

# An Overview of the Office for Safe and Healthy Neighborhoods

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# About me:

- Social Worker by trade (Masters in Science and Social Work from Kent School)
- Background in mental health
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# Co-Producing Public Safety

- Director Ron Davis of the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) office describes public safety as being “co-produced” by law enforcement and community.
- (I would add schools, businesses, philanthropy, faith community, and non-profits as additional “co-producers”).



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# Introduction

**Mission:** *Our mission is to foster a culture of social wellness within our neighborhoods by facilitating the collaboration of groups, within the city of Louisville, to enhance citizen's access to galvanized resources and build their individual capability in order to reduce community violence, improve both physical and mental health and ensure lifelong success.*

**Purpose:** To help develop neighborhoods that support every citizen from Prenatal – through – Education – to – Career with emphasis on youth (ages 0-11), juveniles (12-17) and young adults (ages 18-30)

## **Role of OHSN:**

- Scan the community
- Identify gaps between needs and resources
- Push collaboration among public, private and non-profit partners
- Assist in and promote the increase of economic, social, and educational opportunities
- Deploy energy and resources against high impact areas based upon comprehensive data



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**Primary Objective:** Reduce the number of violent crimes experienced by youth and young adults and decrease the number of youth exposed to violence.

## Desired Outcomes:

- Increase in High School Graduation Rates
- Increase in College Graduation Rates
- Decrease in Unemployment Rates
- Decrease in Shootings
- Decrease in Homicides
- Decrease in Suicides
- Decrease in Drug Overdoses
- More Youth Connected to a Caring Adult
- Increase in Opportunities for Citizens Returning from incarceration

## Desired Impacts:

- Reduction in Youth Violence
- Resilient, Empowered Youth
- Fewer Youth Exposed to Violence
- Higher Employment Among Youth and Young Adults
- Better Educated Young People

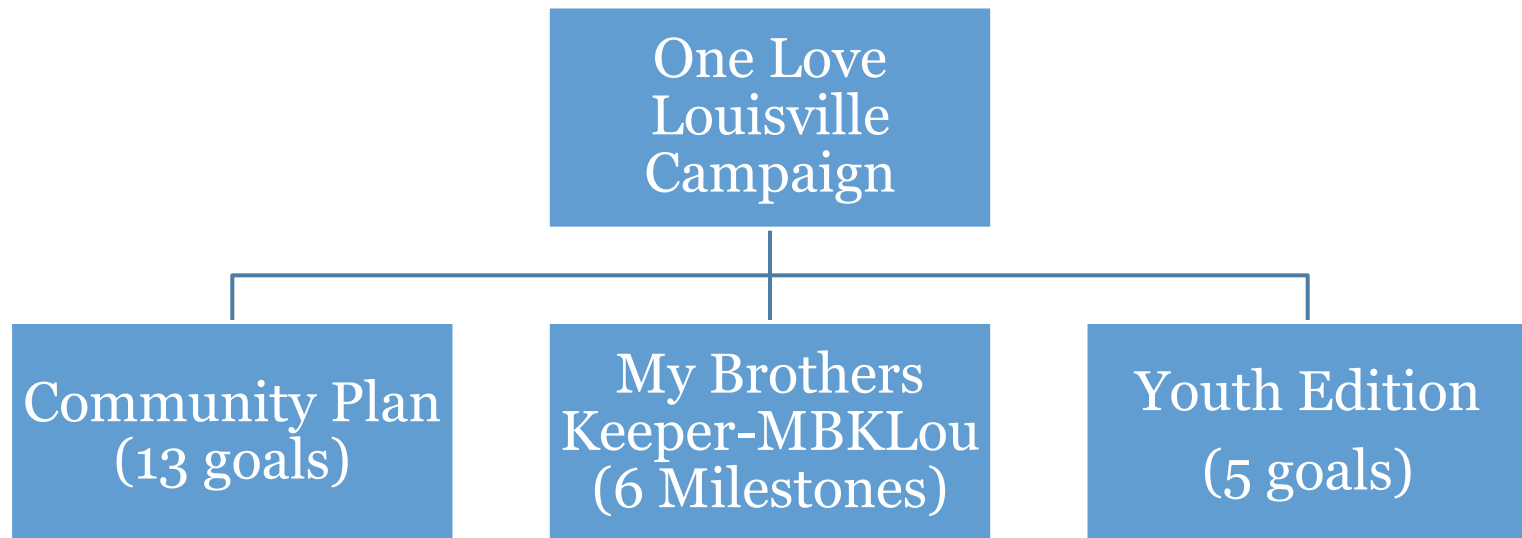


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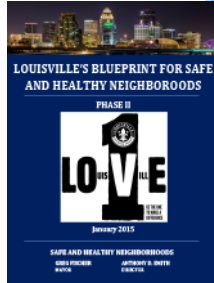


## ❖ One Love Louisville is...

- ✓ Phase II of the Office for Safe and Healthy Neighborhoods;
- ✓ A campaign aimed at reducing violence through the promotion of civic and community engagement
- ✓ A series of action plans focused on reducing Homicides, Suicides and Overdoses
- ✓ A strategy to unite neighbors to neighbors and citizens to citizens



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- ❖ A comprehensive community action plan that thoroughly outlines 13 goals and 42 initiatives.
- ❖ Focuses efforts on areas of high impact based on local police division data.
- ❖ The goals and initiatives were developed by 100+ community members representing various parts of the city over a six to eight month period.
- ❖ This action plan is also highlighted as the launch of the *One Love Louisville: Be the One to Make a Difference* campaign which focuses on encouraging all Louisville residents and friends to flex their citizenship muscle and get involved.

- ❖ Released January 2015



# Updates:

- Pivot to Peace Launched in April
- One Love Louisville Youth Edition released
- Youth Implementation Team going into 2<sup>nd</sup> cohort
- RightTurn and ReImage
- Launching One Love Louisville: Neighborhood Ambassador Program



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## ❖ **Methods in which residents can *Be the One to Make a Difference***

- ✓ Join your Neighborhood Watch
- ✓ Participate in Zones of Hope
- ✓ Attend “Question, Persuade, Refer” (QPR) Training
- ✓ Become a Mentor
  - ✓ Right Turn Program
  - ✓ YMCA
  - ✓ Big Brothers Big Sisters
  - ✓ Every1Reads
- ✓ Volunteer and/or Join
  - ✓ Seven Counties Hope Now Hotline
  - ✓ American Foundation for Suicide Prevention
  - ✓ Kentucky Suicide Prevention Group
  - ✓ Jefferson Alcohol and Drug Abuse Center
  - ✓ Nar-Anon
  - ✓ Our Lady of Peace
  - ✓ Boy Scouts of America

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