

# Illinois State Violence Prevention Planning

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**Violence remains a public health crisis  
and a leading cause of death for  
individuals in Illinois.**

**However, research and evidence-based  
practices have taught us that violence  
can be prevented.**

**ICJIA's response to healing the harm  
in communities across Illinois is.....**

**Our Statewide Violence Prevention  
Plan**

**The Authority shall develop, publish, and facilitate the implementation of a four-year statewide violence prevention plan, which shall incorporate public health, public safety, victim services, and trauma recovery centers and services.**

- **In partnership with the University of Illinois, ICJIA's VP researchers lead the project in a collaboration with 13 state agencies and other stakeholders.**
- **Planners viewed multiple presentations and participated in meetings and working groups**
- **Researchers conducted comprehensive needs assessment, research, and data analysis on all 102 Illinois counties.**



- **Disproportionate rates of violent victimization and exposure to violence by race, ethnicity, sex, gender, and sexual identity, and in geography (e.g., rural vs. urban; City of Chicago).**
- **Violence prevention service providers were engaged in addressing community risk factors, but faced barriers, such as funding, capacity, and other resources.**
- **Illinois adults reported high levels of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES), calling for trauma-informed and healing services.**



- **Stop Violence & Promote Safety**
- **Support Children, Youth, and Families by Emphasizing Programs that Foster Social Connectedness and Belonging**
- **Advance Equity**
- **Promote Health**
- **Promote Collaboration across State, Municipal, and Community-Based Agencies**



- **Communication & Alignment via ICJIA Violence Prevention Ad Hoc Committee (Quarterly meetings)**
- **Release equity-focused Notice of Funding Opportunity Model**
  - **Support via transparent processes, outreach, and technical assistance**
- **Ongoing data collection & data analyses to influence process improvement**



## 2025 – 2029 Statewide Violence Prevention Plan

- **Goal #1: Prevent violence and promote health and safety**
- **Goal #2: Advance equity**
- **Goal #3: Promote collaboration**

- **Launch in 2025 Q1.**
- **Rollout Updated Interactive Website**
- **Communication strategy to support implementation efforts at all levels of service provision**

# Questions?