

DontCallThePolice.com

A presentation for Code for Milwaukee

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Introduction:

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About [dontcallthepolice.com](#)

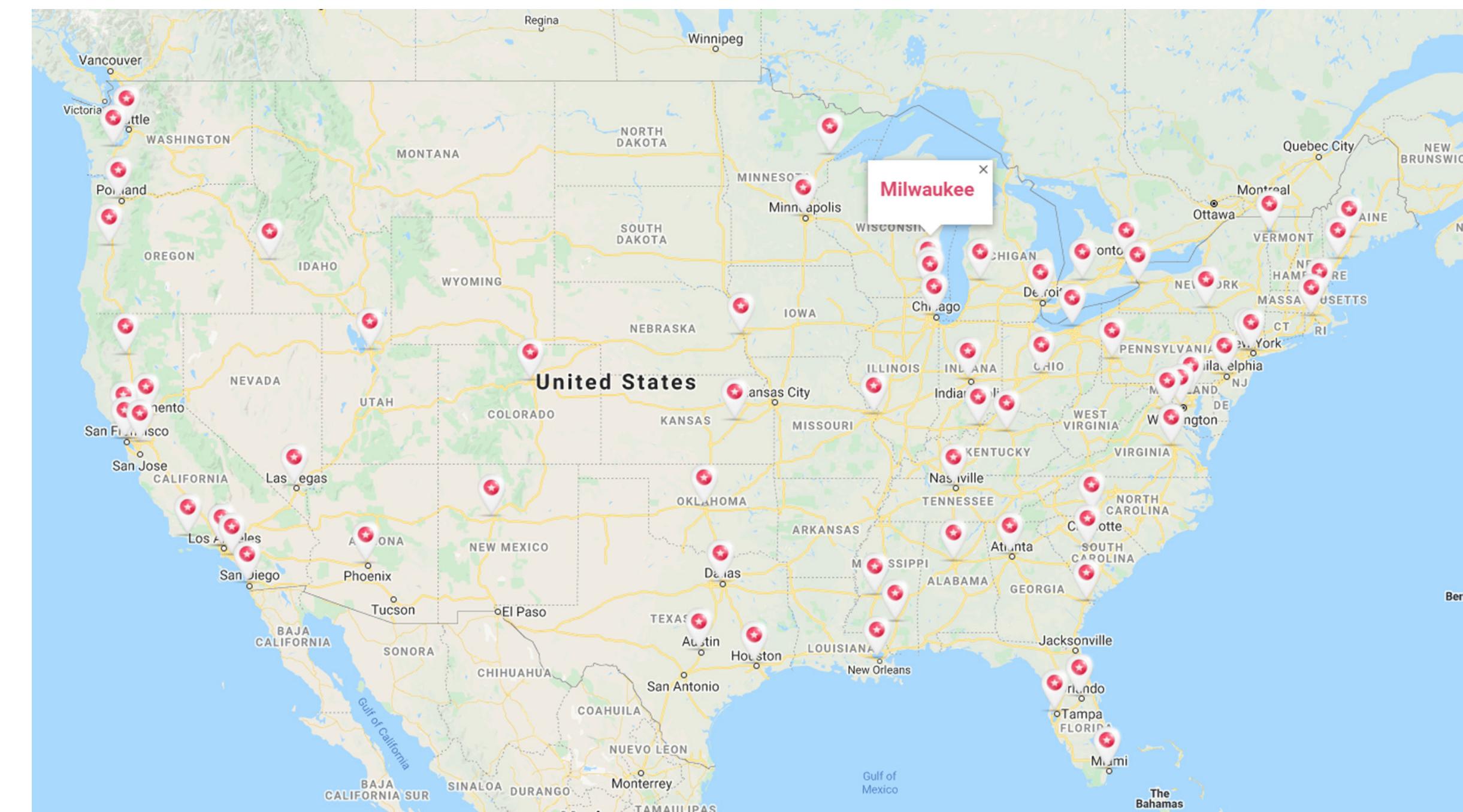
dontcallthepolice.com is an online directory of community-based alternatives to calling the police or 911, broken down by city.

Goals

- Make alternatives to police easily accessible
- Implement the idea digitally in a way that promotes people changing the way they think about and interact with policing in their community
- Provide a toolkit for community groups already doing the work to build alternative systems off public safety, and contribute to that work without impeding on or detracting from their voice and message

Building the Project

- Chose WordPress because it was cost-effective, user-friendly, and easily customizable
- Built up social media following and word-of-mouth through consistent and deliberate engagement with organizations doing abolitionist and racial justice work



Toolkit



- WordPress
 - Add Categories to Pages
 - Contact Form 7
 - Duplicate Page
 - Donate Button
 - Google Maps Easy
 - The Events Calendar
 - Page Scroll to ID
 - List Categories Post
 - Jetpack by Wordpress
 - Google Language Translator
 - Real Simple SSL
 - Twentig
 - Updraft Plus
 - Yoast SEO
- Google Docs
- Gmail
- RoundCube
- Photoshop
- Google Voice
- TotalChoice Hosting
- Google Analytics

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67 posts 15.3k followers 695 following

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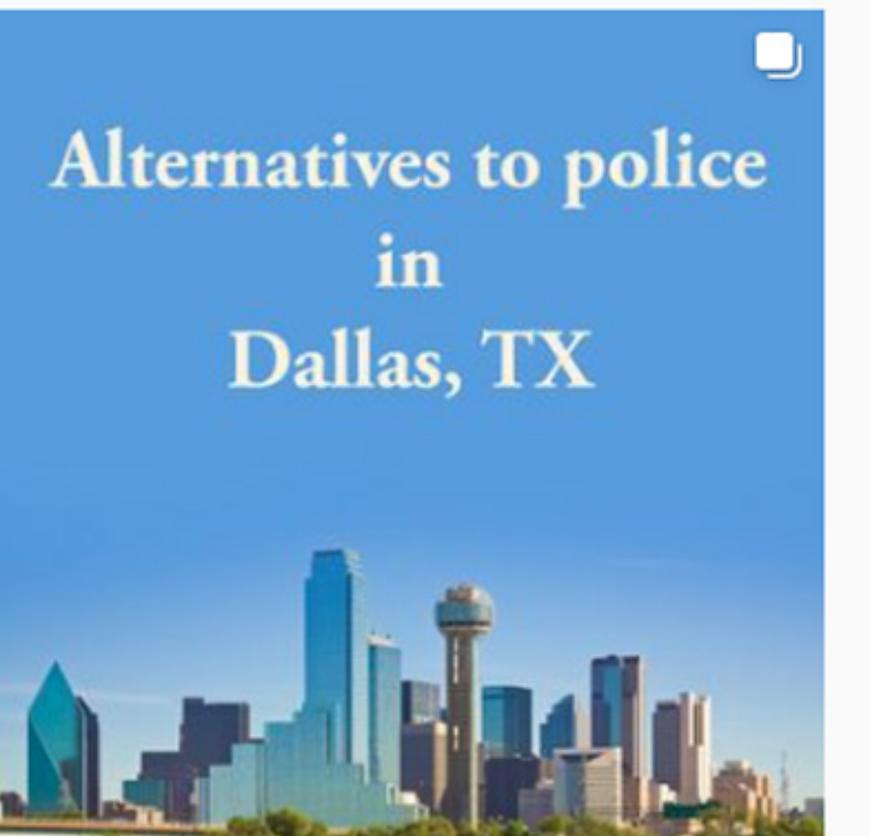
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New cities live now on the website
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dontcallthepolice.com/birmingham
Burlington, VT
dontcallthepolice.com/burlington
Emporia, KS
dontcallthepolice.com/emporia-ks
Prince William County, VA
dontcallthepolice.com/prince-william-county
Find alternatives to police for these and other cities at
dontcallthepolice.com

**About Us**
dontcallthepolice.com is a database of alternatives to calling the police or 911, broken down by city.
Our site provides easy access to alternatives to calling the police when faced with a situation that requires de-escalation and/or intervention, not violence.
The resources on our site are vetted for policies regarding law enforcement involvement.
You can volunteer to help build this database and reimagine public safety by signing up at
dontcallthepolice.com/volunteer
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**Alternatives to police in Dallas, TX**




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1 Database of local and national community-based alternatives to calling the police or 911, broken down by city

315 people like this including 8 of your friends

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<https://dontcallthepolice.com/>

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Alternatives to calling the police or 911 in Dallas, TX. Find more resources, or submit your own, at dontcallthepolice.com/dallas.

[Dontcallthepolice.com](#) is a database of national and local community-based alternatives to calling the police, broken down by city. The resources included on these slides are not exhaustive - please check the website for more!



Challenges

- False starts - impractical systems for building and maintaining the site
- Time management and prioritizing
- Difficulty maintaining volunteer engagement
- Accessibility - identifying problems and troubleshooting



Next Steps

- Grow site and improve functionality
- Build brand recognition
- Improve volunteer experience
- Develop relationships
- Determine pathway to incorporating as a non-profit

Youth

Covenant House

Provides emergency shelter and more for young people age 18-24 facing homelessness and human trafficking. Emergency shelter offers youth safety, food, clothing, showers, and a warm, safe bed, and is available for 30 – 90 days. Transitional long-term shelter also available.

(404) 713-0954

<https://covenanthousega.org/>

Georgia Cares

Serves any youth who is at risk of commercial sexual exploitation and sex trafficking. 24-hour hotline operators will assist the caller in coordinating emergency services for youth who may be a victim of exploitation or trafficking.

1 (844) 8GA-DMST (842-3678)

<https://www.gacares.org/>

Youth Crisis Text Line

24/7 mental health text line for teens and youth

Text GA to 741-741

Please note, people answering these calls may be CPS or law enforcement in certain situations.



Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault

Day One Crisis Line

For people experiencing domestic violence, sexual assault or sexual violence, human trafficking or simply questioning aspects of their relationship, advocates are available 24/7 to listen and give information and resources.

1 (866) 223-1111 (24-Hour crisis hotline)

<http://www.dayoneservices.org/>

Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition

(651) 646-4800

Toll free: 1 (877) 995-4800

<https://www.miwsac.org/>

Casa de Esperanza

24-hr bilingual domestic violence helpline

(651) 772-1611

<https://casadeesperanza.org/>



FAQ

- If these resources are already online, why do we need a database for them?
- What if someone has a gun to my head?
- Can I make this a location-based app?
- How can I help?

**We would love to hear any ideas to improve or grow
the site**

Email: admin@dontcallthepolice.com