



# ICONS NEWSLETTER

*Individuals Collectively Overcoming Negative Situations*

Spring 2026



## Real Work, Real Impact, Real Change

During the first quarter of 2026, the ICONS team continued its commitment to building safer, stronger communities through proactive engagement, intervention, and support services.

### Core Safety Initiatives

#### SAFE PASSAGE

- Safe Schools, Safe Streets
- School Site Route Monitoring
- Active presence at Collinwood & Glenville Recreation Centers and Community Centers
- Community Relations & Shared Hotspot Response

### Youth Development & Engagement

- Hosted Life Skills Sessions & Community Events
- Provided mentorship and positive engagement opportunities for youth.
- The **Young Kings Table** was held at Five Pointe Community Center April 11th.

### Community Intervention Efforts

The ICONS team responded to and supported community needs through:

- Conflict Mediation
- School Staff Assistance
- Courtroom Advocacy

- Substance use support (drug & alcohol-related interventions)
- Housing Referrals
- Clothing & Food Assistance

## Professional Development Milestone

In 2026, the ICONS team achieved a major milestone:

### ICONS PCITI Certified Violence Interrupters

All 11 team members successfully completed comprehensive training and certification as community-based public safety professionals and administrators, strengthening their ability to effectively prevent and respond to violence in the community

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PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

# SAFE PASSAGE



STRONGER STUDENTS. STRONGER FUTURES.

Creating a safety blanket for CMSD students by building welcoming environments and ensuring smooth, comfortable dismissals for walkers and bus riders.

WELCOMING ENVIRONMENTS

SAFE DISMISSALS

SUPPORTING WALKERS AND BUS RIDERS

TOGETHER, WE MAKE THE JOURNEY SAFER.

THANK YOU TO OUR EDUCATORS,  
FAMILIES & COMMUNITY PARTNERS.

SAFETY. RESPECT. COMMUNITY.  
THAT'S THE ICONS WAY.

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## Community-Based Violence Prevention Gets a \$62 Million Boost from the Audacious Project

ICONS was selected as one of five community-based violence prevention organizations nationwide to participate in the Scaling Safety Project. We are honored to be recognized as a partner for the impactful work we are committed to in Cleveland and look forward to continuing to build on this progress.

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### ICONS Earth Day Impact: Building Cleaner, More Resilient Neighborhoods

This Earth Day, *ICONS* proudly partnered with youth and community members across **Cleveland's Ward 10** to take action where it matters most—right in our neighborhoods. Together, we removed debris, revitalized green spaces, and reinforced a shared commitment to environmental responsibility.

Our work goes beyond beautification. *Clean neighborhoods* play a critical role in climate resiliency—reducing pollution, improving air

**HAPPY EARTH DAY** 4/22  
OUR PLANET. OUR FUTURE. OUR RESPONSIBILITY.

**YOUTH AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS CLEANED OUR NEIGHBORHOODS.**

**CLEVELAND WARD 10 NEIGHBORHOOD**  
OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. OUR COMMUNITY. OUR FUTURE.

**SMALL ACTIONS. BIG IMPACT.**

**TOGETHER, WE BUILD CLEANER, STRONGER, GREENER COMMUNITIES.**

- STRONGER TOGETHER
- CLEAN NEIGHBORHOODS
- HEALTHIER PLANET
- COMMUNITY PARTNERS
- CARE TODAY. THIVE TOMORROW

and water quality, and creating safer, healthier environments for residents. By engaging young people in hands-on service, ICONS is not only addressing immediate community needs but also cultivating the next generation of environmental stewards.

**UPCOMING EVENT**

**ICONS SAFE SUMMER TOUR** ENDLESS FUN. SAFE SUMMER. ❤️

**STAY ACTIVE. STAY SAFE. STAY ICONIC.**

ICONS is hitting the road with the Safe Summer Tour bringing fun, learning, and community resources to CMSD schools! Join us for exciting activities, prizes, and positive vibes. ❤️

**WHAT TO EXPECT:**

- DJ & MUSIC
- FOOD
- GIVEAWAYS
- DANCE CONTEST
- PERFORMANCES
- RESOURCE TABLES

**CMSD CLEVELAND METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT** BUILDING STRONGER, SAFER COMMUNITIES—TOGETHER. WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU THERE!

**TOUR DATES & LOCATIONS**  
12:00PM – 2:00PM (EXCEPT WHERE NOTED)

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| <b>MAY 4</b> | <b>EAST CLARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL</b><br>CMSD SCHOOL | 12:00PM – 2:00PM |
| <b>MAY 5</b> | <b>MARY B. MARTIN SCHOOL</b><br>CMSD SCHOOL       |                  |
| <b>MAY 6</b> | <b>DANIEL E. MORGAN SCHOOL</b><br>CMSD SCHOOL     |                  |
| <b>MAY 7</b> | <b>WILSON SCHOOL</b><br>CMSD SCHOOL               |                  |
| <b>MAY 8</b> | <b>MEMORIAL SCHOOL</b><br>CMSD SCHOOL             | 11:00AM – 2:00PM |

**ONLY 7TH & 8TH GRADE STUDENTS**

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