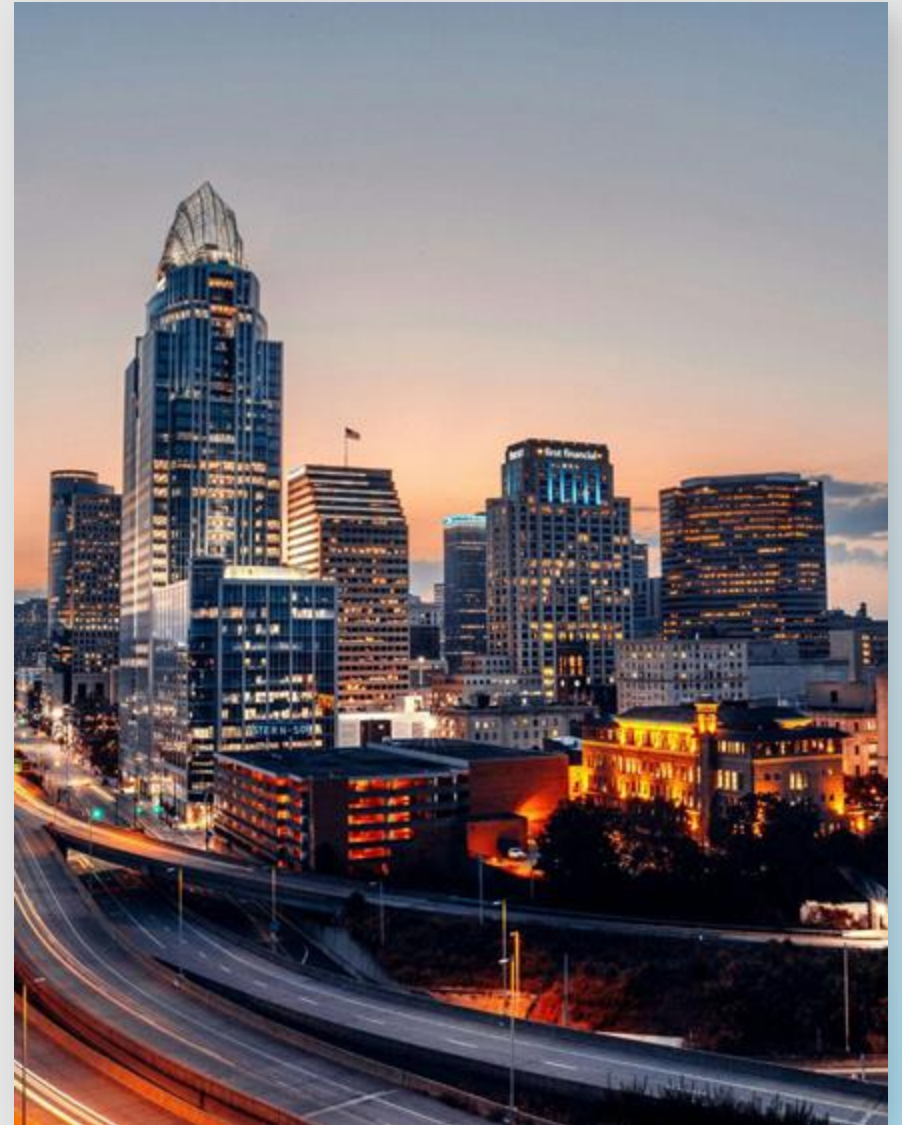




# ACT *for* CINCY

Achieving Change Together  
Blueprint for Violence Reduction in Cincinnati

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# ACT for Cincy Overview

**ACT for Cincy** is Cincinnati's collaborative, community-driven strategy to prevent violence—especially gun violence—by addressing its root causes through a public health approach. While violent crime is declining overall, gun violence remains a serious challenge. Led by the City Manager's Office and built in partnership with **residents, City departments, community organizations, and the Cincinnati Children's Hospital's Michael Fisher Child Health Equity Center**, ACT for Cincy focuses on long-term, sustainable safety by addressing root causes and aligning efforts across neighborhoods and sectors.

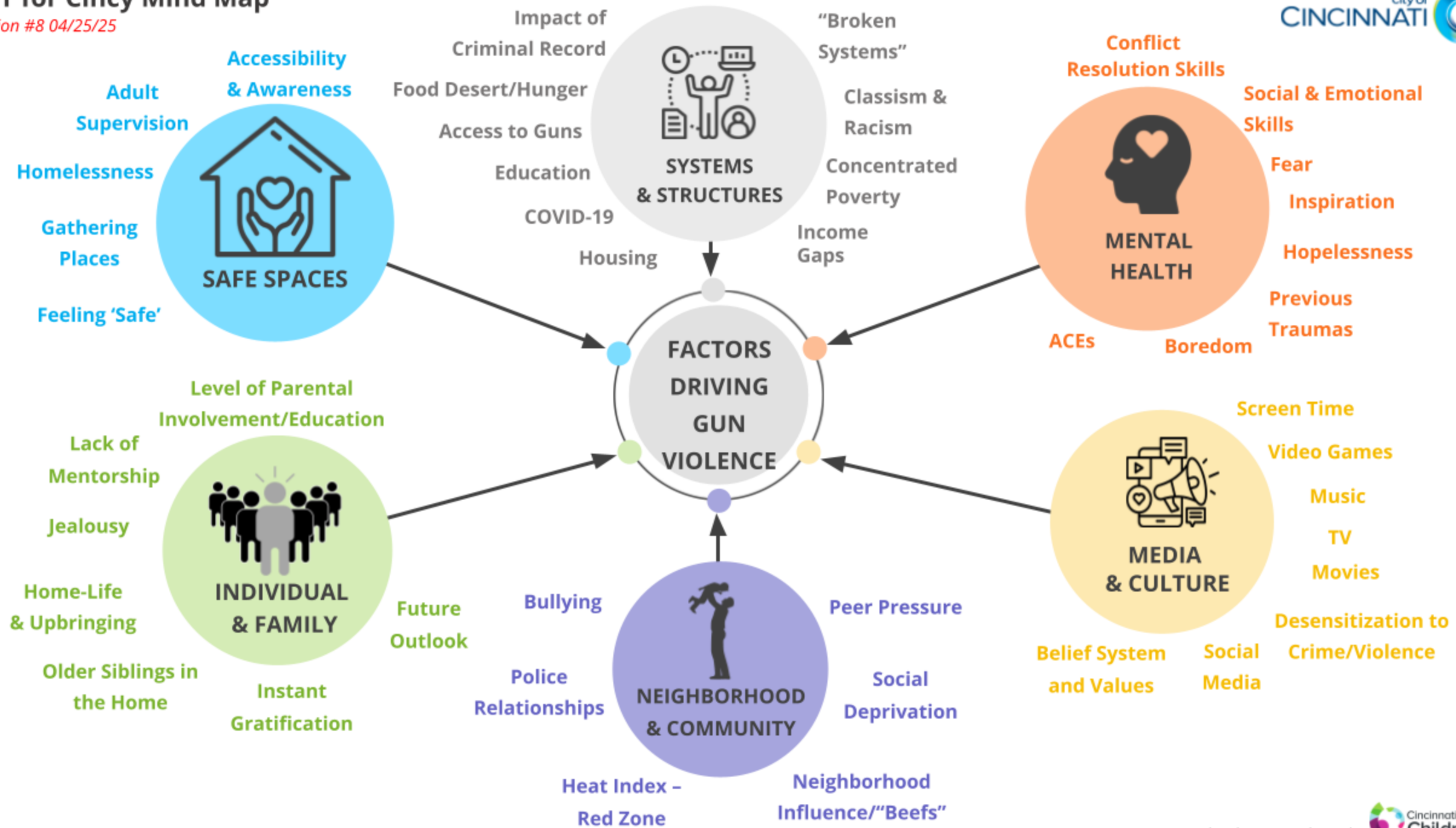
This strategy brings together years of ongoing work into a unified approach—so individuals and organizations can row in the same direction toward real change. It is grounded in five strategic pillars identified by the community: **Thriving Neighborhoods, Reducing Youth Access to Firearms, Improved Wellbeing, Youth Support, and Policing Innovations**. Each pillar is powered by action teams and organizations, targeting specific components, with identified goals and measurable outcomes. This strategy guides the City's ongoing funding of efforts to address violence.

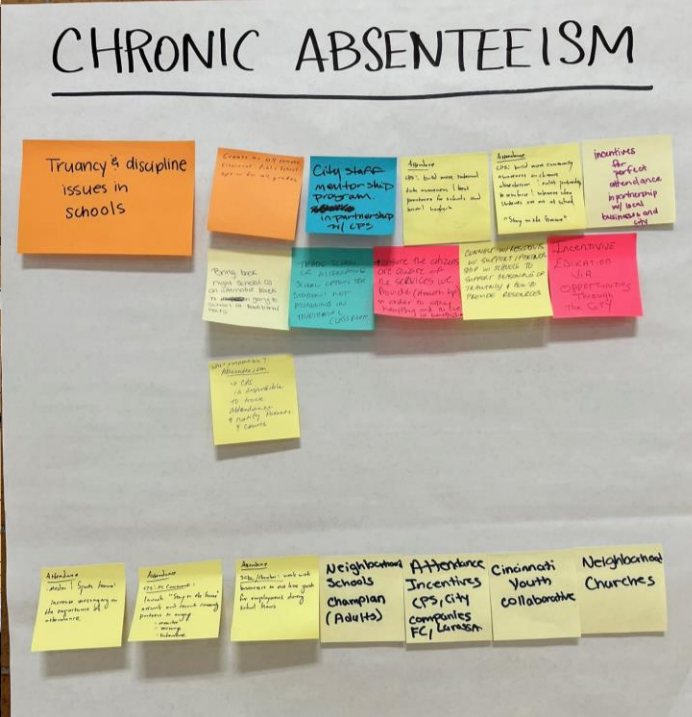
ACT for Cincy is **data-centered**, with a goal of reducing gun violence by 10% in its first year and using shared data to track progress. This is how Cincinnati is achieving change—**grounded in community, guided by data, and powered by collaboration**.



# ACT for Cincy Mind Map

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## **THRIVING NEIGHBORHOODS**

Supporting community-led revitalization efforts, economic development, and effective policing strategies rooted in problem-solving and Community Problem Oriented Policing



## **REDUCED ACCESSIBILITY OF FIREARMS TO YOUTH**

Addressing youth gun violence by combating illegal gun trafficking and promoting firearm safety education to enhance community safety



## **IMPROVED WELLBEING**

Emphasizing holistic well-being by connecting individuals and families with mental health care, housing stability, and social services that reduce stress and build resilience



## **IMPROVED YOUTH SUPPORT**

Investing in mentorship, education, and skill-building programs to empower youth, foster creativity, and guide them toward success while preventing violence



## **EVIDENCE-BASED POLICING INNOVATIONS**

Emphasizing data-driven, community-based policing strategies that build trust and reduce violence at its source.

# THRIVING NEIGHBORHOODS

Supporting community-led revitalization efforts, economic development, and grassroots problem-solving efforts.



## Targeted Community Investments

including the Boots on the Ground Fund, Safe & Clean Fund, and Human Services Funding.



## Beautification & Dignification Action Teams

focused on regular clean-up blitzes in specific areas to keep community spaces clean.



## Placemaking through Investments in Development

including vacant storefront activations, blighted property acquisition, and other creative placemaking efforts.

Includes our new office at 1301 Main Street in OTR!



## Reduced Accessibility of Firearms to Youth

Addressing youth gun violence by combatting illegal gun trafficking and promoting firearm safety education



### Crime Gun Intelligence Center

using forensic technology to trace the origins of firearms used in crimes, identify trafficking patterns, and coordinate with federal and local agencies to disrupt illegal gun flows.



### Gun Lock Distribution & Safe Storage with CPD

to help reduce accidental shootings, youth access to firearms, and gun-related injuries. Examples of this work include:

- Gun locks are available for FREE at all public library locations
- CPD distributing gun locks outside of professional sporting events
- Safe Storage program to allow firearm owners to temporarily store firearm at secure CPD location for up to 6 months



### Local Model Laws & Policies

to keep Cincinnatians safe, such as:

- City Council ordinance prohibiting individuals convicted of domestic violence offenses from possessing firearms



### State & Federal Lobbying

to advocate for state and federal policy changes that reduce gun violence and improve public safety.



## Improved Mental & Emotional Wellbeing

Emphasizing holistic wellbeing by connecting individuals and families with mental health care, housing stability, and social services that reduce stress and build resilience



### Hope & Shield Network

led by UC Health and Cincinnati Children's Hospital, funded by the City of Cincinnati, that delivers a comprehensive, evidence-based response to the needs of people who have experienced gun violence. Highlights so far include:

- 178 patients have completed enrollment in the program
- 86% screening rate, 100% since the program has been fully staffed.



### Trauma-informed Care Training

for Cincinnati Recreation Commission Centers staff, CPD Youth Services Officers, and CPS staff to better support children, families, and staff affected by trauma.



### DVERT™: Domestic Violence Enhanced Response Team

providing on-call 24-hour crisis support for survivors of domestic violence, including safety planning and access to services to prevent further trauma.



### Cincinnati Citizens Respect Our Witnesses (CCROW)

provides a variety of services including court-related services, social services, and referrals to counselling services designed to meet the needs of witnesses and their loved ones.



## Evidence-based Policing Innovations

Emphasizing data-driven, community-based policing strategies that build trust and reduce violence at its source



### Community Problem-Oriented Policing (CPOP) Projects

to mitigate localized crime and quality of life issues in our neighborhoods.



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### FUSUS Camera Integration

Through the software platform that integrates cameras from various sources. Community members can choose to register their owned and operated cameras at varying degrees of access.



## Improved Youth Support

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### Community Responders & Collaborative Agreement Community Care Initiative Outreach

connecting with young people across the city in areas of need. So far, we have:

- 10 Community Responders & 4 Collaborative Agreement Community Care Outreach Workers on the ground



### Career Pathways Initiatives

connecting young people in our community to part time jobs that can lead to fulfilling long-term careers.



### Support for Neighborhood Organizations

by providing resources to grassroots efforts to create after-school programming, provide mentorship and life skills development, and enhance youth participation in neighborhood safety efforts.



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### Enhanced Recreation & Parks Programming

designed to provide teens with a safe, welcoming, and engaging space during the summer months. Key milestones include:

- Program served teens ages 12–17 at Hirsch & Lincoln Recreation Centers
- 2,300+ teens participated across 9 weeks (Saturdays, June 7 – August 9)
- Participants represented 50+ neighborhoods across Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky, with 62% female and 98% African American (1% Caucasian/White, 1% Other)
- Generated 400+ volunteer hours through program engagement
- Distributed 215 backpacks and school supplies at the Back2School Event (in partnership with the Wiz and Blake Maslin)
- Offered skill-building programming in Culinary Arts, Cosmetology, STEM/Tech, and Team Sports
- Supported workforce development through the City Youth 2 Work program, employing 199 teens and generating over 40,000 total hours worked

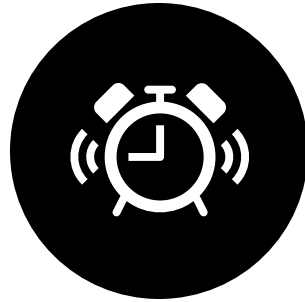


# Get Involved



## Join in Neighborhood Problem-solving with CPD

You can support work to make your neighborhood safer. Scan the QR code to join in a problem-solving project downtown.



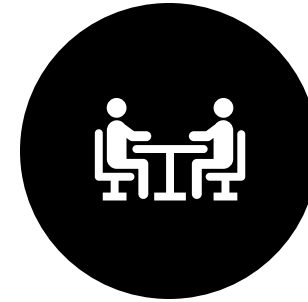
## Share Information with Your Neighbors

Help us spread the word about ACT for Cincy, including problem-solving efforts in your neighborhood. Sign up for communications.



## Join the FUSUS Camera Network

Help provide critical information to CPD that accelerates investigations and emergency responses by registering your home's camera. Learn more at [connectcincinnati.org](http://connectcincinnati.org)



## Use 311 to Report Concerns to the City

See a problem in your neighborhood that is not an emergency? Report it by calling 3-1-1 or using the 311Cincy app.



THANK YOU