

Updates for RPSTF 5-22-24

ONS Updates

With increased resources, the ONS has successfully engaged over 160 current participants. We have implemented a three-tiered system. Previously, our focus was primarily on those most responsible or most impacted by gun violence (Tier 1). While this remains our main mission, we now have the capacity to extend our efforts beyond intervention to include prevention.

We have introduced Tier 2 engagement for participants closely associated with Tier 1 individuals but not exhibiting the same behaviors. Additionally, Tier 3 participants, mostly school-aged, do not fit Tier 1 or 2 criteria due to not fitting the criteria among this demographic.

The tier system ensures appropriate engagement levels. Tier 1 participants receive over 5 hours of engagement weekly, Tier 2 participants receive 2-3 hours, and Tier 3 participants receive 1-2 hours. All tiers have access to the same opportunities, including Lifeskills, mentoring, advocacy, and supportive services. However, the level of engagement is contingent upon individual need and willingness to participate. Currently, we conduct 8-10 Lifeskills sessions per week.

Considering the inherent challenges, attrition is normal. We currently have three open positions which we aim to fill soon.

At the time of this update the ONS has provided the following to the community of Richmond:

- 1945 outreach contacts
- 2591 outreach hours
- 1656 fellow engagements
- 3471.5 fellow engagement hours
- 64 conflicts mediated
- 95.5 hours of mediation
- 216 referrals
- 623.5 hours spent with clients on referrals

CCRP Updates

The most significant update is the hiring of the Program Manager, Michael Romero, who has officially started. Additionally, we collaborated with a Masters Program at UCB to analyze years of 911 data and categorize it, which will inform our decisions for optimal resource allocation upon launch.

We secured a Microsoft grant to cover the costs of building a dashboard for CCRP. Currently, we are finalizing two contracts for the software and technical assistance to accompany the dashboard.

We are in the interview process for the CCRP Associate Administrative Analyst, and the Crisis Intervention Specialist job classification has been approved by the Personnel Board and is scheduled for Meet and Confer before City Council approval.

We are receiving support from the Vera Institute through workshops aimed at developing and refining the CCRP logic model. We are exploring collaborative strategies with A3, C.O.R.E., and other agencies to avoid duplicating services.

CCRP is addressing several questions that have arisen during this process, including the official name, vehicle specifications, initial call types, dispatch capacity, trainings, and additional resources. While we can learn from other communities, we ensure that adopted practices align with Richmond's unique needs and preferences.

However, the future is looking bright.