COVID-19 & Gun Violence Reduction Work

In 2020, COVID-19 contributed to increases in firearm violence. We found that this increase in gun violence was a direct result of increased social isolation, depression, anxiety, fear & uncertainty brought on by COVID-19 policies. The 2020 pandemic’s impact on the Advance Peace (AP) model was profound. AP requires that heavy doses of direct, persistent and rigorous face-to-face daily engagement be made with each enrolled Fellow. Pandemic distancing and closures adversely impacted the ability of AP staff, Fellows & service providers to engage & do what they do best. These restrictions on AP’s engagement limited AP’s likely impacts & any increases in gun violence reflect 2020’s COVID reality. However, if not for the continued engagement of AP during the pandemic, gun violence could have been a lot worse.

2020 Sacramento Firearm Homicides & Assaults in AP Intervention Areas

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Total engagements: 5,008
Hours of engagement: 9,035
Service referrals: 209
Imminent gun violence conflicts interrupted: 84
Community conflicts mediated that could have escalated into gun violence: 174
Shootings responded to: 83
– Advance Peace helped avoid further retaliatory violence

Advance Peace Fellows in 2020

47 Fellows

1 lost to gun violence
98% have no new firearm injuries
91% are not a suspect in a new firearm related crime

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Advance Peace Sacramento 2020

2020 Fellow Outcomes

49% are milestone eligible

70% received Life Coaching

Fellow Characteristics

~ 80% are Black

47 Fellows

45% witnessed a homicide

19% received prior social services

38% experienced a gun homicide in their family

49% received counseling

36% have a LifeMAP

27% of referrals for Becoming a Man Counseling

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