

VISION

The City of Rochester Office of Neighborhood Safety creates a **better future for our children, families, and neighborhoods** through violence intervention, prevention, and response.

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The City of Rochester Office of Neighborhood Safety fulfills the vision by **engaging and centering neighbors** directly impacted by violence, **providing transparent and visible support** and responses to neighbors and neighborhoods, and **coordinating violence prevention and public safety programs and activities** for the City of Rochester.



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**OFFICE OF
NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY
AND THE PEACEMAKER
FELLOWSHIP**

*Engage.
Support.
Prevent.*



Malik D. Evans, Mayor
City of Rochester, NY • Rochester City Council

ONS builds and strengthens community partnerships, and advances and supports initiatives that promote greater neighborhood and community well-being. ONS facilitates the provision of human and social service resources to the City's most vulnerable individuals and communities with an emphasis on reducing gun violence.

"to educate,"
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ONS was developed to foster a city-wide approach to reducing violence by serving as a central hub to coordinate the development of a Violence Reduction Strategy that will guide public and private sector investments in social programs including Pathways to Peace; the ROC Against Gun Violence Coalition; and the Youth Advocate Program. The office will also coordinate the Peacemaker Fellowship program.

ONS collaborates with Rochester's Neighborhood Associations, Neighborhood Service Centers, Community and faith-based organizations, and residents to help prevent violence and increase public safety.

We actively look for private/public-sector partners to create subsidized job training resulting in successful employment or careers.

ONS supports:

- equitable access to human services,
- healthy environmental and infrastructure systems
- community and economic development

These entities are inseparably tied to residents' feelings of safety.

SEVEN DAILY TOUCH POINTS OF THE PEACEMAKERS FELLOWSHIP

1. LifeMAP Goals
2. Daily Check-ins
3. Social Services Navigations
4. Transformative Travel
5. Elders Circle
6. Internship Opportunities
7. LifeMAP Milestone Allowance

The Peacemaker Fellowship will identify city residents with a high likelihood of becoming victims of gun violence and enroll them as Fellows in a rigorous personal and social development program that includes mentorships, peer-to-peer learning to achieve educational, career and other life goals. The Peacemaker Fellowship is based on the Advance Peace Model in Richmond, California that has contributed to significant reductions in homicides and gun violence.

Goals of the Peacemaker Fellowship

- Providing recipients with opportunities for personal, social, educational and vocational growth and development.
- Promoting peace through healthy resolutions to conflict and foster community well-being.
- Helping participants remain alive and free of any new firearm charges and gun-related injuries.
- Assisting participants to become leaders committed to living and promoting healthy, positive lifestyles.

The Peacemakers Approach

- Offers a minimum 18-month+, non-mandated, high touch and impact, personalized fellowship.
- Utilizes evidence-based practices, is person-centered and is assistive and collaborative with each Fellow.
- Encourages intensive engagement with individuals at the core of firearm conflicts in urban neighborhoods.
- Hire, train and develop formerly incarcerated leaders from the local community to manage and facilitate the strategy.
- Incorporates a public health, developmental and healing-centered approach to prevent gun violence by addressing the root conditions, such as trauma and drug addiction—not just the symptoms.



Key Objectives for Strategic Goals:

1. Maintain and enhance the physical environment

- Build capacity and create alignment within public systems, community and faith-based organizations to implement innovative best practice-based violence prevention strategies and programs that enhance the physical environment of the community.

2. Promote economic vitality

- Fund economic development for violence reduction strategies.
- Pursue opportunities to leverage and re-deploy existing resources as well as pursue state, federal and philanthropic resources.

3. Promote sustainable communities

- Build capacity and create alignment within public systems, community and faith-based organizations to implement innovative best-practice based violence prevention strategies and programs that promote a sustainable community.

4. Promote effective government

- Facilitate and strengthen the City's coordination of efforts designed to build and advance meaningful human service delivery opportunities.

ONS and Peacemaker's Fellowship is "non-law enforcement and do not report to probation/parole beyond an individual's involvement in the program.

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