

# Striving To Reduce Youth Violence Everywhere



## MANY VOICES, ONE PRIORITY: PREVENT YOUTH VIOLENCE

### The STRYVE Partner Pledge

As diverse national organizations dedicated to the healthy, safe, and productive development of all young people, we stand united with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) behind the goals of STRYVE—Striving To Reduce Youth Violence Everywhere—and the imperative of making youth violence prevention a national priority.

We know that youth violence can be prevented before it starts, and there is a responsibility and a role for every person and every organization in every community to keep our children safe.

Furthermore, research shows that violence prevention has wide-ranging economic, social, and health benefits. Preventing youth violence not only can lower the risk for youth-related problems such as alcohol and substance abuse, obesity, and academic failure, it can contribute more broadly to cost savings for service systems such as justice, education, and health care. To realize these benefits, leaders from all sectors and disciplines must demonstrate a new and greater resolve to stop youth violence before it starts.

From big cities to small towns, from the classroom to the boardroom, from parents to policymakers, it takes all of us—speaking with one voice—to create communities and environments where our children will thrive. We recognize that by doing so, we will thrive as well—as individuals, as organizations, as communities, and as a nation.

Now is the time for our many voices to speak as one!

We, the undersigned, pledge to work together to address the comprehensive needs of America's youth, beginning in early childhood and continuing through adolescence and young adulthood. We will focus on the positive and will reject negative stereotyping. We will come together at the local, state, and national levels to create strong, safe relationships and communities where all children can reach their full potential. And we will strive to empower youth to become healthy, caring, productive adults.

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American Academy of Pediatrics  
American Association of  
School Administrators  
American Psychological Association  
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Health Officials  
Community Anti-Drug Coalitions  
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County and City Health Officials  
National Association of  
Students Against Violence Everywhere  
National Urban League  
Prevention Institute  
Safe States Alliance  
Voices for America's Children  
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