



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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Together, we are the
solution to gun violence.



*"I want them to look at me like I'm their
big brother. I want them to know that I
care."*

Nekenya Hardy, Outreach Manager



**PREVENTING
VIOLENCE**



You have talent. Are you ready to earn legal money? We can help keep you safe as you develop your skills.

If you're interested in living a life of nonviolence or know someone who might, check out our pathways to peace.



The Institute for Nonviolence Chicago's street outreach teams advocate for the community. We host giveaways and nonviolence trainings, provide food and toiletries, and conduct well-being checks when needed. To help communities take back areas where violence has occurred, we host block parties creating safe spaces and building relationships with our neighbors.

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

We operate a street outreach program 24/7 in Austin, Back of the Yards, Brighton Park, and West Garfield Park.

Our teams are from and live in the communities they serve. They understand the streets and can build trust with individuals most likely to be shot or become a shooter.

Using experience and data, outreach workers know who to approach, where and when to show up, and how to negotiate peace agreements. When a shooting happens, they immediately work to prevent retaliation and support those in crisis.

• **24/7**

Street Outreach

Since we started in 2016, we have facilitated well over 4,000 conflict mediations, the majority of which likely prevented a shooting. Some nonviolence agreements we helped establish have been in place since 2018. When issues arise, our outreach team is there to renegotiate peace.

OUTREACH WORKERS PROVIDE:

- Nonviolence training
- Mentoring
- Cognitive behavioral interventions
- Job assistance
- Crisis intervention
- Conflict mediation
- Community engagement

