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IN THE NEWS

[After policing changes in Camden, NJ, fewer gunshot patients at major trauma center](#)

After Camden disbanded its police force in 2013, Camden County took over in May of 2013 and formed a new department, the Camden County Police Department, to patrol the city. The new department instituted community-based policing tactics along with new technology. These changes correlate with a 22% drop in gunshot patients at local major trauma centers.

[Drug deals and food gone bad at corner stores. Now neighbors are fighting back.](#)

Drug dealers allegedly working in coordination with corner store owners have become East St. Louis' worst-kept secret, while the smell of stale food greets SNAP shoppers at some front doors. It's so bad that, in some neighborhoods, residents avoid the corner stores at all costs. Residents and local food access advocates regard a new trespassing law passed in East St. Louis as a start. They also are taking notes from activists who pushed for stricter corner and liquor store rules in Baltimore, Philadelphia, and Omaha.

[Father Tracy Center: A haven at North Clinton Ave.'s 'ground zero'](#)

In the middle of the human misery that lines N. Clinton Ave. in Rochester, you can hear music every time the door opens at Father Laurence Tracy Advocacy Center. "It is a way to try to offset the sounds of the streets," says Rudy Rivera, the center's part-time executive director, and sole employee. He is talking about the internal noise that taunts and tortures people who are struggling with addiction. These are the people whom 63-year-old Rivera is trying to reach with an approach centered on "dignity, respect, and unconditional love." In the process, he is helping restore hope to the entire neighborhood.

[La Marketa gives neighborhood hope in battle to end Clinton Avenue drug trade](#)

La Marketa kicks off more than \$95 million in proposed development, mostly in new affordable housing, that will fill in empty lots and reopen shuttered buildings. It comes at a time when residents are banding together to form a new neighborhood Association.

[Making Cities Safer, One Vacant Lot at a Time \(Podcast\)](#)

The problem of gun violence is complex, and no single policy will solve it - but we do have strong scientific evidence for policies that work. On September 23, 2019, the American Public Health Association and the Bloomberg American Health Initiative co-hosted a forum called *Policies That Work to Reduce Gun Violence*, featuring leading experts discussing the most up-to-date evidence on gun violence prevention. At the forum, Dr. Charles Branas, Chair of Columbia University's Department of Epidemiology, spoke about how reducing blight in urban areas can significantly reduce firearm violence. For this podcast episode, the slides are available at americanhealth.jhu.edu.



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[Mayor Keller touts new plan to tackle violent crime](#)

Mayor Tim Keller unveiled a new plan to address violent crime in his city. The Violence Intervention Plan is a partnership system that includes law enforcement, prosecutors, social services, and community partners. Mayor Keller stated, "This is a first-of-its-kind program for Albuquerque that pairs law enforcement and public health -- working together to put the drivers of violent crime behind bars while creating paths away from violence for those who are not yet drawn into the cycle of violence or are looking for a way out."

[Philadelphia has a gun violence epidemic. What if it were treated like any other contagious disease?](#)

Experts suggest that gun violence should be treated as a public health problem, like a contagious disease that will infect even more people unless preventive measures are taken. Using public health tactics to address violence is a key part of "the Philadelphia Roadmap to Safer Communities," an ambitious five-year plan, Mayor Jim Kenney's administration unveiled in January. The plan includes policing measures, social services, mental health and mentoring interventions, anti-blight programs, more financial support for grassroots groups, school partnerships, employment and education programs, and a vow to track the results with data.

[Youngstown police see success with targeted anti-crime program](#)

The Youngstown Police Department is planning its next move after completing an anti-crime program on the South Side earlier this year. For 18 months, the department, along with Youngstown State University and the Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corp. (YNDC), used a \$2 million federal grant to run the Community Based Crime Reduction (CBCR) program. The program allowed the department to fund extra patrols in the areas of the South Side, which were shown to have the highest crime rates in the city. Additionally, it allowed for blight remediation in the area through the YNDC and for special programs such as the South Side Summer Experience and other events for children.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

[A preview of FY 2020 Department of Justice grants for police, corrections](#)

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) recently released its [FY2020 Program Plan](#), a searchable tool to help applicants find grant-funding opportunities to support criminal, juvenile, and civil justice needs. The Plan covers grant opportunities that are anticipated or are already available, between now and September 30, 2020. Currently, over 200 funding opportunities are included in the Plan, but the list continues to grow with additions from the various DOJ grantmaking agencies added almost daily.

For more information click [here](#).

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TRANSLATING THE RESEARCH

[Testing hot-spots police patrols against no-treatment controls: Temporal and spatial deterrence effects in the London Underground experiment](#)

This place-based Criminology study looked at the impact of regular police patrols on the track-level platforms of the London Underground (LU). In the past, these sites never regularly received police patrols, so they acted as the perfect venues to show the effects of hot spots policing tactics. Fifty-seven (57) high-crime platforms were assigned to two groups. One group continued to lack regular patrols, and one group received routine patrols over six months. There was a significant drop in calls for service at locations that received regular police patrols. The researchers found no evidence for crime displacement and strong evidence for residual deterrence even after the patrols stopped.

[Understanding and Responding to Crime and Disorder Hot Spots](#)

In 2013, the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) funded CNA to work with the Center for Problem-Oriented Policing to develop a series of Strategies for Policing Innovation (SPI) Problem-Oriented Guides for Police. The purpose of these guides is to provide the law enforcement community with useful guidance, knowledge, and best practices related to key problem-oriented policing, and Strategic Policing principles and practices.

UPCOMING EVENTS

[IACP Technology Conference](#)

Date: May 12-14, 2020

The IACP Technology Conference is a professional law enforcement event bringing together leading practitioners to explore unlimited opportunities for law enforcement to apply the latest technology to create efficient solutions to old problems and to keep pace with sophisticated cyber-enabled crimes. The 2019 conference featured 1,000 attendees, 50+ educational presentations, and 85 industry leading exhibitors. Click [here](#) to register and for more information.

[Leadership in Police Organizations \(LPO\) Training](#)

Date: Week One: February 24-28, 2020/ Week Two: March 23-27, 2020/ Week Three: April 20-24, 2020

Leadership in Police Organizations (LPO) is the flagship IACP leadership development training program. LPO is modeled after the training concept of dispersed leadership (“every officer a leader”) and delivers modern behavioral science concepts and theories uniquely tailored to the law enforcement environment. The LPO program is a three-week training that takes place one week per month over the course of three consecutive months. Week one examines leading individuals, week two examines leading groups, and week three examines leading organizations. Click [here](#) to register and for more information.



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Officer Safety & Wellness Symposium

Date: February 27-29, 2020

Improving officer safety and wellness enhances the health and effectiveness of officers, as well as the safety of the community. This symposium is for law enforcement professionals to learn from experts in the field about vicarious trauma and strengthening resiliency. Participants will learn about financial wellness, injury prevention, peer support programs, physical fitness, proper nutrition, sleep deprivation, stress, mindfulness, suicide prevention, and more. Click [here](#) to register and for more information.

UPCOMING WEBINARS

Integrating Community Partnership into Your Agency

Date: January 22, 2020, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. EST

Participants can expect to learn how to create an organization that embraces the community and incorporates the community into as many aspects of the department as is possible. This partnership improves trust and relationships between the department and the community. This webinar will discuss the creation of these partnerships and how they impact your organization. Click [here](#) to register.

Community Coordinated Responses: The Key to Getting Your Communities Onboard

Date: March 31, 2020, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. EST

Community involvement can drastically improve the effectiveness of law enforcement. Getting the community involved and onboard with various programs can be difficult at times. This webinar will cover ways law enforcement agencies can gain community support for various initiatives. Click [here](#) to register.

ONLINE LEARNING

CPTED for the 21st Century

Understanding how a community's built environment can impact crime is fundamental for place-based community safety efforts. This discussion about the theory and principles of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) includes how CPTED can be integrated into broader neighborhood safety planning, why resident feedback should influence proposed changes, how to be sensitive to a neighborhood's culture, history, and connection to the broader community, and an example from the Prospect Corridor in Kansas City, Missouri.

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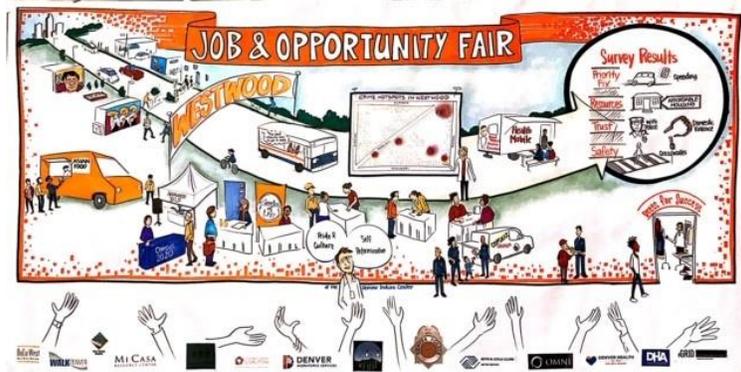
Generating Collective Will and Momentum for your BCJI Initiative

Residents and other community leaders are often in the best positions to motivate, implement, and sustain change over time in neighborhoods. In this discussion, LISC unpacks what community engagement—a core element of CBCR—means for the program, presenting key principles for engaging neighborhood stakeholders in place-based crime reduction initiatives.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR SITES



(Albuquerque, New Mexico) On October 20, 2019, the District Attorney's [Community Based Crime Reduction](#) Team and Leadership Council participated in activities surrounding ABQ CiQlovía as part of the CBCR grant's Early Action Project in Albuquerque's International District. The event featured a community health fair, activity booths, food trucks, live music and dance, artwork, exhibits, vendors, and more. Read more [here](#).



(Denver Colorado) On October 26, 2019, The Denver CBCR team held its Early Action Project (EAP), a Job and Resource Opportunity Fair, in the Westwood community. There was much participation from community partners with over 50 tables for services, resources, and job opportunities.

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(Cincinnati, Ohio) In 2016, the Cincinnati Citizens Respect Our Witnesses (CCROW) program was created from a collaboration between the Cincinnati Police Department, Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office, and volunteers from within the community. There are a variety of victim-witness programs but an insufficient amount of support for witnesses in the United States. CCROW aims to empower witnesses of violent crimes through evidence-based, trauma-informed care. The support program has also been set in place to lead a positive change in the community's culture, decrease the number of unsolved homicides, and increase the participation of witnesses. For more information read [here](#).

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