

## In Baltimore City ...

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

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



## 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

## 2013 Highlights:

Between February and December 2013, Safe Streets Park Heights:

- Conducted 158 mediations, 96% of which were very likely or likely to have led to a shooting if the mediation did not occur
- Hosted 10 community events that approximately 1,250 community members attended
- Made 108 referrals; including 78 employment, 18 education and 10 other



## 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