

City of Baltimore

BUILDING A SAFER BALTIMORE: THE NEXT COMPREHENSIVE VIOLENCE PREVENTION PLAN (CVPP)

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Baltimore's comprehensive public safety approach continues to yield historic, year-over-year reductions in violence.

	2022 YTD	2023 YTD	2024 YTD	2025 YTD	2026 YTD	% Decrease Over Period
Homicide	139	116	72	53	40	-71.22%
Non-Fatal Shooting	279	251	167	123	121	-56.63%

Year-to-date data through June 1, 2026

Implementing a Comprehensive Strategy means tailoring our strategies and identifying the appropriate interventions at each level

Prevention

Whole Community



Intervention

Where Needed



Enforcement

Violent Offenders



Re-Entry

Released Offenders



Implementing a comprehensive strategy also means addressing all parts of the Public Safety Spectrum

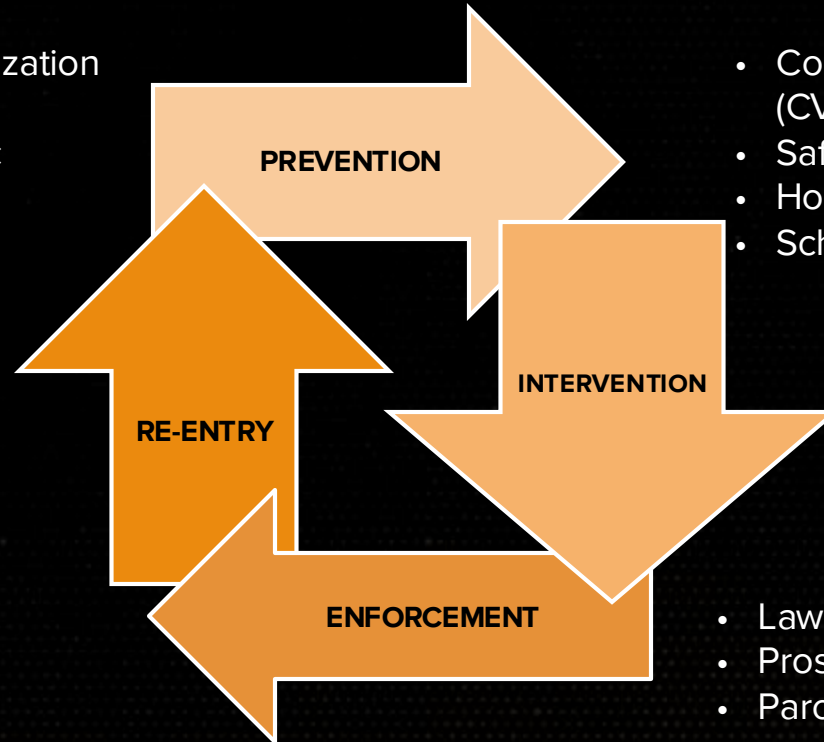
- Neighborhood Stabilization
- Street Outreach
- Neighborhood Public Safety Plans

- Community Violence Intervention (CVI) Ecosystem Partners
- Safe Streets
- Hospital Violence Intervention
- School-Based Intervention

- Pre-Release
- Safe Return Planning
- Re-Entry Services

- Group Violence Reduction Strategy (GVRS)

- Law Enforcement
- Prosecution
- Parole and Probation

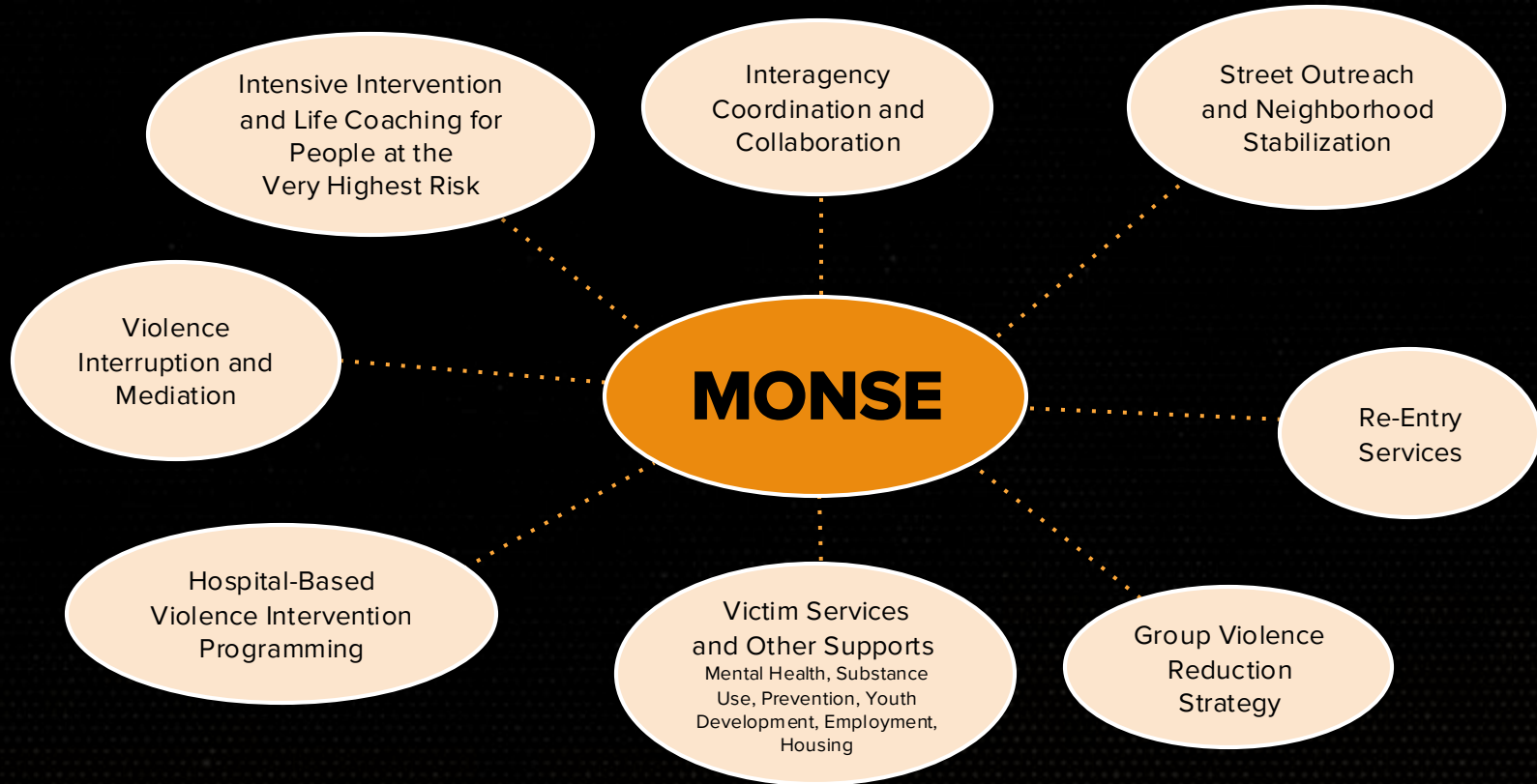


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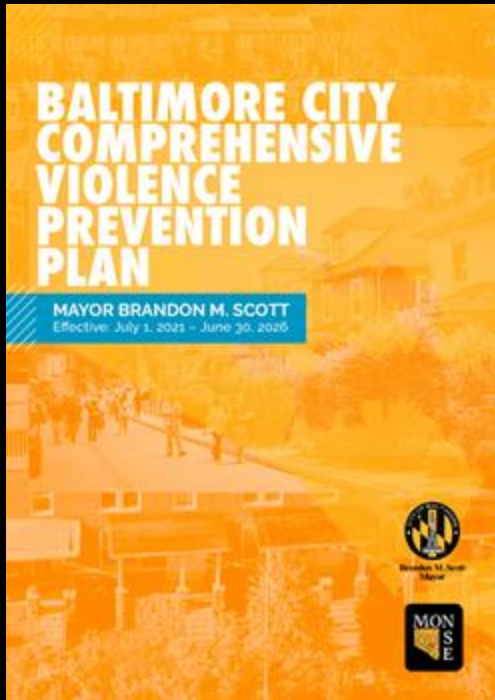
Direct Service, Implementation, and Coordination



Role of MONSE, Prevention, Intervention, and Re-Entry in Public Safety



Core Components of Baltimore's Comprehensive Violence Prevention Plan (2021–2026)



- **Evidence-Based Gun Violence Intervention Strategies:** Focused Deterrence (GVRs) and a Coordinated, Community Violence Intervention Ecosystem, including intervention, mediation, and norm-changing activities
- **Victim Services and Survivor Supports:** Addressing trauma and meeting basic needs for people and families impacted by violence.
- **Coordination with Human Services Agencies (People-Based Strategies):** Including employment, public health, recreation, treatment services, and other wraparound supports.
- **Environmental, Place-Based Strategies:** Including Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) strategies and other coordinated, multi-agency action to improve neighborhood conditions and quality of life, while enhancing public safety.

FY26: Maintenance Year



FY25: Finishing Year



FY24: Securing Year



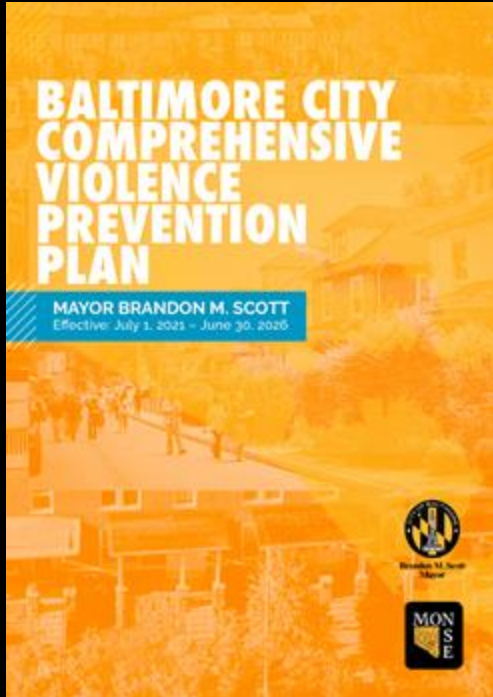
FY23: Framing Year



FY22: Foundational Year



Foundational Accomplishments



- ✓ Successfully piloted **GVRS** in partnership with BPD, prosecutors, and community — now scaled to 6 of 9 police districts.
- ✓ Integrated Baltimore's **hospital systems** into City's violence prevention strategy.
- ✓ Stabilized and strengthened **Safe Streets** operations, investing in frontline workforce.
- ✓ Held **ghost gun** manufacturers accountable.
- ✓ Expanded **victim services** to primary, secondary, and tertiary victims of crime and strengthened interagency coordination.
- ✓ Expanded **anti-human trafficking and intimate partner violence prevention efforts** efforts.
- ✓ Activated **Coordinated Neighborhood Stabilization Responses** after traumatic incidents.
- ✓ Built foundation for local **reentry services**.

Follow Baltimore's Progress Using the Public Safety Accountability Dashboard

baltimorecity.gov/monse/baltimore-public-safety-accountability-dashboard



Building on this foundation, the next five-year plan must continue proven work, respond to today's violence dynamics, and meet community need.

The second CVPP organizes Baltimore's next five years of public safety work around **six pillars**:



PILLAR 1:
Strengthen
Evidence-Based
Violence
Intervention
Strategies



PILLAR 2:
Youth Justice
and Violence
Reduction



PILLAR 3:
Invest in All
Baltimoreans



PILLAR 4:
Build Safe
and Healthy
Neighborhoods



PILLAR 5:
Sustaining and
Expanding
Baltimore's
Public Safety
Toolkit



PILLAR 6:
Community
Engagement &
Collaboration



New Areas of Focus in the 2026–2031 Comprehensive Violence Prevention Plan

- **Grow Internal Service Capacity** for the Group Violence Reduction Strategy
- Institute Citywide **Youth Diversion** Programming with the Dept. Of Juvenile Services
- Provide **Direct Housing Assistance** to Returning Baltimoreans
- Strengthen & Institutionalize **Interagency Collaboration** on Quality of Life Issues
- **Hold Businesses Accountable** that Contribute to Public Safety Issues
- Provide **Conflict De-Escalation and Mediation Training** for Frontline City Staff
- Support for Baltimore's **Older Adults** – Focused Outreach, Aging in Place, and Residential Safety Concerns
- Expand **Skill-Based Vocational Training** for In-Demand Careers and Enforce Baltimore's Local Hiring Law
- **Institutionalize the Local Office** of Violence Prevention
- **Sustain Essential Work** Originally Funded by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
- Develop **Alternate Response** Infrastructure, Expanding 911 Diversion Efforts
- Coordinate with Regional Law Enforcement to Address the **Flow of Crime Guns**
- Promote **Safe Firearm Storage**



PILLAR 1:

Strengthen Evidence-Based Violence Intervention Strategies



Group Violence Reduction
Strategy (GVRs)

Community Violence
Intervention (CVI)

- Baltimore's historic reductions in homicides and nonfatal shootings are the direct result of building public safety infrastructure from the ground up and committing to it with sustained urgency.
- Data shows that a very small percentage of the population drives the majority of violence, as do acts of retaliatory violence
- This pillar's strategies focus on those at the highest risk of being involved in violence.



PILLAR 2:

Youth Justice and Violence Reduction



Implement Early
Interventions

Center Youth in the
Public Safety Strategy

Support Programming
for School-Aged Youth

Coordinated and
Collaborative Youth
Justice Work

- Baltimore's young people are not inherently criminal. We will continue to invest in their success, not their failure.
- Youth victims of homicides decreased by 78% in 2025 and youth arrests have declined overall since pre-pandemic highs in 2017, with the majority of arrests being for misdemeanor offenses.
- Improving safety for our young people means addressing early trauma, preventing unnecessary repeat contact with the justice system, providing pathways for economic opportunity, and coordinating across systems to intervene early where necessary.



PILLAR 3:

Invest in All Baltimoreans



Strengthening Victim
Services

Deliver Trauma-Informed
Care Training

Strengthen the Reentry
Continuum of Care

Create Avenues for
Meaningful Employment

Support Older Adults

Reduce Barriers for Immigrant
and LGBTQIA+ Communities

- Violence takes shape long before it becomes visible, with unaddressed trauma, the absence of employment, and the compounding weight of systems that have historically taken more than they have given all playing a role.
- From coordinated support for crime victims and returning citizens to harm reduction supports and additional employment pathways, this pillar sees the importance of meeting communities where they are and treating mind, body, and spirit.



PILLAR 4:

Build Safe and Healthy Neighborhoods



Stabilize Communities

Address Quality of
Life Issues

Advance Harm
Reduction Efforts

Expand Behavioral Health
Intervention and Alternate
Response

Address Nutritional
Insecurity

- There are many examples of how the built environment impacts both safety and residents' perceptions of their communities: when a vacant property is used to stash weapons or illegal narcotics, when an alleyway is left full of trash and waste week over week, when a broken streetlight means that a resident has to walk home from the bus stop in the dark.
- These environmental factors can encourage criminal activity or deter it.
- Building safer neighborhoods means addressing blight, illegal dumping, and other quality of life issues too.



PILLAR 5:

Sustaining and Expanding Baltimore's Public Safety Toolkit



Institutionalize MONSE

Deepen Interagency Data
Tracking and Coordination

Pursue Legal Action to Co-
Produce Public Safety

Advocate for Legislation

Address the Flow of Crime
Guns into Baltimore City

Promote Safe
Firearm Storage

Launch Municipal ID
Services for Underserved
Residents

- Baltimore has made public safety progress by challenging assumptions, using unconventional tools, and allowing data and community to direct the work.
- Taking an all-hands-on-deck approach to violence reduction means disrupting the supply of illegal guns and pursuing policy change, too.
- This pillar is about locking in the work that has driven results, pursuing aggressive legal action, address the flow of illegal firearms, and closing the data and access gaps that have historically made public safety harder to reach for those who need it most.



PILLAR 6:

Community Engagement and Collaboration



Implement Neighborhood
Public Safety Plans
Across Baltimore

Continue Building Public
Trust in Law Enforcement
& Government

Produce an Anti-Violence
Messaging Campaign

Continue Funding for
Metro Crime Stoppers

Ensure Community Voice in
the Public Safety Strategy

Engage All Partners in the Co-
Production of Public Safety

- Public safety cannot be built or sustained without the community. Government and law enforcement cannot do it alone. Residents, faith leaders, business owners, neighborhood associations, and community-based organizations are required to sustain lasting change.
- This pillar is about deepening the relationships, accountability structures, and community authority that make this work possible, guided by those living in communities most impacted by violence.
- Our approaches must be tailored to the unique needs, challenges, and opportunities of Baltimore's neighborhoods.

Your Feedback Guides Baltimore's Future Public Safety Strategy

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