Institute for Nonviolence Chicago

You’ve been through a traumatic experience. You deserve support.

We’re from the community and here to help.

Building the Civilian Architecture

A single organization can’t solve gun violence in Chicago. We need a data-informed network sharing a common vision and strategy to drive collaboration and accountability. The Institute for Nonviolence Chicago has been a leader in co-creating this coordinated network—the Civilian Architecture of Violence Reduction. Chicago’s Civilian Architecture has grown to an unprecedented partnership including over two dozen CVI organizations, a deep set of community-based organizations offering a range of services for individuals and families, philanthropists, academic institutions, the business community, and city, county, and state representatives.

The Civilian Architecture is essential to dramatically reducing gun violence in our city.

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When a shooting or homicide happens, our victim advocates show up at the scene or the hospital to support victims and their families.

They ease trauma and suffering and ensure immediate and basic needs are being met. Advocates stay close to victims and their allies to provide counseling, medical care, financial and legal support—whatever it takes to manage trauma and ease suffering.

Everything the Institute for Nonviolence Chicago does is focused on ending the cycle of gun violence.

What does assistance look like to you?

Victim Advocates provide:

**IMMEDIATE RESPONSE**
- Emotional support at the scene and hospital
- Emergency relocation/housing support for families, children, etc.
- Emergency Supplemental Victims’ Fund application assistance
- Funeral planning
- Legal assistance/Court support

**LONG-TERM HEALING**
- Counseling
- Mentoring
- Nonviolence training
- Cognitive behavioral interventions
- Grief and Survivor support groups
- Community engagement
- Resource referrals

Make your voice heard. Victim advocates can help navigate resources available to you.

What participants say?

"My son has been killed. But [Nonviolence Chicago] has been there and has been a big support. It's not just a job with them. It's genuine, and I really appreciate it."

G.B., Participant

"Because they were there, it reduced my need to step into that retaliatory process. It's like they catch you and hold on and say 'we got you and we're here to help you through this process.'"

K.B., Participant

BACK OF THE YARDS / BRIGHTON PARK

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