



“Our outreach workers bring a wealth of experience and commitment to serving the City’s at-risk youth. Their own experiences and backgrounds give them the credibility to be effective even in the most high-stress situations in order to interrupt violence and to guide young people toward violence free futures, eventually linking them up to services both in the community and at RYASAP”.
-Robert Francis, CEO-RYASAP

Who is StreetSafe Bridgeport?

StreetSafeBridgeport a program of RYASAP is a non-law enforcement program focused on reducing group/gang and gun violence among youth while providing positive opportunities for those who are interested in changing their futures.

Where Do We Serve

The program operates within six Bridgeport neighborhoods disproportionately affected by group and gun violence. These locations include the East Side, East End, South Side, West Side, West End, North End, and the hollow.

Who Do We Serve

Youth between the ages of 14-24.

When Do We Serve

We are a 24 hour mentoring service dealing with emergencies throughout the night or supporting families when we are needed the most.

How Do We Serve

We have a two-pronged approach that includes Direct intervention and case management. The outreach workers establish and build relationships and trust, encouraging young

people to engage in pro-social activity, programs, and services while interrupting violence, mediating and resolving conflicts. Case management supports the outreachers by locating or providing needed resources for the at risk youth based on the initial assessment and evaluation.

Why Do We Serve

We serve because we owe it to our community to repair any damage or dysfunction we have planted within it's development. Being former agents of chaos that in the past destroyed our communities with drug activity, violence, and fear, passing these destructive traits onto the next generation. With this recognition, after transitioning into a new and productive lifestyle, we are committed to ensure that the youth that have adopted those negative traits understand the damage they are causing not only to their communities but to themselves. We have returned as agents of change to help improve the lives of those around us by being examples of change and instilling hope within a broken system.



Community Building



Educating Our Youth

SERVICES OFFERED

The following is a list of activities and services provided by StreetSafe directly during our interactions with enrolled youth.

Justice System

- Reentry transitional support
- Court Support and Advocacy
- Prison Visitations/Presentations
- Community Hour Fulfillment
- Parole/Probation interjections



Employment

- Resume Building
- Employment Referrals
- Application Assistance
- Skills Assessment and Enhancement



Education

- Tutoring
- Student/Parental Advocacy
- Vocational Training
- Group Support Seminars

Community Engagement

- Physical altercation interruption
- Mental Health First Aide
- Neglect Support
- Shooting Scene Support
- Behavioral Adjustment

HIGHLIGHTS

- 10 youth have enrolled into JobCorps
- Only 7 out of 300 have recidivated
- 50 have received job training
- 60 have reengaged in education
- 5 have received community awards
- Conducting groups in 2 schools
- **One loss to gang violence**

Referring Partners

- Probation/Parole
- Child and Family Services
- Superior/Low Court
- Harding High School
- Manson Youth
- Mentorship
- In School Conflict Resolution
- Family Reentry
- Reentry Roundtable
- CT Works
- CAV
- Hang Time
- Juvenile Review Board
- CT Renaissance
- Council of Churches
- YANA

Join the Fight

If you would like to become a Collaborating Agency or Referring Partner please feel free to contact our Director at eepps@ryasap.org or call 203-989-0175 for more information.



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