Have you or someone you know been affected by violence in your community? Following is a list of resources in Chicago that are ready to help.

**Related Information**
- Stop the Violence: A Search for Solutions
- Stop the Violence: Warning Signs
- Mayor announces Windy City Hoops expansion on WCL

**Angel Corps Network**
The Angel Corps is a network of supportive and trained individuals who help people, especially those who are unable to stand by themselves, to navigate the pain and loss of a loved one.

[ucanchicago.org](http://ucanchicago.org)

**Apna Ghar**
Apna Ghar provides emergency shelter and transitional housing, along with a range of supportive services, to survivors of domestic abuse in the Chicago area. All services are free and available to survivors regardless of race, religion, ethnic origin, or socioeconomic status.

[apnaghar.org](http://apnaghar.org)

**A Safe Haven**
This not-for-profit foundation that helps renews communities and rebuilds lives. With a holistic approach, the foundation helps to provide services such as affordable housing, addiction treatment, education and job training.

[asafehaven.org](http://asafehaven.org)

**Becoming a Man**
Youth Guidance's school-based counseling and mentoring program that promotes social, emotional and behavioral competencies for at-risk African American and Latino youth from Chicago's toughest neighborhoods.

[youth-guidance.org](http://youth-guidance.org)

**Bereaved Parents of the USA**
A national non-profit self-help group that offers support, understanding, compassion and hope especially to the newly bereaved by those bereaved parents grandparents or siblings struggling to rebuild their lives after the death of their children, grandchildren or siblings. There are 7 chapters of Bereaved Parents in Illinois.

[bereavedparentsusa.org](http://bereavedparentsusa.org)

**Blair Holt Peace Alliance**
Blair Holt Peace Alliance offers: A support group for 12-24 year olds affected by violence, mentoring, conflict resolution for gangs, drug abuse and bullying, prayer vigils, coordination of marches and rallies, gun violence workshops.

[blairholtmemorialfoundation.org](http://blairholtmemorialfoundation.org)

**Build Chicago**
BUILD works in some of Chicago's toughest neighborhoods to provide at-risk youth with alternatives to gang activity and violence. Since 1969, they have helped more than 90,000 young people develop their individual competencies, strengthen their commitments to education and lead happier, more productive lives.

[buildchicago.org](http://buildchicago.org)

**Casa Central**
Casa Central transforms lives and strengthens communities with a special focus on Hispanics. Our network of services propels a diverse population of all ages toward self-sufficiency and a higher quality of life.

[casacentral.org](http://casacentral.org)

**CeaseFire Illinois**
This Chicago-based, anti-violence program uses a public health approach to stopping violence by helping to change behavior. Independent studies have shown that shootings are down as much as 40 percent in Chicago communities where Ceasefire operates.

[cureviolence.org](http://cureviolence.org)

**Center on Halsted** (formerly Horizons Community Services)
Since its inception in 1988, The Anti-Violence Project has
provided crisis counseling, information and referrals, and legal advocacy to thousands of survivors of violence and discrimination. (773) 871-CARE (2273).

**Chicago Area Project**
CAP believes that community problems cannot be solved by bringing in outside agencies to "fix" local problems such as delinquency, gang violence, substance abuse, and unemployment. Chicago Area Project is a strong network of more than 40 grassroots organizations and special projects aimed at promoting positive youth development and preventing juvenile delinquency through community-building.

[chicagoareaproject.org](http://chicagoareaproject.org)

**Chicago Citizens for Change (CCC)**
CCC’s mission is to reduce youth violence through programs and partnerships that strengthen communities and promote restorative peace-making by supporting families and youth who have experienced loss due to violence.

[chicagocitizensforchange.org](http://chicagocitizensforchange.org)

**Chicago Clergy Coalition**
The Chicago Clergy Coalition is an interfaith alliance of religious leaders and churches, mosques, and temples throughout the Chicago area united under the motto, "that they may all be one".

[chicagoclergycoalition.org](http://chicagoclergycoalition.org)

**Chicago Safe Start**
Designed to bring Chicago based people and programs together to help the healing begin for young children exposed to violence (CEV). Whether you're the parent or caregiver of a child, an interested citizen, a civic leader or a professional service provider, we can work together to bring the kids back into focus. So every child is safe from the start.

[chicagosafestart.net](http://chicagosafestart.net)

**Cook County State's Attorney's Office - Victim Witness**
The mission of the Cook County State's Attorney's Office Victim Witness Assistance Unit is to enhance prosecution efforts by delivering the highest quality of services to victims and witnesses in the areas of advocacy and court support. Our outreach efforts will be immediate, and our response will be respectful, professional, thorough and consistent.

[statesattorney.org](http://statesattorney.org)

**Crisis Center for South Suburbia**
The Crisis Center for South Suburbia is a non-profit community organization that provides emergency shelter and other essential services for individuals and families victimized by domestic violence and addresses the societal issues that contribute to domestic violence.

[crisisctr.org](http://crisisctr.org)

**Crosswalk Chicago**
Founded at All Saints' Episcopal Church, CROSSwalk is an effort of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago to engage people of faith and community organizations in addressing the escalating violence against youth in Chicago.

[crosswalkchicago.org](http://crosswalkchicago.org)

**Enlace Chicago**
Neighborhood schools fall below state standards. Children play on the streets due to a lack of parks, playgrounds, and green space. Residents must consistently face the violence that sporadically erupts between gangs. Enlace Chicago works to improve these conditions through a preventative and proactive approach that strengthens our families, our neighborhood, and thereby, our city.

[enlacechicago.org](http://enlacechicago.org)

**Family / Friends against Violent Acts**
We have vowed as an organization to do our part and help keep women, men, and children safe from the hands of their abusers. We are fighting to provide a safe haven for the abused so that they can live a lifestyle free of violence. We want people to know that these situations can be prevented and everyone is entitled to live in peace.

[favaincblog.wordpress.com](http://favaincblog.wordpress.com)

**Family Rescue**
Family rescue dedicated to eliminating domestic violence in the Chicago community by providing comprehensive support services and shelter to victims of domestic violence; particularly to abused women and their children; engaging in advocacy to promote future system change and encouraging prevention through community education.

[familyrescueinc.org](http://familyrescueinc.org)

**House of the Good Shepherd**
House of the Good Shepherd offers an intensive residential
recovery program for women with children who are struggling to overcome the trauma of domestic violence. We promote healing and recovery for the mothers and children we serve, and empower the women to become self-sufficient so they can live thriving lives, free from poverty and violence.

hgschicago.org

**Illinois Council against Handgun Violence**
ICHV is the oldest and largest statewide organization in the U.S. working to prevent the devastation caused by firearms. ICHV works on a variety of fronts to educate, raise public awareness, and build coalitions to enact change in laws and behavior.

ichv.org

**Illinois Victim Assistance Academy (IVAA)**
(IVAA) is to forge a statewide commitment to helping victims of crime rebuild their lives by delivering comprehensive training to victim assistance providers and allied professionals in Illinois.

illinoisattorneygeneral.gov

**Kids Off the Block, Inc.**
Kids off the block have served more than 2,000 kids as a mentoring site and a safe haven away from the streets. Young people show up at her center for tutoring, job training and field trips.

kidsofftheblock.bbnow.org

**La Rabida Children's Trauma Center**
La Rabida's Chicago Child Trauma Center (CCTC) provides direct trauma-focused services for children who have experienced medical trauma or who have been exposed to severe physical abuse, sexual abuse, fires, violent crime, and witnessing domestic violence. The CCTC is the only agency in Chicago that specializes in trauma-focused assessment and psychotherapy for the full range of potentially traumatic events experienced by children.

larabida.org

**Little Black Pearl**
Little Black Pearl is a state of the art facility in the city where kids can show their work and benefit from the sale of their art. LBP provides a safe environment, positive role models, various creative activities and job training.

blackpearl.org

**Moms Demand Action**
Mothers coming together to fight for tougher gun control measures. The group hopes to prevent more moms from experiencing the pain and heartache of those who have experienced the loss of a child.

facebook.com/MomsDemandActionILChicago

**Metropolitan Family Services - Calumet Center**
Metropolitan Calumet has been serving families throughout the Greater Roseland community for more than 50 years. Families struggling with poverty and violence turn to Metropolitan Calumet for vital and supportive services provided by professional, caring staff.

metrofamily.org

**National Child Traumatic Stress Network**
The National Child Traumatic Stress Network was established to improve access to care, treatment, and services for traumatized children and adolescents exposed to traumatic events

nctsn.org

**Now is The Time Chicago**
Now is the Time is a city wide initiative inspiring Chicago's young people to make a difference in their communities and stop youth violence and intolerance. he Chicago Public Library, Facing History and Ourselves, and Steppenwolf Theatre Company join forces to start this conversation in Chicago's many neighborhoods, along with theaters involved in Now Is The Time to ACT and dozens of other organizations and institutions.

nowisthetimechicago.org

**Parents of Murdered Children, Inc (POMC)**
POMC makes the difference through on-going emotional support, education, prevention, advocacy, and awareness. Membership is open to those who have been cruelly bereaved by the murder of a loved one. Professionals who are in frequent contact with grieving families are also welcome to join.

pomc.com

**Purpose Over Pain**
Formed through the Chicago Police Department CAPS program
with 7 families that had lost their children to senseless gun violence. The name Purpose over Pain was inspired by these parents relentless pursuit of solutions to gun violence as their purpose as they faced their pain.

purposeoverpain.org

Rainbow House
Rainbow House is a not-for-profit agency dedicated to the goal of reducing the incidence of domestic violence and the devastating impact that often goes with it.

rainbow-house.org

Roseland Youth Voices Against Violence
Youth Voices provides after school programs including tutoring and recreation. It's also a place for young people to take pride in their community, talk to each other about issues that affect them and learn conflict resolution. For more information call Gwen Baxter at (773) 629-8804.

Safer Foundation
Safer Foundation focuses on helping people with criminal records to become employed, law-abiding members of the community.

saferfoundation.org

Sarah's Inn
Sarah's Inn is committed to ensuring a violence-free society with guaranteed rights, protection under the law and equal access to services for all women and their families. We believe in the strength of the women and families we serve.

sarahsinn.org

Sheilah A. Doyle Foundation
The Sheilah A. Doyle Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that provides support and assistance to children ages 7-17 whose parent, legal guardian, or sibling fell victim to homicide. Through our partnership with Comfort Zone Camp (comfortzonecamp.org) and our college scholarship program, we believe that we can transform a child's tragedy into a bright future.

sadfund.org

The PAINTER
The film is about a boy barely 12 years old, who lives in a world of never-ending violence. To give him back his childhood, we must end the war on our streets. It's time for action. Step inside his art, his mind, his existence - a world at war.

facebook.com/ThePainterMovie

UCAN Chicago
UCAN strives to build strong youth and families through compassionate healing, education and empowerment. Youth who have suffered trauma can become our future leaders.

ucanchicago.org

United for a Cause
UFAC is a community-based activist organization that provides services and resources to women, children, and families that have been victimized by violent crimes. UFAC works on behalf of women who have lost children and loved ones to violence, inside and outside of the home, and provides support to aid in the healing process from violent crimes such as medical outreach, court proceedings, and much more.

unitedforacause.org

Victim Advocacy Support Program
Victim Advocacy Support Program (VASP) provides comfort and emotional support for victims of domestic violence and other violent crime. VASP guides them as they struggle with the aftermath of transgressions.

northsidecommunityresources.org