

ANTI-VIOLENCE PARTNERSHIP OF PHILADELPHIA



OUR MISSION

The mission of the Anti-Violence Partnership of Philadelphia (AVP) is to reduce the entire cycle of violence by providing a wide range of services from support and counseling for victims and their families to rebuild their lives in the aftermath of violence. We provide comprehensive and collaborative programs throughout Philadelphia in schools, social service agencies, the courts, and at community sites.

OUR VISION

Our vision is to provide holistic and responsive support to victims and survivors in West/Southwest Philadelphia, recognizing the unique needs of each individual and offering compassionate, tailored methods of healing that empower our clients without a prescriptive approach.

WHO WE SERVE

At Anti-Violence Partnership of Philadelphia, we primarily serve West and Southwest Philadelphia. As of 2021, 281,000 residents live in these districts. Over 80% of the population consists of Black and brown communities. They are disproportionately impacted by violence and the criminal justice system.



EMPOWERMENT THROUGH SUPPORT & EDUCATION

AVP is here to provide holistic support, empowering individuals to heal and thrive in the aftermath of violence, focusing on:



Crisis Intervention & Counseling: Immediate support and safety planning from victim advocates, along with individual and group counseling to help survivors process trauma and rebuild their lives.



Guidance Through Systems & Resources: Assistance navigating the criminal justice system and connecting with essential resources to address survivors' unique needs.



Community Education & Awareness: Workshops, webinars, and training sessions designed to foster community dialogue, raise awareness about violence prevention, and teach life skills.



OUR SERVICES

Counseling & Wellness Services

AVP offers free, professional counseling to adult and child co-victims of homicide and those who have been traumatized by other forms of violence. This includes, but is not limited to, clients who have experienced aggravated assault, assault, or robbery.

Youth Services

Through the **Youth Violence Outreach Initiative**, we partner with schools to provide trauma-informed therapy, mentoring, and psycho-educational support, helping youth build resilience and reduce the stigma surrounding trauma. The **Positive Action** program uses evidence-based social-emotional learning to encourage positive behavior and improve academic outcomes, while the **Communities that Care** model collaborates with community members to address key risk factors and promote youth well-being through preventative strategies.

Victim Services Program

The **Families of Murder Victims** program provides advocacy and services to family and friends of homicide victims, regardless of the case's status. The **West/Southwest Victim Services Program** supports victims of crime in specific Philadelphia police districts with free services, including crisis support, court accompaniment, help obtaining protection orders, and referrals for emergency needs like food and shelter, ensuring comprehensive care and justice navigation.

IMPACT SNAPSHOT

4,638 clients served (from 2021-2024)

570 older adults served in 2024, underscoring our commitment to addressing the unique needs of individuals aged 50 and older in Pennsylvania

41 years of service and counting!

GET INVOLVED

At the Anti-Violence Partnership of Philadelphia, we strive to break cycles of violence and support survivors, but challenges like limited funding, transportation barriers, and grant restrictions make our work even more critical. Your involvement—whether through donations, partnerships, or raising awareness—helps us overcome these obstacles and expand our impact. Together, we can build safer communities and provide vital resources to those affected. Please visit our website for volunteer and donation opportunities.



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