



St. Louis Initiative to Reduce Violence

About SIRV: The St. Louis Initiative to Reduce Violence (SIRV) is a grassroots effort that **mobilizes** St. Louis communities, law enforcement, non-profit organizations, faith-based organizations, schools, and community leaders to design and implement responses to violence in the St. Louis region.

SIRV was started by Pastor B.T. Rice of New Horizon 7th Day Christian Church as an effort to reduce violence.

The pilot project is taking place in Jennings in St. Louis County and in District 6 in the City of St. Louis.

SIRV focuses on preventing violence and changing the existing social norms that pertain to violence to raise awareness and encourage non-violent conflict resolution.

SIRV uses a multi-level approach to address the issue of violence in the St. Louis region, leveraging resources at the local, state and national levels.

Vision Statement: The vision of SIRV is to **reduce violence, increase community safety and engage youth in** efforts that foster trust and increase the quality of life for youth, families and the community.

Mission Statement: 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.