

In Baltimore City ...

The leading cause of death among residents aged 15-34 years is **homicide**¹.

Many youth don't believe they'll live to be 25, and if they do for some it will be behind bars.

This is your opportunity to make a difference.

Join Us.



1. Maryland Vital Statistics Administration. Maryland Assessment Tool for Community Health (MATCH) System. Leading causes of Death for Baltimore City, 2010. Available at <http://www.matchstats.org/>. Last Accessed: February 27, 2014.

Where We Work:



Safe Streets Park Heights

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SAFE STREETS PARK HEIGHTS

A Public Health
Initiative to Reduce
Homicides and Shootings



Rashad Singletary was promoted to Site Director of Park Heights in August 2015. He began as the Violence Prevention Coordinator in March 2013. Rashad enjoys volunteering at his local church and spending quality time traveling with friends and family.

Our Goal:

Safe Streets Park Heights is a campaign to reduce shootings and homicides in our community.

We are working to change how our community thinks about violence.

Violence is often accepted as an appropriate—even expected—way to solve conflict.

Safe Streets Park Heights argues that violence is a disease and we, together, need to find the cure.



What We Do:

In order to make violence less common in our neighborhood, we work to identify, detect, and interrupt violence *before* it happens. We offer:

- Conflict mediation services
- Events in partnership with other community groups, organizations, and residents to promote non-violence
- Links to resources; including education & employment

2015 Highlights:

- Conducted 160 mediations, 57% of which were very likely or likely to have led to a shooting if the mediation did not occur
- Went 423 days without a firearm homicide (6/3/2014-7/31/2015) and only had three shooting incidents.
- Park Heights was one of two Safe Streets Sites that had lower monthly averages of shooting incidents compared to border posts and a citywide composite of high violence posts.



How To Get Involved:

We need your help to reduce violence in our community.

- Let us mediate your conflicts by calling the Safe Streets team
- Help us spread the message that violence is not normal and there are other ways to solve problems
- Contact your local representative to express support for the Safe Streets program
- Come to Safe Streets events to show your support and be a member of our community against violence
- Become a Safe Streets volunteer