

# Minnesota Safe Streets

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# Introductions

- Minnesota Safe Streets – Community Partners
- Currently working with over 30 community and non-profit partners in Minneapolis and St. Paul.



# Current Conditions In our Community

## “Cries for Help Grow Following On-going Crime in the Twin Cities”



MINNESOTA.CBSLOCAL.COM  
Minneapolis Police Investigating After Overnight Shooting Leaves 1 Dead



MINNESOTA.CBSLOCAL.COM  
Minneapolis Police Investigate Shooting, Crash On West Broadway Avenue



BRINGMETHENEWS.COM  
3 stabbed less than 90 minutes apart near downtown Minneapolis

- From May 25 to August 3<sup>rd</sup> 600-1400 Shots Fired Per week
- Prior to May 25 Shot spotter showed 30-195 Shots Fired Per week
- Before May 25, there were 82 people shot in Minneapolis
- Since May 25, there have been 225 people shot
- Year to date total on August 3<sup>rd</sup> – 307 people shot (some victims multiple times)
- 64% of shooting victims were between 17 – 31
- 54% of Shootings were in the 4<sup>th</sup> Precinct
- 31% of Shooting were in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Precinct
- 610 Guns were recovered so far this year as compared to 500 the entire year of 2019
- Total Homicides were at 42 and counting

# *Minnesota Safe Streets*

**Who We Are:** We are a Coalition of Community Partners that involve an active and On The Ground initiatives where men, women and youth are physically present fighting violence on the streets in the community

**Our Purpose:** To serve others through two models: Person Centered and Harm Reduction

Each model proving loving, empathetic, passionate and caring intervention

We lead by example by demonstrating how to live productive, meaningful and positive lives.



# Interrupters



- 8218 Truce Center
- Coy/Centered on Youth
  - Uhuru

- New Salem Inc.
- God Squad
- We Push for Peace
- A Mothers Love
- Project Take Back
- Attitude Determines Altitude
- Mentoring Young Adults

# Black Communities Matter





# Who We Serve – “Communities in Need”

## African Descendants of the Slaves/ People of Color

- Communities (Minneapolis & St. Paul)
- Families
- Youth
- At Risk Youth



# How We Engage – “Boots on the Ground”

- Situational De-Escalation
  - Rapid Response Teams
  - Intervene with Community
  - Prevent Escalation of Violence after Incidence
- Violence Prevention
  - On-Going Presence
  - Develop Relationships within the Community
- Restorative Justice Interventions
  - Opportunities for Mediation
  - Restored Communities
  - Broken Relationships Healed





# Immediate Intervention - “Strategic”

- Neighborhoods / Communities Requiring the greatest need
  - Localized
  - Grassroots
  - Solution Building
- Two-Strategy
  - A Community Based Response to acts of violence
  - Building, Nurturing and Maintaining a sustainable network of Community Partners to achieve our Mutually Agreed upon Goal: Minnesota Safe Streets



# Community Intake/Referrals

“Viable Alternatives”

- Educational Opportunities - Collaborations with workforce organizations
- Meaningful Workforce Opportunities - Jobs
- Mitigation of Trauma
- Restorative Justice and Unlimited Options
- Intervention

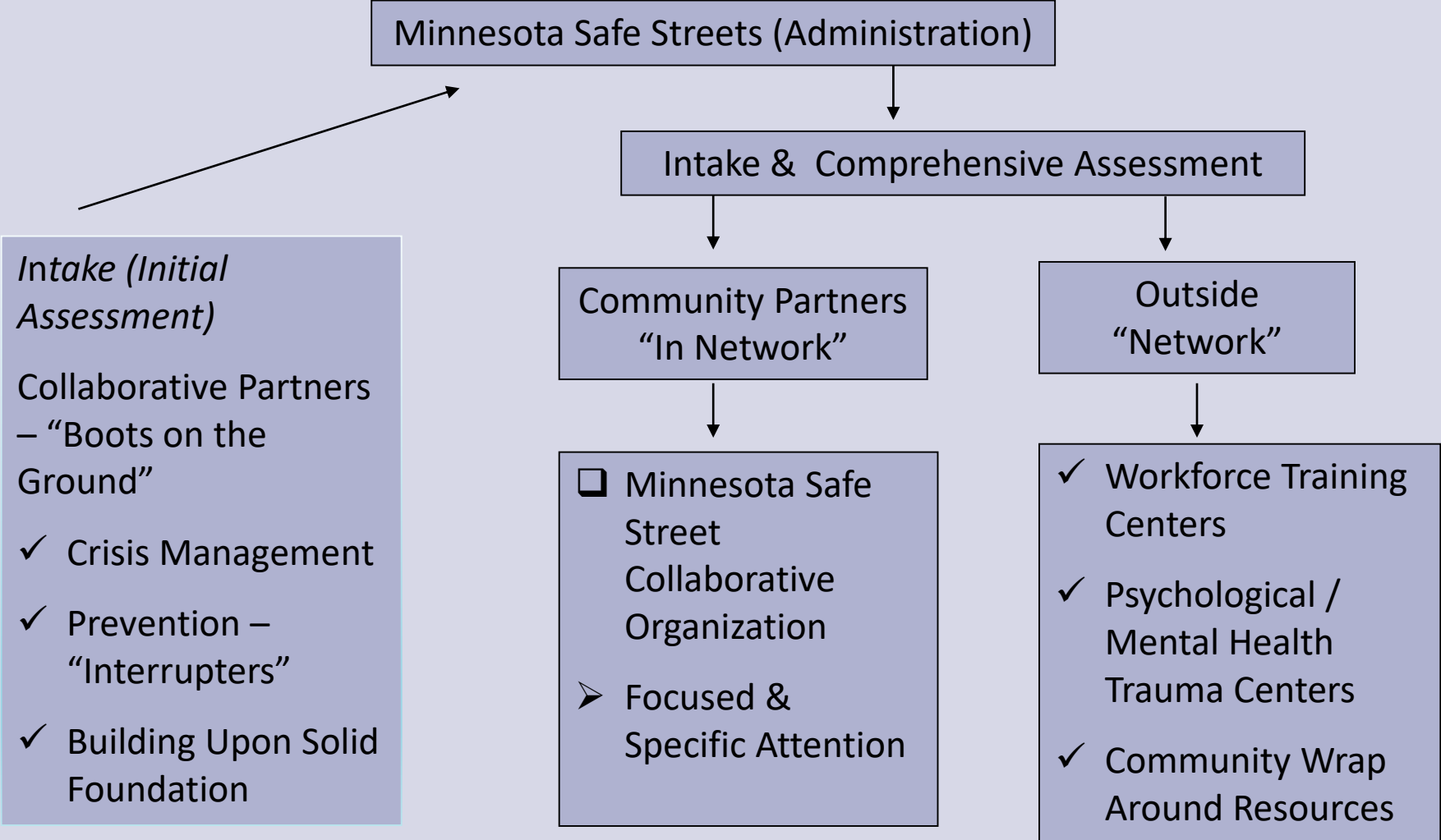




# On-Going Wrap Around Services -

- Sustainable Long Term Solutions through our Community Partnerships
  - On-Going
  - Consistent Communication
  - Natural Feedback loops

# Intake Flowchart



# Collaborative Partnership Highlight

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- A Mother's Love – Lisa Clemons

- As a grassroots organization of African American mothers and fathers, we are galvanized toward uplifting the family unit through mentoring, education, and economic training of African American single mothers and young girls, and fathers and sons.
- **Services Offered:**
  - Boots on the Ground Outreach
  - Listening Circles
  - Resource & Referral Services
  - Community Information Meetings
  - Domestic Violence Prevention & Intervention Services
  - Crime Victim Prevention & Intervention Services
  - Girls Leadership Camp (6 weeks)
  - Learning & Living for Success (10 Weeks Series)

# Collaborative Partnership Highlight -



- **8218 Truce Center– Miki Lewis**

- Truce 8218's mission is to provide conflict-resolution services to youth and young adults in the Saint Paul community. The center also provides community members with a safe place to learn about African American history, education supportive services and mentorship

- **Services Offered**

- Conflict Mediation
- Job Placement for Youth
- Depression and Suicide Healing

- **Classes In:**

- Community Awareness
- Entrepreneurship
- Leadership
- Self-Awareness
- Health & Wellness



# QUESTIONS

