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.

34 Fellows

1 lost to gun violence

88% have no new firearm injuries

71% are not a suspect in a new firearm related crime

**Advance Peace Fellows in 2020**
Advance Peace Stockton 2020

2020 Fellow Outcomes

- 97% received counseling
- 70% received Life Coaching

Fellow Characteristics

- 0% received prior social services
- 38% experienced a gun homicide in their family
- 12% are on parole
- 30% are parents
- 38% got a new job while in program
- 46 separate internship & work referrals
- 74% had a LifeMAP

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