

## NVPI Supportive Agencies and Partners

- Greater Norristown Police Athletic League
- Glen Mills
- Family Services (lead agency)
- Norristown Police Department
- Montgomery County Juvenile Probation
- Montgomery County Drug and Alcohol
- Montgomery County Health Department
- Montgomery County Office of Behavioral Health
- Montgomery County Workforce Investment Board
- Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce
- Norristown Area School District
- Norristown Residents



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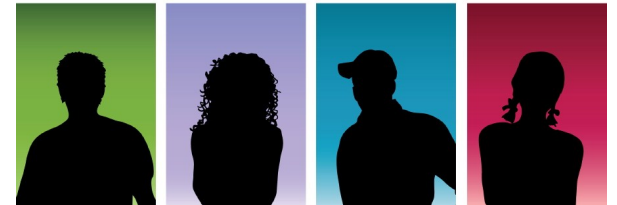
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## Norristown Violence Prevention Initiative (NVPI)



*“Don’t make a habit out of choosing  
what feels good over what’s actually  
good for you.” —Eric Thomas*

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# Goals and Background of the Norristown Violence Prevention Initiative (NVPI)

## Goal

To prevent and reduce youth gang involvement and violence in Norristown.

## Background

In 1987, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) began supporting a project to design a comprehensive approach to reduce and prevent youth gang violence. The primary focus of OJJDP's anti-gang initiatives is to support community efforts to provide citizens, especially young people, with a safe and pro-social environment in which to live and grow.

The **Norristown Violence Prevention Initiative (NVPI)** is a local replication of these efforts with support from the National Gang Center.

Gangs often lure youth with the promise of safety, belonging, economic opportunity, and a sense of identity. OJJDP and the NVPI is dedicated to helping communities replace this false promise with real opportunities for our youth.

## Six Core Strategies

### 1. **Community Mobilization**

The Norristown Violence Prevention Initiative (NVPI) Coordinator works with community members to define problem areas and develop strategies to address the issues contributing to violence in Norristown.

### 2. **Opportunities Provision**

The NVPI Coordinator works with the Montgomery County Workforce Investment Board and the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce to identify opportunities for youth who may not secure a high school diploma as a result of excessive truancy, discipline incidents, school failure, etc. Job opportunities, apprenticeships and educational options will be explored for each youth to identify and develop a plan for success.

### 3. **Social Intervention**

NVPI Street Outreach Workers work with the youth and their families to address social, emotional, education, job-related opportunities and provide

information and referral. To make a referral to the NVPI Street Outreach Workers, please see the contact information on the back panel of this brochure.

### 4. **Suppression**

Glen Mills works closely with the Norristown Police Department and Montgomery County Juvenile Probation to monitor and supervise gang-involved and at-risk youth. They provide social opportunities and community service hours including graffiti clean-up.

### 5. **Organizational Change**

NVPI works with our partners in the community to change policies, procedures and practices to provide services to youth in innovative and more efficient ways.

### 6. **Assessment Activities**

NVPI is conducting an extensive assessment of gang and violence issues in the community to include archival data, surveys and focus groups.