



**National Network  
For Safe Communities  
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To: Keith Talley, City of Louisville

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Re: Status of GVI Implementation in Louisville

The National Network for Safe Communities began working with the City of Louisville to implement the Group Violence Intervention in September 2020. The first steps towards implementation – a two-day violent incident review called the *problem analysis*, and a partnership-wide orientation known as *GVI University* – were completed by mid-October 2020. Following this, NNSC worked closely with the GVI project manager and partners to develop weekly law enforcement shooting reviews and build out the GVI support and outreach components. As of March 2021, the Louisville Metro Police Department GVI partners have been delivering custom notifications and Community-Police Responses to Victims of Violence (CPRVVs) in coordination with the Office of Safe and Healthy Neighborhoods.

The NNSC considers GVI implementation active as soon as communication begins between the GVI partnership and members of the street group population. While the most public and well-known tool for this communication is the call-in, it is not the only or even most important communication mechanism used in the strategy. It is simply another way of spreading the GVI message, a message which is being shared effectively by the Louisville partnership through direct street outreach. Given how strong and robust Louisville's custom notification efforts have become as of late, the NNSC is not concerned about the pace of the implementation in Louisville – in particular since most GVI sites have not held a call-in since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. NNSC and the Louisville partners are moving towards holding a call-in before the end of this year, public health considerations allowing, but for the time being the GVI messaging, interventions, and the provision of resources are comprehensive and effective.