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 17 counties across NY state by promoting the 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

**Agencies Involved**

- Police departments
- Sheriff's offices
- District Attorney's Offices
- County Probation Departments
- Community partners (non-profit, clergy, etc.)
- New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS)

**GIVE Jurisdictions**

**Evidence Based Strategies**

- **Problem-Oriented Policing**
  - (In all strategies)

- **Hot Spots Policing**

- **Street Outreach**

- **Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)**

- **Procedural Justice**
  - (in all strategies)

- **Focused Deterrence**

**Program Evaluation Methods**

- **Mixed Methods Approach (Qualitative/Quantitative)**

- **Data Collection**
  - Quarterly site visits: meetings, events, interviews
  - Monthly phone calls: interviews
  - Official Firearm Activity 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

**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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**Results**

Average Quarterly HF Spree July 2013 - March 2017 (N = 17 sites)