

# ONE Lexington

*Social Services & Public Safety Committee*  
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**LEXINGTON**



## PIER Network

- ONE Lexington is guided by the PIER network.
  - P – Prevention
  - I – Intervention
  - E – Enforcement
  - R – Re-entry
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ONE Lexington is a city initiative that leverages government resources and community partnerships to reduce gun violence impacting youth and young adults (ages 13-29). Below are some of the latest gun violence statistics in Lexington, KY.



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## 2022 Year In Review: Gun Violence

- Lexington saw a 50 % decrease in gun-related homicides for youth & young adults ages 13-29 & an 80 % decrease in gun-related homicides among juveniles compared to 2021.
- Last year we lost 12 youth & young adults ages 13-29 to gun violence which is a 25 % decrease of the 5-year average of 16.4.
- Overall, Lexington had 36 gun-related homicides (same as 2021) and 118 shootings (compared to 135 in 2021) in 2022, both well above the 5-year average.



## 2022 Year In Review: Prevention

- One Lexington held 7 community forums of gun violence (4 in collaboration with council members and 1 with the 8th graders at Crawford Middle School).
- Attended the Cities United convening in Baltimore to study violence prevention efforts from other cities across the nation.
- Over 3,000 total interactions with over 350 students through our *It Takes a Village* in-school & summer mentoring program.
- The *We Are One* Poem Program served 40 students at Crawford Middle School.
- Provided a \$20,000 renewable scholarship in partnership with Galls through our *Be the Change* scholarship program that rewards a student of color from Bryan Station High School pursuing a degree in criminal justice. We also awarded a one-time \$10,000 scholarship to the runner up thanks to a donation from the Central Bank of Lexington.
- One Lexington convened 3 strategic planning sessions to help form our *Violence Intervention Plan*.



## 2022 Year In Review: Intervention

- Each Wednesday we convened our *Violence Intervention Work Group*, which consists of community partners from multiple sectors. We discuss the gun related incidents from the week prior.
- We received referrals for and provided services for over 50 families impacted by gun violence, many of which came from our weekly Violence Intervention Work Group meetings.
- We received 19 requests to mediate conflicts among youth.
- Successfully transitioned Safety Net to the Lexington Rescue Mission who serves individuals and families directly impacted by gun violence.
- We successfully served families through our N.E.W. (Neighborhood Engagement Walks) program in which we provided food, connections to mental health services, and other resources. We strategically targeted areas that were recently impacted by gun violence, as a part of our Crisis Response Model.



## 2022 Year In Review: Enforcement

- *We leave the enforcement piece to our friends in public safety. However, we do look forward to working to bridge the gap between under-served communities and law enforcement in 2023.*
- *In 2022 we worked with LPD to coordinate youth mediation and crisis response efforts.*



## 2022 Year In Review: Re-entry

- One Lexington has facilitated a weekly *It Takes a Village* mentoring group with participants in Kentucky Specialty Group.
- One Lexington hosted *It Takes a Village* mentoring group for members of the Juvenile Treatment Court Program.
- One Lexington worked with Judge Carl Devine to serve participants in his child support, domestic violence, and truancy docket. We connected those referred from his child support docket to the Fayette Fatherhood Initiative.



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## 2022 Year In Review: Spending

- We've only spent about half of our current budget of \$350,000.
- We've spent roughly \$60,000 supporting our year-round "It Takes A Village" Mentoring Model in which we've engaged almost 400 under-served youth with over 4,000 total interactions.
- We've currently spent roughly \$55,000 on Crisis Response (families directly impacted by gun violence and Community Support.





# It Takes A Village

## Youth Mentoring Program

- Weekly summer mentoring program for youth aged 12-17.
- Weekly in-school mentoring program at Frederick Douglass High School, Tates Creek High School, STEAM Academy, Success Academy, Edythe J. Hayes Middle School, Winburn Middle School, The Learning Center, Family Care Center.
- Use a trauma informed care approach to provide social emotional learning, life skills, workforce opportunities, and relationship building through recreational activities.
- Goal is to steer youth away from violence by showing that life can be more than their current circumstance.





# Skill Building Workshops

It Takes A Village





# Building Relationships

## It Takes A Village





# Mentoring

## It Takes A Village





# Commitment

## It Takes A Village





## We Are ONE

- In collaboration with SoulNRoses, Love Always, & Oneness Sneaker Boutique, we launched the “We Are One” Anti-Violence Essay & Poetry contest for FCPS students at Lexington Traditional Magnet School & Crawford Middle School.
- Students, in conjunction with their English classes, will have the opportunity to win top notch streetwear and tennis shoes by completing an anti-violence essay, poem, or rap.
- Students will also have the opportunity to read their poem or rap on air with Jay Alexander of 107.9 The Beat.





## We Are ONE

- The goal is to encourage young people to discuss issues that affect them by using platforms to amplify those voices in hopes of inspiring positive change in their community.





## We Are ONE

- Rewarding students for using art and self expression as a form of leadership.







# One Lexington Crisis Response

One Lexington uses community partnerships & government response to support individuals and families who've been impacted by gun violence.





## Crisis Response Advocates

- The city has contracted 3 crisis response advocates to respond and support crisis situation involving families who have been impacted by gun violence.
- These advocates will also respond to youth mediation requests from FCPS, law enforcement, or the community.



# Crisis Response: N.E.W. (Neighborhood Engagement Walks)

- Includes after-school walks for students experiencing barriers on their way home in the afternoons.
- Street outreach advocates are deployed to neighborhoods recently impacted by gun violence and engaging families through community service & resource sharing.





# Crisis Response: Building Relationships in Community Through Service





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## Crisis Response: Youth Mediation

- When One Lexington gets a request to mediate a conflict, we deploy one of our Crisis Response Advocates or one of our community partners.
- Mediation generally involved both conflicting parties, their parents, law enforcement, community partners & One Lexington.



## Crisis Response: Safety Net

- ONE Lexington acts as the connector between the Lexington Rescue Mission and those seeking services.
- ONE Lexington has had success connecting with youth and families impacted by recent gun violence.
- In addition to helping families, this has also assisted law enforcement with case investigation.
- Hospital Based Violence Intervention Program – Partnership with the University of Kentucky Hospital's Trauma Unit



## Cities United

- Cities United & the University of Kentucky CLD Innovation Lab has assisted us in developing our Strategic Plan to reduce gun violence among youth & young adults in Lexington, KY..
- Internal and external stakeholders will be involved in every step of the process to develop plans that fit Lexington's needs.

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# Community Partnerships

- Cities United
- University of Kentucky CLD Innovation Lab
- University of Kentucky Trauma Center
- Stop the Bleed
- Fayette County Public Schools
- KY Specialty Courts
- Juvenile Treatment Court Program
- Lexington Police Department
- Fayette county Sheriff's Department
- Lexington Rescue Mission
- Black Achievers of Central KY YMCA
- The Voyage Movement
- Trauma Informed Care Counseling Center
- Surviving Onward Sessions
- Lexington Parks & Recreation
- Moms Demand Action
- FoodChain
- Black Soil
- Galls
- Central Bank of Lexington
- Macy's
- YAP
- *\*There are other partners we work with that prefer to remain anonymous and we respect their request*





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## On the Horizon in 2023

- The continued implementation of our One Lexington Strategic Plan to Reduce Gun Violence Among Youth & Young Adults.
- One Lexington Grant Program awarded to grassroots organizations who work in violence prevention and intervention.
- One Lex & Cities United Grant Program awarded to organizations focused on victim services and re-entry work.
- One Lexington will provide \$1,000 grants to the FRYSC in schools located in areas most affected by gun violence in 2022. These grants are to be used for Violence Prevention programming and services.
- One Lexington will sponsor activities for youth directly impacted by gun violence or with incarcerated parents.
- Compensating Street Outreach Workers for crisis response situations involved gun violence among youth and young adults.



## Continued Work in 2023

- One Lexington will pay for a series of training for community partners in violence prevention work. Following our Trauma Informed Care training in November of 2022, we look to cover for training in Bystander Awareness, Restorative Justice Practices, Conflict Resolution & violence Disruption.
- Our biggest gap in services for 2022 was re-entry support. We are looking to find ways to ramp up support for youth and young adults who are system involved and judges looking for alternative sentencing options