

One Lexington Bi-Weekly

Report

September 25th, 2024



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 September 25th, 2024)

Lexington Homicide By Gun & Shooting Statistics

2024 (to date)	12 homicides by gun (13 total homicides)
2023 (at this point last year)	18 homicides (20 total homicides)
2022 (at this point in the year)	30 homicides (36 total homicides)
2021 (at this point in the year)	27 homicides (27 total homicides)

-6 (less gun-related homicides than the previous year)

Lexington Shooting Statistics (Reported Residents Shot)

2024 (to date)	51 shootings
2023 (at this point last year)	63 shootings
2022 (at this point in the year)	100 shootings
2021 (at this point in the year)	106 shootings

-12 (fewer shootings than the previous year)

Youth & Young Adult Shootings Statistics

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

2024 (to date)	5 homicides
2023 (at this point last year)	9 homicides
2022 (at this point in the year)	11 homicides
2021 (at this point in the year)	19 homicides

-4 (fewer gun-related homicides than the previous year)

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

2024 (to date)	26 shootings
2023 (at this point last year)	46 shootings
2022 (at this point in the year)	74 shootings
2021 (at this point in the year)	70 shootings

-20 (fewer shootings than the previous year)

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Symposium On Youth Gun Violence Brings City Together:

Last week, One Lexington hosted its second annual *"Symposium on Youth & Young Adult Gun Violence"*. Over 130 community partners attended this 1-day event that featured an address from Mayor Linda Gorton, national speakers, workshops focused on the long-term work of addressing community gun violence, presentations from One Lexington Violence Prevention Grant winners, and awards given to individuals who are "game changers" in our community. This was also a great networking opportunity where different organizations and individuals could connect and begin the process of building some new partnerships. This year's symposium was focused on the root causes of gun violence and featured professional development opportunities and breakout sessions centered on **systemic inequalities (Tiffany Brown)**, **educational disparities (Dr. Roger Cleveland)**, **mental health access and stigmas in communities of color (Dr. Shaun Andrews)**, and **substance use disorder (Carmen Marks)**. We also talked about the impact social media and music is playing when it comes to youth conflicts. This served as a great space to continue building solidarity and synergy with partners in the city's violence prevention ecosystem.

Check out a quick video recap **HERE** - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QgvFKSF2rgI>



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The Good Guy Guide Podcast Lanches:

One Lexington, Stephanie Theakston, Lillie Ruschell, and the entire It's Time Lexington has been working so hard on for months and last week we finally premiered the first episode of the Good Guide Guy Podcast! *"I always wanted to do a podcast but I didn't want to JUST do content for the sake of doing, but instead do something that truly means something. When I was approached about co-hosting a podcast called, "The Good Guy Guide", with Sam Stockley, the head coach of Lexington's first professional soccer team, I couldn't pass up this PURPOSE-filled opportunity."* - Devine Carama.

This new content series is a weekly discussion facilitated by Mayor Linda Gorton and the city of Lexington's domestic violence awareness campaign, [#ItsTimeLexington](#), where men come together in a safe space and open up about an important issue. 2 years ago, Lexington saw 1/3 of its homicides domestic violence-related so this issue impacts our work at ONE Lexington. It's time! It's time that MEN step up and talk about domestic violence and the toxic behaviors that lead to it. While interpersonal violence affects all genders, the power dynamics and societal response often lead to more severe & fatal outcomes for women who are victims of domestic violence. So each week we will bring on different men from the community to talk about this important issue! Next week the premier show features Assistant University of Kentucky Track Coach Kris Grimes & and Olympic track star Robert Springfield! Make sure WATCH, LIKE & SUBSCRIBE!! WATCH FULL EPISODE - <https://youtu.be/gEg6hDV1Jlg?si=4Ve4DZwQndHmleiy>



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It Takes A Village In-School Mentoring Program Kicks Off:

Last week we kicked off our [#ItTakesAVillage](#) in-school mentoring groups. ONE Lexington, The Voyage Movement, and Walker Reconstruction will be facilitating 30 weekly groups in 20 different schools across the Fayette County Public Schools district, including alternative schools like MLK, The Learning Center, Audrey Grievous Center, and Success Academy. Many of the 400-plus students we will be engaging each week have been affected by high-level trauma, are system-involved, or living in single-parent households. This collective has been successful in the last couple of years in creating some alternative pathways for these boys and girls. In serving them each week we will also have the opportunity to provide wrap-around services for their families as requested.



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One Lexington Works w/ FCPS to Engage Families In Tates Creek:

For the past few weeks, we've been doing some youth outreach and community engagement in the Gainesway area in response to several complaints from the community about incidents involving juveniles. We've been walking students home from school, engaging youth at Falcon Crest Apartments, and connecting families in the area to resources. A couple of weeks ago the FCPS Family and Community Engagement team joined the ONE Lexington squad in our efforts and helped pass out fresh food shares from Black Soil! It takes a village to make our community better and safer and there's a role for everyone! Trying to figure out your place in this space? Reach out to our Crisis Outreach Coordinator, Kenneth Payne.



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The Lyric Theatre & Cultural Arts Center Launches the Lyric Arts Scholarship Fund:

The Lyric Theatre & Cultural Arts Center is proud to announce the creation of the Lyric Arts Scholarship Fund, which will provide financial support to young individuals passionate about pursuing the arts. This scholarship fund will offer access to specialized programs, camps, lessons, and training opportunities in various artistic disciplines, including integrating technology into artistic creation.

To kick off fundraising efforts for this important initiative, Grammy-winning national recording artist Hezekiah Walker, along with his choir led by nationally recognized artist Jayson Clayborne, and the Bracktown Praise team will perform at The Lyric on October 19th. Additionally, on September 27th, Lexington's icon TD Young and national hip-hop recording artist Keith Murry will donate proceeds from his performance to support the Lyric Arts Scholarship Fund. *"We are thrilled to have both national and local artists recognize the importance of investing in our young people and helping them overcome financial barriers in their artistic journeys,"* said Executive Director Christian Adair at The Lyric. *"The Lyric is a platform where aspiring and professional artists can thrive, and this scholarship fund will further uplift our community by making the arts more accessible to everyone."*

As a historic institution known for its dedication to diversity, inclusion, and inspiration, The Lyric Theatre & Cultural Arts Center continues to foster community engagement and support for the next generation of artists. You can contribute to this mission by attending these exciting events and visiting our website at www.historiclyric.com to learn more and make a donation.

Event Details:

- **September 27** – Performance by TD Young & Keith Murray at TD's
- **October 19** – Hezekiah Walker & Jayson Clayborne Choir Live in Concert

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A CULTURAL ARTS CENTER

Art Scholarship Fund

BENEFIT CONCERT

featuring
HEZEKIAH WALKER AND JAYSON CLAYBORN
BRACKTOWN, ALL STAR CHOIR and many more
Gospel Comedian **Mattie J**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19TH
DOORS OPEN AT 6 PM

VIP CONTRIBUTORS

EACH \$100 CONTRIBUTOR TO OUR SCHOLARSHIP FUND WILL RECEIVE VIP SEATING FOR THE CONCERT EXPERIENCE TICKET, WHICH INCLUDES:

- PREFERRED PARKING
- MEET-AND-GREET WITH THE PERFORMERS
- A SPECIAL GIFT BAG

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Walk A Mile In Our Shoes:

Praying for all of those who have been affected by the recent spike in gun violence in our city. I love you and please let us know if there is any way that ONE Lexington can support you and your family. With that said, the "We Are Survivors" group is having its annual "Walk a Mile in Our Shoes" event this Wednesday as a day of remembrance for homicide victims and survivors. Check out the info below and join us if you are able:

"On Wednesday, September 25th join us at (Survivors ONLY from 3-5 pm) 5:00-7:00 PM at the historic Lyric Theater for a powerful ceremony led by We Are Survivors, that is open to the public. Together we will remember our loved ones lost to violence, and we will hear powerful testimony from survivors and families. Families will share their stories and offer a glimpse of what it feels like to walk a mile in their shoes."



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Patenting With A Purpose:

Circle of Life initiatives is hosting a weekly “Parenting With Purpose” class for young parents. Information can be found on the flyer below or by contacting Tania Walker at walker@walkerreconstructionllc.com

Sponsored by: Circle of Life Initiative, Inc.

“Parenting with Purpose”

Super Teens!

**Calling Teen Moms & Teen Dads...
Ages 12 -18**

- Learn Self-Love
- Learn Safe spaces
- Learn Collaboration
- Learn Parent Influence
- Learn Decision-making skills
- Learn Effective Communication

Fun Activities!

When:
Oct 8th -
Nov 5th
(Tuesday's Only)
5pm - 6:30pm
Dinner Provided

GIFTS FOR TEEN PARENTS!

Where:
Willow Creek
1050 Chinoe Rd
Ste 203
Lexington, KY 40502

**Learn more & Sign up here
by Sept 30th:**
www.walkerreconstructionllc.com/circle-of-life

Cost: Free

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Fatherhood Summit Registration Is Now Open:

Commonwealth Center For Fathers & Families announces the launch of registration for the **2024 Kentucky Fatherhood Summit**, themed "**Next Level Fatherhood.**" This year's Summit includes an exciting lineup of new features, expert speakers, and sessions designed to elevate fatherhood engagement across Kentucky. Registration info can be found below!

We are honored to welcome **Jason Wilson** as our keynote speaker. Jason, a best-selling author of ***Cry Like a Man and Battle Cry***, is a passionate fatherhood advocate whose powerful message of emotional resilience and strength has inspired countless men across the nation. His keynote will undoubtedly be a highlight of the Summit, offering profound insights into what it means to be a father in today's world. See more of Wilson's work [HERE](#).

Summit Workshops/Breakouts: Another stellar lineup of local, state, and national professionals and content experts have been assembled this year including representatives from The Administration for Children and Families, Federal Office of Child Support Services, National Fatherhood Initiative, and more. Attendees will have options of attending multiple breakouts that address relevant subject matter such as incarcerated caregivers; fathers supporting mothers pre- & postnatally; fatherhood funding opportunities; promising practices for recruitment and retention; and more.

We are particularly excited to introduce two **"NEXT LEVEL"** additions to the Summit:

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Pre-Summit Institute: A unique opportunity to dive deep into the latest strategies and insights in the field of recovery. This exclusive session will highlight how strengthening fatherhood can significantly boost recovery capital and reduce relapse rates by restoring family relationships and building confidence. This institute will develop coordinated strategies across Kentucky to integrate responsible fatherhood curricula into services for fathers with lived experiences. Attendees will hear from content and lived experience experts including **Dr. Alexander Elswick PhD** of The University of Kentucky and The Voices of Hope.

Parents in Recovery Facilitator Training (PiR): Parents in Recovery is an innovative, evidence-based curriculum offered to mothers and fathers recovering from substance use. This program helps parents in recovery to establish or repair their relationship with their children; increase their parenting skills, confidence, and competence; and strengthen their recovery capital. The PiR will be led by **Dr. Raymond Levy, PsyD-** Clinical Psychologist, Founder & Director, of The Fatherhood Project. Participants will leave the 1.5-day training certified to deliver the PiR curriculum.

Register now to secure your spot and be part of this amazing experience!

REGISTRATION IS FREE HERE - <https://www.ccffky.org/copy-of-why-we-do-it>

Location: The Campbell House

Lexington, KY

Dates: October 14th-16th

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ONE Lexington Community Interactions - August 27th-September-24th

Youth & Young Adults

Engagements:

- Roots & Heritage Festival - 200
- Street Outreach - 200
- Audrey Grevious Center - 25
- Beaumont Middle School - 27
- Booker T. Washington Elementary School - 20
- Bryan Station High School - 0
- Crawford Middle School - 17
- Dixie Elementary School - 7
- Edythe J. Hayes Middle School - 20
- Frederick Douglas High School - 3
- MLK Academy of Excellence - 42
- Morton Middle School - 35
- Southern Elementary School - 10
- Southern Middle School - 20
- Success Academy - 0
- The Learning Center - 27
- Tates Creek Elementary School - 20
- Tates Creek Middle School - 8
- William Wells Brown Elementary School - 35
- **Total: 696**

Youth & Young Adult Conflict

Mediations

- Public Safety - 0
- Courts - 0
- School System - 1
- Community - 1
- **Total: 2**

Community Events/Meetings

- Mayor's Office Staff Meeting (3)
- Violence Intervention Team Meeting (2)
- Lexington Police CompStat Meeting
- One Lexington Crisis Response Team Meeting
- Domestic Violence Podcast (3)
- One Lexington Team Meeting (2)
- One Lexington & UK Innovation Lab Meeting (2)
- One Lexington & Hotel Partnership Meeting
- Open Records Request Meeting w/ Lexington Herald Leader
- Symposium Venue Site Visit
- Cities United Conference Meeting (2)
- Inter-Personal Violence Meeting (2)
- Building Bridges to Opportunity Meeting (2)
- Domestic Violence Podcasts Media Opportunity
- Symposium On Youth & Young Adult Gun Violence
- NAMI Kentucky Meeting

Crisis Response Referrals

- UK Trauma Center (Project Peace) - 0
- Public Safety - 7
- Courts - 2
- School System - 1
- Community - 9
- **Total: 19**

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