Gun Involved Violence Elimination (GIVE) Initiative
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What is GIVE?

Gun Involved Violence Elimination (GIVE): A New York State effort to reduce shootings and gun-involved homicides in the 17 counties with the most crime by promoting implementation of evidence-based strategies and core philosophies that include the following core elements:

- **People**
  - Targeting key individuals and groups known as “top offenders”

- **Places**
  - Targeting key locations or “hot spots” where the most gun violence occurs

- **Alignment**
  - Coordinate strategies with local violence-prevention efforts

- **Engagement**
  - Encourage communication and coordination with community and key stakeholders

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Agencies Involved

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Evidence Based Strategies

1. **Problem-Oriented Policing**
   - (In all strategies)
   - Crime prevention through evidence-based strategies

2. **Hot Spots Policing**
   - Procedural Justice
   - Environmental Design (CPTED)
   - Focused Deterrence

Program Evaluation Methods

- **Mixed Methods Approach** (Qualitative/Quantitative)
- **Data Collection**:
  - Quarterly site visits: meetings, events, interviews
  - Monthly phone calls: interviews
  - Greenbook data: Data published monthly by NYS DCJS online, including the number of violent crimes, shooting incidents, shooting victims, homicides, and other gun-involved crimes in each GIVE jurisdiction
- **Evaluation Instruments**:
  - **Violence Reduction Assessment Tool (VRAT)**: Assesses the capacity for effective implementation, identifies steps to increase capacity and maximize the likelihood of effective implementation
  - **Strategy Checklists**: list of components of each strategy to determine if present
  - **Implementation Assessment Review (IAR)**: Assess site readiness, roles of key stakeholders, and agency partners
  - **Fidelity/Dosage Rubric**: Assess the quality of strategy delivery, intensity, responsiveness of participating agencies, adherence to the model, and adapting the model to local needs

Results

- **Monthly Average Implementation Assessment Review (IAR)**

Moving Forward

- Testing our instruments: interrater reliability, degree of overlap among instruments and items
- Statistical analyses: which strategies or characteristics of jurisdictions correlate to reductions in violence, if any
- Continue recommendations for strategy improvement

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