

THE “FIERCE URGENCY OF NOW” PEACE COLLABORATIVE

VISION

*An Atlanta that Thrives
without Violence*

MISSION

*To Create a Culture of Peace in
Metropolitan Atlanta*

THE CHALLENGES

- Violence is a “public health” crisis!
- Guns are the leading cause of death for children in the US!
- Homicide is the 3rd leading cause of death for ages 15-29!
- The 2023 Community Justice Violence Prevention Index, a report card for local lawmakers seeking effective solutions to prevent gun violence, rated Atlanta among the lowest cities in the US with a score of **21** versus the highest scores of the Top 10 cities (**98-74**).
- Atlanta Community Perceptions: Crime is still the #1 concern!

THE 10-POINT PLAN HIGHLIGHTS

“The Fierce Urgency of Now” is a faith-led community based collaborative with a **Call to Action for Peace in Metropolitan Atlanta**. The Collaborative is comprised of committed stakeholders who are addressing the growing incidences of violence through development of a 10-Point Plan for Peace. The Collaborative invites partners to serve on our **Champions for Peace Task Force** to provide input into the 10-Point Plan. The foundation for the plan is the Peace Plan[®] developed by the Metropolitan Atlanta Violence Prevention Partnership (MAVPP).

Identification and Coordination of Partnerships

1. Develop a Multi-County Metropolitan Atlanta Violence Prevention Plan
2. Mobilize Faith Leaders to Support Violence Prevention Movement
3. Collaborate with Institutions of Higher Education
4. Hold Media and Entertainment Industries Accountable
5. Seek Support from Philanthropic and Corporate Communities

Support for Community Violence Intervention (CVI) Organizations

6. Establish Systems of Support for CVI and Wrap-Around Service Organizations
7. Implement Violence Prevention Strategies in Metropolitan Atlanta K-12 Schools

Implementation of White House Safer States Agenda

8. Establish a Georgia Office of Violence Prevention in accordance with The White House Office of Gun Violence Prevention Guidelines
9. Allocate Violence Prevention Funds in Local Budgets
10. Convene Champions of Peace Violence Prevention Advisory Council

LET’S SAVE OUR CITY!



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