

# Philly Gun Violence Resource List

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*This document has been reformatted for ease of viewing by the PPD 39<sup>th</sup> District. The following resources are available to help crime victims and their loved ones.*

**TO REPORT A VIOLENT CRIME IN PROGRESS, CALL 911 FIRST**

*for public safety emergency response from the Philadelphia Police Department, Philadelphia Fire Department, and Philadelphia Fire Rescue (EMS).*

The federal [Victims of Crime Act](#) mandates that certain services are available to people who've personally suffered a violent crime, or those who have lost a loved one that way. There are victim services organizations all over the city that can help distribute these resources — from counseling services to legal help to reimbursement of funeral costs.

Philadelphia Mobile Emergency Team: (215) 685-6440

West/Southwest Victim Services Program: (215) 748-7780

Center City Crime Victim Services: 215-665-9680

Northeast Victim Services: (215) 332-3888

Northwest Victim Services: (215) 438-4410

Victim Services of South Philadelphia: (215) 551-3360

East Division Crime Victim Services (Concilio and Congreso): (215) 426-4810

Philadelphia County Victim Services: (215) 686-8027

Philadelphia County Juvenile Victim Services: 215-686-7682

## **Resources for Survivors and Loved Ones:**

The Anti-Violence Partnership of Philadelphia: (215) 567-6776

*The Anti-Violence partnership offers many services. There's a counseling center, plus resources for kids, victims of intra-family homicide, and people whose family members have been murdered.*

Healing Hurt People: (215) 762-1177

*A Drexel violence intervention program, Healing Hurt People offers free case management support for people who've experienced a traumatic event — including resources like health care, housing, food and advocacy at school. There's also a mobile therapy program and peer support for fellow young adults who survived violence.*

Philly's Office of Violence Prevention: (215) 686-0789

*After a violent crime, the city's Office of Violence Prevention deploys community crisis intervention teams, who help neighbors and assist police in their investigation. The OVP also doles out grants to community anti-violence programs.*

Network of Neighbors Responding to Violence: (267) 233-4387

*The Network of Neighbors Responding to Violence is a network of community members trained to support—and lead—responses to stress, trauma, loss, and violence within their own communities.*

[Pennsylvania Crime Victim Compensation](#): (800) 233-2339

*Pennsylvania's Crime Victim Compensation Program (VCAP) provides refunds for counseling services to victims, witnesses and close family members. The state picks up the tab, including co-pays, or part of the bill if no insurance.*

[The Center for Advocacy for the Rights and Interests of the Elderly](#): 215-545-5728

*Victims and witnesses 60 years of age or older can reach out to CARIE, the Center for Advocacy for the Rights and Interests of the Elderly, which has a victim advocacy program that provides free consulting, court accompaniment, education regarding victim rights. It will also repair external doors, windows and locks to secure victimized seniors in their homes at no charge.*

[Pennsylvania Health Law Project](#): 800-274-3258

*Statewide nonprofit Pennsylvania Health Law Project offers free legal services via its VOCA (Victim of Crime Act) Program, helping people injured by gun violence (or other crimes) get health insurance via Medicaid to treat physical and mental injuries.*

### **Trauma and Grief Resources for Families:**

[AVP's hotline for families of murder victims](#): (215) 686-8033

[Mothers in Charge](#): (215) 228-1718

*Mothers in Charge is a national organization founded in Philadelphia by Dorothy Johnson-Speight, who lost her son to gun violence. This group of impassioned mothers, grandmothers, aunts, sisters and loved ones can help you take steps to cope with tragedy.*

[EMIR Healing Center](#) in East Germantown: (215) 848-4068

*EMIR Healing Center was founded by a grieving parent to provide support after community trauma. After a violent crime, members will visit a block, school or individual person to offer healing services. You can also reach out for domestic violence resources.*

[Operation Save Our City](#): (856) 745-6045

*Based in Fairhill, Operation Save Our City supports to the families of victims of violent crime. Founder Rosalind Pichardo helps arrange public demonstrations and vigils to generate attention for cold cases.*

### **Conflict Resolution and Trauma Resources for Children:**

[Youth Empowerment for Advancement Hangout \(YEAH\)](#): (267) 469-3002

*YEAH offers after-school programming in West Philly, including targeted instruction to help kids learn peer mediation and conflict resolution skills. There's also a free food bank*

[Urban Youth Leadership Academy](#): (215) 204-8917

*Run by Juwan Bennett and headquartered at Temple University, the Urban Youth Leadership Academy matches middle school students with college-aged and early-career mentors who help them complete a service project.*

[Uplift Center for Grieving Children](#): (267) 437-3123

*The Uplift Center for Grieving Children offers in-school grief support groups — plus services for children and their caregivers at six locations in the city: East Falls, West Philly, South Philly, the lower Northeast, Center City and North Philly (Lenfest Center).*

## **Suicide Prevention:**

Philadelphia Suicide and Crisis Center: (215) 686-4420

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-8255

The Philadelphia Suicide Prevention Task Force: philadelphiasptf@phila.gov

My Brother's Keeper (MBK Cares): (267) 580-9440

*MBK Cares runs regular community events out of Cobbs Creek recreation center. They'll welcome you into an existing network of support, helping you find counseling and cope with hardships like bullying.*

Donovan Williams Memorial Foundation: (215) 834-9339

*The Donovan Williams Memorial Foundation is the place to go if you'd like to find a supportive community rooted in sports. The runs a basketball league to promote sportsmanship, foster social skills and educate youth on suicide prevention.*

*The city's Suicide Prevention Task Force operates five regular support groups all over the city for people who have lost a loved one to suicide.*

## **Domestic/Intimate Partner Violence:**

Philadelphia Domestic Violence Hotline: (866) 723-3014

Lutheran Settlement House: (215) 426-8610

*Fishtown's Lutheran Settlement House is designed to support survivors of domestic violence in any way they might need — with counseling services and programs for seniors, caregivers and people experiencing homelessness.*

Congreso: (215) 763-8870

*Congreso offers bilingual education and services for people dealing with domestic violence, to increase awareness and prevent domestic violence, and to connect survivors to resources.*

Women Against Abuse: (215) 386-1280

*Women Against Abuse boasts tons of wraparound services, from counseling to housing to legal help and programs for LGBTQ people experiencing intimate partner violence.*

## **More Counseling Services:**

Cost is often a roadblock to folks obtaining mental health services. Luckily, Philly offers a ton of free or affordable options. [Check this list for various options.](#)