



METROPOLITAN ATLANTA VIOLENCE PREVENTION PARTNERSHIP

A UNIQUE HISTORY

Founded in 2006 by Dr. James Parker Griffin, Jr., a professor at the Morehouse School of Medicine Prevention Research Center, MAVPP was created as a scientifically credible response to violence such as the post-funeral shootings at Victory Baptist Church, the beating death of Bobby Tilman at a youth party in Douglas County, and the kidnapping and rape of two twelve-year-old girls in the Pittsburgh Community. For the first time in Atlanta's history, representatives from community-based and faith-based organizations, academics, media representatives, school officials, and leading government officials came together around a challenging but common concern: **The Prevention of Violence!**

With the recent surge of violence in our communities because of the shooting deaths of Jimmy Atchison, Rayshard Brooks, and Secoriea Turner, the need continues for a collaborative strategic approach to violence prevention. MAVPP is a coordinated violence prevention network with a mission to create the "**Beloved Community**" of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. In 2023, it continues its "21st Century Violence Prevention Movement" to support our community as the Metropolitan Atlanta Violence Prevention Partnership, LLC. As a social enterprise, our services empower teams and communities meet their social justice goals with a focus on advocacy and technical assistance in violence prevention-youth, gang, school, domestic, and suicide. Partners collaboratively work to coordinate partnership activities. While fostering a common vision, the partners explore opportunities for initiating and strengthening violence prevention initiatives. **The Goal:** A Metropolitan Atlanta that Thrives without Violence!

The MAVPP PEACE PLAN©



The **MAVPP Peace Plan**© was developed for the counties of Cobb, Clayton, DeKalb, Douglas, Fulton, and Gwinnett and dedicated to the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. It provides a roadmap for collaboration and implementation of violence prevention strategies. The Plan identifies violence prevention solutions that can become models for creating safe places to live.

The goal of the **MAVPP Peace Plan**© is to present the best of what is nationally known in youth violence prevention and the best of what Atlanta's service providers and communities are contributing, recognizing that there are multiple paths to the same destination. A key component of the **MAVPP Peace Plan**© is the identification of evidence-based or innovative programs and the correlation to developmentally and age-appropriate characteristics-according to age. The **MAVPP Peace Plan**©, that includes **YOUTH** as the core of the violence prevention movement, is a critical component of the strategies that MAVPP, LLC uses to incorporate into achieving outcomes for its customers. **The Expected Outcomes:** A well-coordinated strategic framework that supports violence prevention activities in Metropolitan Atlanta!