

## 21st Century Nonviolence Movement

Metropolitan Atlanta Violence Prevention  
Partnership (MAVPP)  
Regional Collaborative Violence  
Prevention Initiative

This initiative is a scientifically credible response to the many recent acts of violence that have taken place in the Atlanta area. Among them are the post-funeral shootings at Victory Baptist Church, the shooting at Northside Hospital, the beating death of Mr. Bobby Tillman at a youth party in Douglas County, the YouTube televised beating of Mr. Brandon White in the Pittsburgh Community of Atlanta, the kidnapping and rape of two twelve year old girls in the same Pittsburgh Community, the multiple suicides, and many other unreported violent events. We need your help in making a legitimate response to these tragedies by involving adults and youth working together to become leaders in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Nonviolence Movement. Building on the work of Dr. King, Atlanta is working to create a legacy for violence prevention leading into the 22<sup>nd</sup> Century.

Youth are the core of this movement! (See the MAVPP Peace Plan.) Go to [WWW.MAVPP.ORG](http://WWW.MAVPP.ORG) for violence prevention solutions that can become models for creating safe places to live throughout the nation and the world!

**WWW.MAVPP.ORG**

Become a  
Violence Prevention Pioneer!

Support the  
**21st Century  
Nonviolence  
Movement**

**You can make a  
difference!**

**Silencing the violence**

*Motto:* No more sugar pills! We  
want the real deal! **NONVIOLENCE!**

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A Chapter of the  
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*A Metropolitan Atlanta  
that lives without  
violence.*

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**MAVPP consists of the following organizations (as well as, among others, charter attendees who have been represented throughout the planning of this initiative):**

- The Advocacy Foundation
- Atlanta Police Department
- Atlanta Public Schools
- Behavioral Sciences and Health Education at Emory University's Rollins School of Public Health
- Center for School Safety-Georgia State University
- Center for Injury Control, Emory University
- Clark-Atlanta University-Dept. of Mass Media & Theater Arts and School of Social Work
- Clayton Collaborative Authority
- DeKalb County School System
- Historic Ebenezer Baptist Church
- First Team America
- Fulton County Human Services Department
- Genesis Prevention Coalition
- Georgia Department of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Addictive Disorders
- Iron Two Iron
- Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Change
- Morehouse College
- Morehouse School of Medicine, Department of Surgery
- Morehouse School of Medicine, Department of Community Health & Preventive Medicine
- National Association to Broden and Enhance Images, Inc.
- Regional Council of Churches of Atlanta
- Smart, Inc.
- Visions Unlimited
- Wholistic Stress Control Institute

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 have come together around a challenging but common concern: the prevention of violence. This process has already helped to strengthen services to the community by encouraging partners to become better acquainted with each other and to engage in valuable, mutually beneficial dialogue.

## Target priorities and geographic areas

Participants have worked as equal partners with various stakeholders around the city to coordinate this violence prevention partnership. While fostering a common vision, the partners expect to explore opportunities for initiating and strengthening violence prevention initiatives. Proposed service areas may include the improvement of school climate, the prevention of child maltreatment, gang violence and sexual assault prevention, and positive youth development and empowerment.

**City-wide violence prevention priorities:**  
 1. Street, 2. School, 3. Sexual, and 4. Gang

**Initial target area:** Cobb, Clayton, Dekalb, Douglas, Fulton, Gwinnett

## 21<sup>st</sup> CENTURY NONVIOLENCE MOVEMENT

**Partnership** involves promoting adaptive skills in families, schools, and communities. Our purpose is to work toward creating a resilient violence prevention team of like-minded individuals and organizations across the metropolitan area to promote the health, safety, and well being of all people. This includes victims of violence such as women, youth, and underserved groups in the Atlanta area and communities affected by violence.

The long-term goal of the partnership is to initiate tangible, concrete, but coordinated measures that will help our city to become a safer place in which everyone can thrive. Examples may include sharing data and assessment techniques, promoting evidence-based violence prevention technologies, advocating for laws and policies that prevent violence, and disseminating culturally relevant and socially appropriate programs.

Perhaps the most important contribution that the partnership has achieved in the short period that it has been in operation (i.e., since October, 2005) is the positive, genuine, professional working relationships that it has engendered among the participants.



The mission of the  
**Metropolitan Atlanta  
 Violence Prevention**

## MAVPP Mission To eliminate gang, school, street, sexual, child maltreatment, elder abuse, suicide, workplace, and family violence.