

THE PHIGHT NETWORK

ORGANIZED BY THE WEST/SOUTHWEST COLLABORATIVE RESPONSE TO GUN VIOLENCE

BACKGROUND

In 2021, amidst the COVID-19 pandemic in Philadelphia, our community experienced dramatic increases in gun violence, homicides, and victimizations. According to the Controller of the City of Philadelphia, **there were 562 homicides in 2021, the highest number on record for our city.**

This epidemic of gun violence and other violent crime in Philadelphia means more people are in need of the support provided by social service agencies. However, these agencies have limited resources and funding and often cannot meet the level of need. **The most effective way to meet the needs of our communities in the face of limited resources is to collaborate efforts** with other social service agencies, anti-violence community groups, law enforcement, health systems, and other well-resourced institutions. **It cannot wait, it must be now.**

CALL FOR COLLABORATION

The PHIGHT Network (**Ph**iladelphia's **H**ub to reduce **I**nterpersonal Violence, **G**un Violence, **H**omicide, and **T**rauma) is a response from community, academic, health system, and government partners to address the roots of gun violence and its impact on victims, co-victims (surviving family members), and communities in Philadelphia. It embodies a coordination of expertise, skills, and services across the public, nonprofit, and grassroots levels to collectively address the scale and complexity of gun violence in Philadelphia.

The PHIGHT Network is organized by the West/Southwest (WSW) Collaborative -



Anti-Violence Partnership
of Philadelphia



District Attorney's Office
Victim Support Services Division



Beloved Care Project



Penn Injury Science Center

- and in coordination with Code Red PA, Cure Violence Philadelphia of Temple University, and the Pennsylvania John Paul Pryor Shock Trauma Center at Penn Presbyterian.

JOIN THE NETWORK - CLICK HERE

Becoming a member of The PHIGHT Network means **attending quarterly meetings; joining the mailing list** for events, resources and more; **having support for evaluating your impact; and adhering to our core requirements.**

The goals are to:

1. Increase support services and streamline resources for families and individuals impacted by violence
2. Enhance outreach and engagement strategies to increase community participation in violence prevention and foster community resilience
3. Evaluate the implementation and effectiveness of our collective impact to reduce gun violence in Philadelphia

5 CORE REQUIREMENTS

- COMMITMENT TO CAUSE (CAUSE OVER EGO)
- COMMITMENT TO LEARNING
- COMMITMENT TO PARTICIPATION
- COMMITMENT TO RESPONSIVENESS
- COMMITMENT TO TRANSPARENCY

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TOGETHER, WE CAN END THE CYCLE OF VIOLENCE