

# Changing Lives in St. Louis by Empowering Communities and Individuals

The mission of the St. Louis Initiative to Reduce Violence (SIRV) is to generate resources and facilitate strategic collaboration among residents, schools, social service providers, faith communities, law enforcement entities, and community stakeholders to effectively prevent, reduce, and respond to acts of violence in the St. Louis Metropolitan area.

Since becoming a 501(c)(3) in 2013, SIRV has focused on two pilot areas of the St. Louis region to begin anti-violence work: Jennings in St. Louis County, and District 6 in St. Louis City. These areas were chosen due to high violent crime rates compared to other areas in the City and County, and a lack of coordinated efforts to stem the violence. In order to achieve its vision, SIRV is dedicated to fostering quality city-county collaborations.

The time to act is now. Violence is an issue that affects the health and well-being of our citizens, creates an environment of fear, and robs our children of the opportunity to feel safe in their neighborhoods and schools. SIRV will develop strategies to prevent violence and improve safety throughout the region. Violence knows no borders-it is a regional problem that requires a regional solution.



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**Will you help us change the culture of violence in St. Louis?**

The work of SIRV is funded by donations. All of our programs are made possible by caring individuals in the communities in which we serve. Your support will make programs and services available to St. Louis communities so they are empowered to take a stand against violent crime.

For a list of our Board and Advisory Board members, to learn more about SIRV, or to donate to this important work, please visit [www.sirvstl.org](http://www.sirvstl.org). SIRV is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt non-profit organization.

