



*"It is important for the community to know that while this program is funded through a youth violence prevention grant from the State of Connecticut, our outreach workers are not police officers. Their sole mission is to help our City's youth move away from group violence and toward safe and productive futures."*

- StreetSafe Bridgeport's Outreach Supervisor

## Helping Bridgeport's Youth Change the Game

### Do you know someone:

Between the ages of  
14-24 living in Bridgeport?

Impacted by a life of  
violence and crime?

Ready to learn  
new life skills?

### Contact Us:

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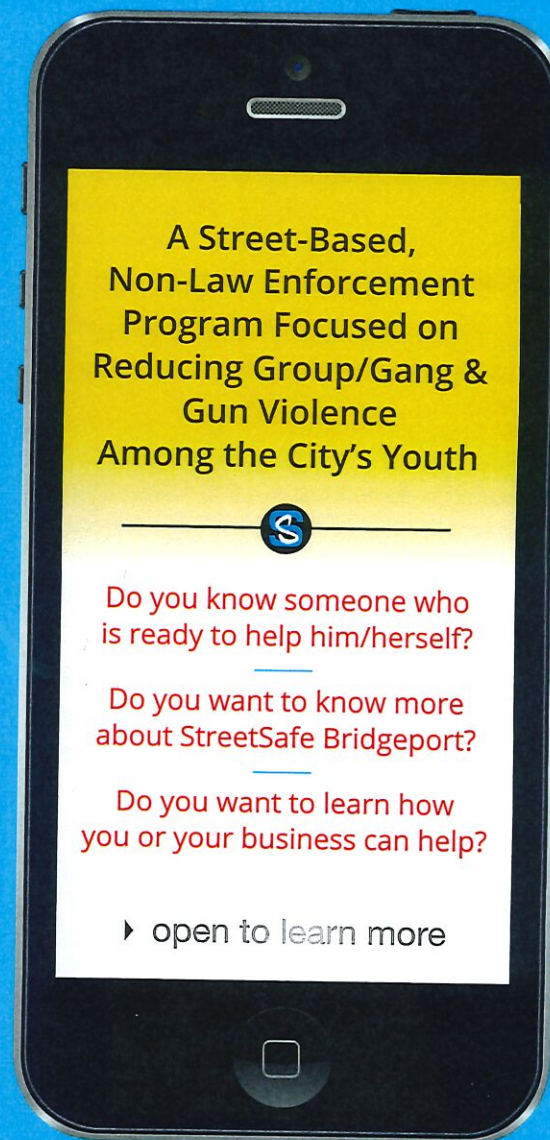
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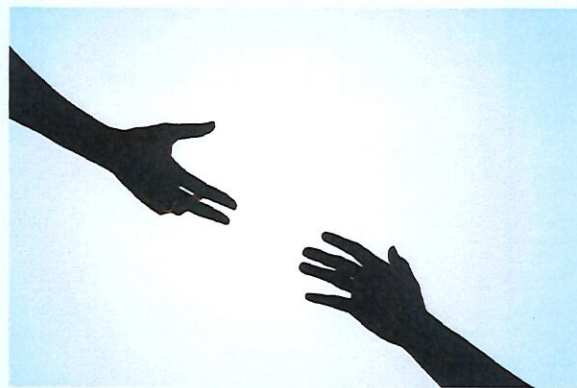
## About Us

StreetSafe Bridgeport is a street-based, non-law enforcement program focused on reducing group/gang and gun violence among youth while providing positive opportunities for those who are interested in changing their futures.

The program operates within six Bridgeport neighborhoods disproportionately affected by group and gun violence.

Outreach workers, placed in the community, are dedicated to developing trusting relationships by maintaining consistent, face-to-face connections with at-risk youth. Their goal is to provide opportunities for those young people who want to redirect their lives away from daily violence.

Their experience, backgrounds and extensive training provides each outreach worker with the perspective, credibility and skills they need to be effective even in the most entrenched circumstances.



## Our Approach

StreetSafe Bridgeport utilizes two main strategies: Direct Intervention and Case Management.

**Direct Intervention** - Outreach workers maintain a presence in Bridgeport's East End, East Side, Hollow, South Side, West End and North End neighborhoods, and at the three High Schools – Bassick, Central and Harding. Their goal is to establish trust, encouraging young people to engage in pro-social programs and services while interrupting violence, mediating and resolving conflicts. Outreach workers are on call 24/7 in order to divert potentially violent situations and to have a presence at local hospitals when necessary.

**Case Management** - StreetSafe Bridgeport also provides case management services through a referral process available to the outreach workers. Individuals ready to help themselves, and learn new skills, are referred by the outreach workers for case manager support. The case manager, in collaboration with the youth, identifies specific needs and challenges and together they create a realistic plan consisting of goals and expectations. As a result, the individual will be connected with the appropriate programs and resources that will begin to assist them in creating a productive, healthy lifestyle.

## How You Can Help

StreetSafe Bridgeport looks toward Bridgeport's provider community to deliver services and resources that will contribute to helping youth successfully choose a path away from group/gang violence and toward a healthy productive lifestyle.

Our program is always in need of your support through monetary contributions or donations of recreational memberships.

*"Our outreach workers bring a wealth of experience and commitment to serving the City's at-risk youth. Their own experiences and backgrounds give them the credibility to be effective even in the most high-stress situations in order to interrupt violence and to guide young people toward violence free futures, eventually linking them up to services both in the community and at RYASAP."*

- Robert Francis, CEO - RYASAP

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