
- Success Academy (boys) - **The Voyage Movement**
- The Learning Center (boys) - **The Voyage Movement**
- The Learning Center (Middle, girls) - **Walker Reconstruction**
- The Learning Center (High, girls) - **Walker Reconstruction**
- Tates Creek Elementary School - **Devine Carama**
- Tates Creek Middle School (boys) - **The Voyage Movement**
- William Wells Brown Elementary School (boys) - **Devine Carama**

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Gun Violence Symposium Registration Nears Capacity:

Please register and join us on September 18th, 2024, from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm, as One Lexington will host its second annual "*Symposium On Youth & Young Adult Gun Violence*". This 1-day event will not only feature national speakers and workshops focused on addressing community gun violence but will also celebrate and highlight YOU and the amazing work your organization is doing to make our community a safer place. We are also going to get more feedback from you to see what gains have been made since we last met, as well as gain insight into any new challenges that you've encountered in your work. Even if you can't make it for the entire day, still register!!

There will also be a networking opportunity where different organizations and individuals can connect and begin the process of building some new partnerships. This year's symposium will be focused on the root causes of gun violence and will feature professional development opportunities and breakout sessions centered on **systemic inequalities, educational disparities, mental health access and stigmas in communities of color, substance use disorder, income inequality, poverty**, and more! We will also talk about the impact social media and music is playing when it comes to youth conflicts.

As we close out the month of August, Lexington has seen a **60 percent decrease in homicides and a 50 percent decrease in shootings** compared to this time in 2022, despite the latest spike in gun violence this month. Progress can be attributed to the advancements in public safety and the collaboration and work of community partners like yourselves. Our goal is to continue fostering this "all hearts on deck" approach by building the capacity and relationships of those who are on the ground doing the work!

Register HERE - <https://forms.gle/XMjWDgrVNoaYyTZe8> - Attached a flier with a QR Code as well!

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Gun Violence Symposium Registration Nears Capacity:



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Symposium for Youth & Young Adult Gun Violence: Addressing the Sickness, Not the Symptoms

In partnership with UK Community Innovation Lab

Wednesday, September 18th

9:30 am to 3:30 pm

Spindletop Hall located at 3414 Iron Works Pike, Lexington, KY



Synethia White

Addressing the Root Causes of Gun Violence



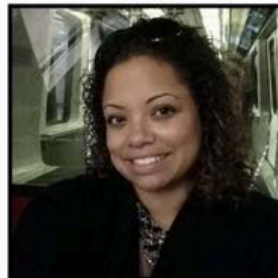
Tiffany Brown

How Income Inequality and Poverty Plays a Role In Gun Violence



The Andrew Brothers

Mental Health & Trauma: Destigmatizing Mental Health and Increasing Access to Underserved Communities



Carmen Combs Marks

Substance Use Disorder: Is It The Cause Or The Effect Of Gun Violence?



Dr. Roger Cleveland

Education Disparities Among Brown and Black Children



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National CVI Action Plan Revealed:

As many of you know, One Lexington uses **Cure Violence & CVI** as base models for our city's strategic plan to address youth & young adult gun violence. Many of you have joined us or partnered with us in those community-based efforts. The nationwide CVI action plan was recently released for 2024 and it's encouraging to see much of the work being done by YOU, being present in this plan. The CVI Action Plan strives to save lives, reduce violence in Black and brown communities, and support CVI workers who have committed their livelihoods to ending violence. For the first time, stakeholders from every part of the CVI ecosystem came together to create a groundbreaking community-led vision for the field, set ambitious goals, and refine essential strategies. The result is a set of high-priority opportunities that will catalyze philanthropic and public investment for years to come. For the past year, leaders from [Community Justice](#), [the Health Alliance for Violence Intervention](#) (HAVI), and [The National Institute for Criminal Justice Reform](#) (NICJR) served as coordinators for the report seeking input and guidance from the CVI field. In May 2024, leaders from the [Community-based Public Safety Collective](#) (CBPS Collective) and the [Urban Peace Institute](#) joined the coordinating committee. This report is the start of a framework to take action on existing and new work for the CVI field.

READ THE 2024 CVI ACTION PLAN HERE -

[CVI Action+Plan Full+Report v10.pdf](#)

[\(squarespace.com\)](#)

If you have press questions please contact Andrea Maruniak at

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The CVI Leadership Academy Registration Deadline Approaching:

The CVI Leadership Academy is now accepting applications for our December 2024 and January 2026 cohorts. To be considered, please apply through the link below by Friday, August 30. This is a great opportunity for community partners in our violence prevention ecosystem to become more prepared to lead in the space of violence prevention!



The Community Violence Intervention Leadership Academy (CVILA) is a first-of-its-kind education program designed to deepen the leadership and management practices of senior CVI leaders so they can effectively manage community-based organizations and implement CVI strategies at scale. Its purpose is to provide senior CVI leaders with five months of hands-on education, to achieve its two interconnected goals: reducing gun violence and scaling the CVI field. The CVILA supports participants in achieving these goals by strengthening their leadership and management skills, expanding their networks, and supporting them in their efforts to elevate and advocate for the CVI field. The curriculum combines classroom instruction with immersive learning labs. During the first cohort, CVILA students participated in immersive learning labs in Chicago, New York, and Oakland hosted by UCAN, LIFE Camp, and Live Free USA, respectively.

Watch Video & Learn More - [Community Violence Intervention Leadership Academy Week in Washington, D.C., February 2024 \(youtube.com\)](#)

Apply HERE - [CVILA Application FAQ.docx \(uchicago.edu\)](#)

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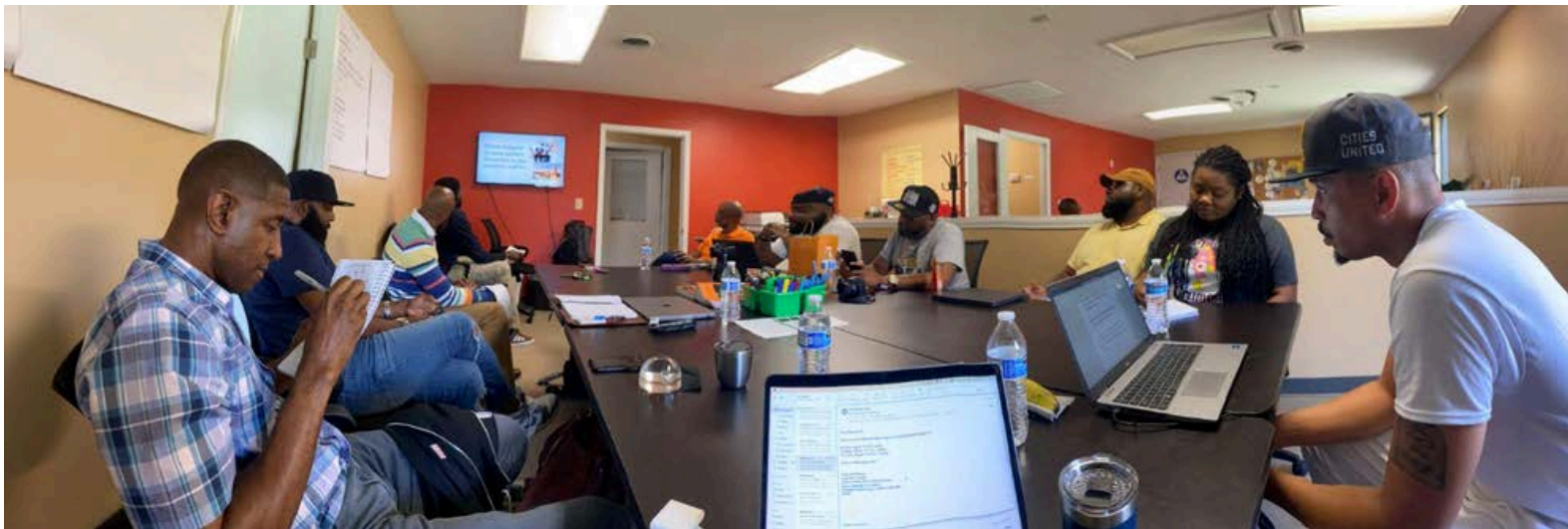


Federal CVI Funding Opportunities For Nonprofits:

Below is a link to some government funding opportunities for nonprofits and organizations looking to provide community violence intervention, youth drug prevention, survivor support and services, and more!

Funding Opportunities Closing Soon From BJA and OJJDP (govdelivery.com)

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FREE Mental Health Support For Students & Families of Students

Affected By Gun Violence:

Last month, the Governor's office announced a half-a-million-dollar grant to One Lexington through the state's **Everybody Counts** program. We are utilizing this funding through our "*Building Bridges to Opportunity*" initiative, including expanded scholarship opportunities for students of color, skills scholarships for all students affected by gun violence, and more. **\$150,000 of that money has been set aside to supplement mental health costs for students, parents, and immediate family members affected by gun violence! That resource is available now!**

One of the root causes and residual effects of gun violence is untreated trauma and mental health issues. Our ultimate goal with this program is "building" bridges to opportunity for our city's most vulnerable students. Due to financial disparities and the stigmatization of mental health, many communities who are affected by gun violence the most, lack access and opportunity to services.

Follow the link below to apply for funding for mental health services for you and/or your children. Make sure you read the information to make sure you meet the criteria.

[FREE Mental Health and Support Services - Fayette Education Foundation \(fayettefoundation.org\)](https://fayettefoundation.org)



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**For those looking for a quality and equitable mental health option visit TICC of Lexington at [Referral Form | The Trauma-Informed Counseling Center \(theticcoflexington.com\)](#), and complete the referral form or visit [BLACK&WHITE Neighborhood Healers Project Resource List \(fayettefoundation.org\)](#) for a list of other mental health and trauma support options!



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Transitioning Into Adulthood:

Powered By the One Lexington Violence Prevention Grant, Exhilarating Inc. will be facilitating its Transitioning Into Adulthood Program. *"Are you between the ages of 16 and 26? Do you know how to get and keep a job, get an apartment, cook a meal, budget your finances, apply for documents, handle conflict, deal with roommates...etc.? Come join us for educational but fun hands-on activities. Transitioning into adulthood is a process that brings childhood to an end and turns you into a young adult. Increase your social skills, knowledge, and your support system."* - **Mattie Morton**

TRANSITIONING INTO ADULTHOOD

WHEN

August 14 – September 21, 2024
(Wednesdays only)
5:15 pm – 6:45 pm

WHERE

Marksbury Family Branch Library
197 Versailles Road Lexington, KY 40504

Are you between the ages of 16 and 26? Do you know how to get and keep a job, get an apartment, cook a meal, budget your finances, apply for documents, handle conflict, deal with roommates...etc.?

Come join us for educational but fun hands-on activities. Transitioning into adulthood is a process that brings childhood to an end and turns you into a young adult. Increase your social skills, knowledge and your support system.

Register online: www.exhilaratinginc.org
Cost: Free



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Rapid Housing Referrals for LHA Properties:

Effective immediately, the Lexington Housing Authority (LHA) will accept referrals from community/social service partners for specific LHA units. LHA has received approval from HUD to offer units that have been vacant for 90+ days to households that meet eligibility requirements. These units may be older but will meet HUD standards for safe, sanitary, and desirable housing. Candidates for these units will meet any of the following criteria, in addition to meeting the program and income guidelines for the property:

Household pays more than 30% of their adjusted income toward rent and utilities Households who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

LHA is a Moving to Work (MTW) agency and LHA is allowed to waive certain HUD regulations to meet any one of three statutory objectives: to reduce costs and achieve greater cost-effectiveness in federal expenditures; to give incentives to families with children; and, to increase housing choices for low-income families. Please send referrals to lharhi@lexha.org and please include the applicant's name and contact information. Once a referral is received an application packet will be sent for the applicant to complete or the applicant may schedule an appointment to come into an LHA office to complete the application. You may reach out to Andrea Wilson at (859) 281-5063 or wilsona@lexha.org with questions. Thank you in advance for your support of this important housing initiative.



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How Right Now Initiative to Support Mental Health for Educators:

The KCGCF is partnering with the CDC on their How Right Now Initiative! A lot is being asked of people working in schools. The challenges you are facing are hard—you don't have to go through them alone. It can help to connect with someone you trust, like a friend or family member about what you are experiencing and feeling.

And of course KCGCF also works with professionals in Kentucky to provide training, guidance, and direct support for children and their families. Check out our family resources at www.kcgcf.org/resources.

Visit <https://bit.ly/3r4aWjH> to learn more. Follow the KCGCF and share these messages with those working in school settings.



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Resources You Can Use for Grief Support for Children and Teens:

The National Alliance for Children's Grief is a national membership organization designed to provide education and resources for professionals and individuals working with families with death loss. There are many great free resources and toolkits on their website (<https://nacg.org/schools/>) and the very affordable membership includes a year's worth of FREE webinars and training with CEUs. Consider joining today: <https://nacg.org/join-the-nacg/>.



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ONE Lexington Community Interactions - August 12th-26th

Community Events/Meetings

- Mayor's Office Staff Meeting (2)
- Violence Intervention Team Meeting (2)
- Lexington Police CompStat Meeting
- Presentation to Racial Equity Committee
- Domestic Violence Podcast
- One Lexington Team Meeting (3)
- Meeting w/ Memphis, TN Violence Prevention Advocate
- Fayette County Child Fatality Review
- Open Records Request Meeting w/ Lexington Herald Leader
- Crisis Response Home Visits
- Smart Cities Conference Meeting
- Housing Authority Meeting w/ Falcon Crest Residents

Youth & Young Adults

Engagements:

- Southern Middle School-First Day Presence-250
- Street Outreach - 15
- **Total: 265**

Youth & Young Adult Conflict

Mediations

- Public Safety - 0
- Courts - 0
- School System - 0
- Community - 0
- **Total: 0**

Crisis Response Referrals

- UK Trauma Center (Project Peace) - 0
- Public Safety - 7
- Courts - 0
- School System - 1
- Community - 11
- **Total: 19**

