

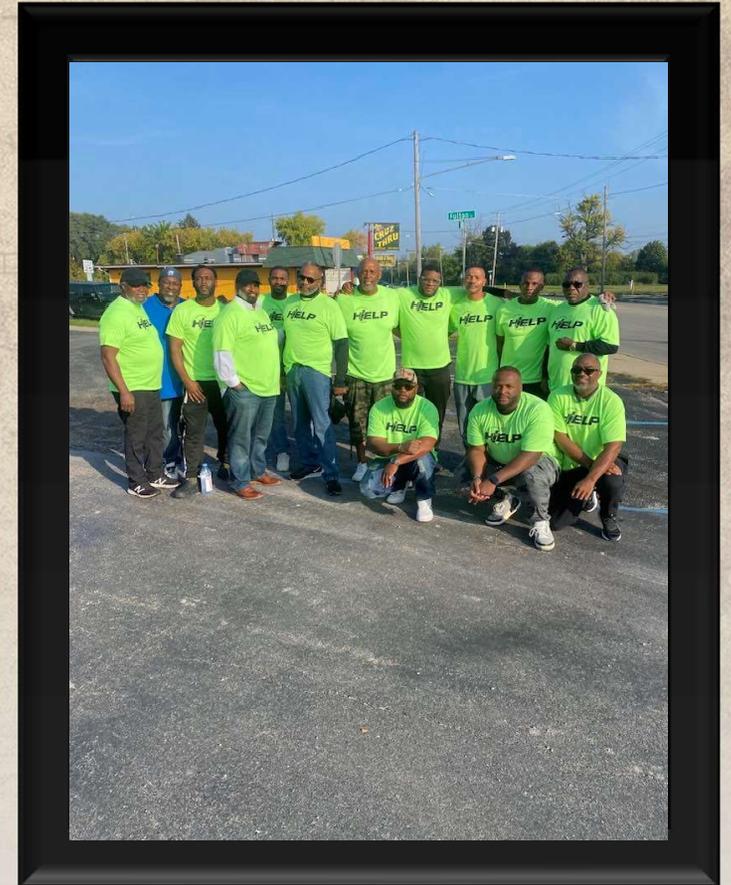


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(Healing Engagement Love Presence)  
Community Gun Violence Intervention Program

Prepared For:  
House Appropriations Committee

\*Representative Christine Morse 40<sup>th</sup> District



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# **HEALING ENGAGEMENT LOVE PRESENCE**



- H.E.L.P. (Healing, Engagement, Love, and Presence) is a grassroots organization comprised of citizens who have voluntarily come forth to do their part in combating gun violence in our community. Violence does not discriminate, nor do we. We understand that it takes the entire community, its resources (the greatest of which are its citizens), time, and talent to combat this horrific plague.

# OVERVIEW - CONTINUED

## ENGAGING VIOLENCE IN AN ALICE POPULATION

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- **DEMOGRAPHIC OVERVIEW:**

- 43,477 people
- Medium household income is \$32,241 per capita \$18,297.
- Persons in poverty, 35.6%
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- **CRIME STATISTICS:**

- With a crime rate of 42 per 1000 residents, Saginaw has one of the highest crime rates in America compared to all communities of all sizes from the smallest towns to the very largest cities. A person's chance of becoming a victim of a violent crime or a crime committed against their property. Here is 1 in 24. That is according to Saginaw neighborhoodscouts.com.
- The 2020 crime rate in Saginaw Michigan was 689 (City-Data.com crime index), 2.7 times higher than the US national average. It was higher than 98% of US cities in 2020.
- Saginaw's crime rate rose by 46% compared to 2019, the number of homicides stood at 24, an increase of 15 compared to 2019. In the last five years, Saginaw has seen increasing violent crime and decreasing property crime.

- **SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF VIOLENCE:**

- In 2020 by the month of November, the city of Saginaw was at 21 homicides. The city released a statement saying that crime is up across the United States and that they believe it could be traced back to several factors, including the pandemic, unemployment, housing instability, etc. Saginawmi.com. There are additional factors that contribute to the culture of violence in the city of Saginaw, which include:

- Poverty
- Education disparities
- Unemployment
- Drug and alcohol abuse
- Housing instability
- Gang activity

# CORE OBJECTIVES:



The objectives of the H.E.L.P. Community Violence Intervention Program are to reduce incidents of community violence and improve the overall safety, well-being, and quality of life for residents in the communities we serve. Through a combination of evidence-based strategies and community engagement, we aim to reduce the incidence of gun violence, youth involvement in gangs, and related criminal activities within our target communities.

- **2-YEAR WORK PLAN (S.T.E.P.)**
- **Needs Assessment**

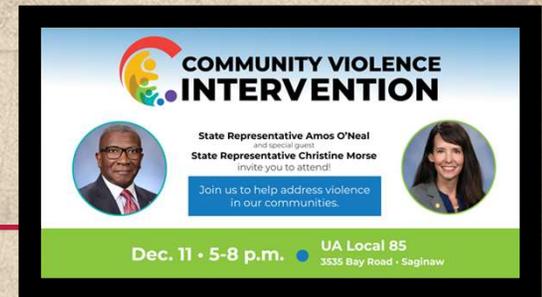
## STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

- **Reduce Gun violence (gun assaults)**
- **Strengthen Community Relations w/ Police**
- **Reduce Youth and Gang Violence**
- **Reduce Incidents of Violence**
- **Enhance Community Safety**
- **Provide positive alternative activities**



# PROGRAM DESIGN

- MENTORING PROGRAM
- TEEN SUMMIT SESSIONS / Partnership with Schools
- First Responder Service
- Prevention and Education: Intensive Outpatient Program
- Job Training and Employment Assistance
- Support for Victims and Families
- Educational Training for Adult Males (Months 6-8)
  - Personal Development
  - Professional Development – Partnership with DiverseNote Mobility
    - Accelerated Learning programs/employment
    - Personal Discovery
    - Personal Finance
    - Life Mapping/Planning
    - GED/Diploma Assistance
    - Coping with Socio-emotional traumas



**COMMUNITY VIOLENCE INTERVENTION**

State Representative Amos O'Neal  
and  
State Representative Christine Morse  
invite you to attend!

Join us to help address violence in our communities.

Dec. 11 • 5-8 p.m. • UA Local 85  
3335 Bay Road • Saginaw



**HELP**  
brings our community

**SUMMIT ON Saginaw's YOUTH**

ASSESSMENT  
FOOTLABORATING  
ADDRESSING

for Ages 12+

**DAY EVENTS**  
Parents are encouraged to attend with their youth

STEM Engagement Open Gym Food Games & Fun

**DEC. 9TH**  
10am - 3pm  
YMCA of Saginaw  
1915 Fordney St.  
Saginaw, MI 48601

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Deadline to register for Open Gym is Dec. 9th.  
Get tickets on Eventbrite (FREE).

# Normalizing Equity through Access, Opportunity, and Exposure

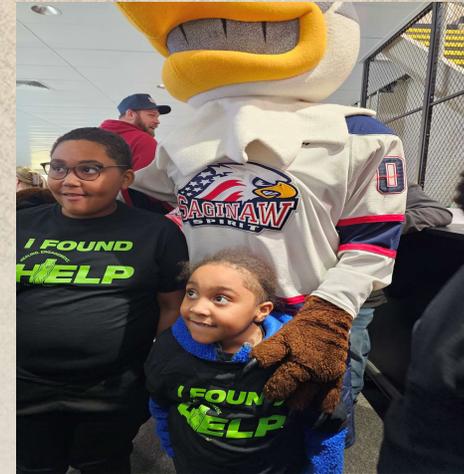
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**ACCESS**



**OPPORTUNITY**



**EXPOSURE**

# PROGRAM FEATURES



## Field Trips

- Museums of African American History
  - Sporting Events
  - Corporate office of nation-leading companies
    - Microsoft
    - Amazon
    - LinkedIn
    - Google
    - UWM
  - Car shows
    - Woodward Dream Cruise
    - Back to the Bricks
  - Project Build/STEM Saturdays
    - Solar, AI, Web 3
  - Job Readiness Programs
- Felony Expungement
  - Drivers License reinstatement
  - Professional Development
  - Soft Skills
    - Time Management
    - How to fill out applications
    - Resume writing
  - Conflict Resolution Training
  - Life Coaching
  - Drug Prevention & Intervention Coaching
  - Teen Summit on violence
  - Community stakeholder conversations on way to combat neighborhood violence
  - First Responder Teams
  - & more

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND ATTENTION

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We recognize that gun violence is a community problem and requires all community stakeholders to work together to make change happen. We thank you for your interest in supporting our goal of making Saginaw a safer community for all.

