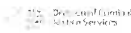
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NYS SNUG: Street Outreach Program for Gun Violence Prevention

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SNUG (guns spelled backwards/"should never use guns")

- SNUG works to reduce gun violence by mediating conflicts and working with those in the community at the highest risk of shooting someone or getting shot.
- At each site, outreach teams are hired from the community to mentor the highest risk youth with an emphasis on conflict mediation and violence prevention. Social workers and case managers are hired to complement the work of the outreach team.
- SNUG can help with many issues high-risk youth face, including school/job assistance, family support, addressing safety concerns, counseling, housing concerns, meeting basic needs, and connection to other support services.



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- We treat violence as a "disease" that is spread by infectors, and we work to engage those at the physical and social epicenter of violence, by redirecting them into more productive lifestyles, preventing retaliation.
- Our Outreach Workers lead by example and earn the trust of our participants by showing them that a violence-free lifestyle is desirable.

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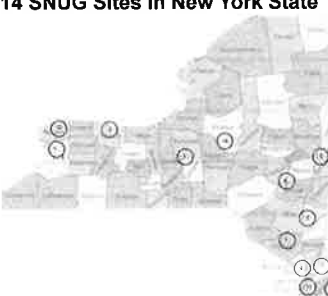


- NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services oversees 14 SNUG grants as part of their evidence-based approach to violence prevention
- SNUG Street Outreach program has been in its current form since 2014
- 2019 SNUG Social Work Initiative: added to enhance the existing programs throughout the state

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14 SNUG Sites in New York State



Target Areas: A designated section of a city where rates of violence are high and where SNUG outreach teams focus their efforts

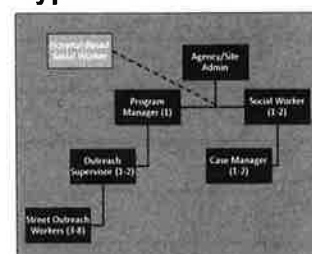
Locations:

1. Buffalo
2. Rochester
3. Syracuse
4. Albany
5. Troy
6. Poughkeepsie
7. Newburgh
8. Mount Vernon
9. Yonkers
10. Bronx
11. Hempstead
12. Wyandanch
13. Niagara Falls
14. Utica

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Typical SNUG Site



Community Based SNUG Agencies:

- Wyandanch EOC
- Hempstead FCA
- Mount Vernon FSW
- Yonkers YMCA
- Poughkeepsie Family Services
- Newburgh Recap
- Albany/Troy Trinity Alliance
- Syracuse Model Neighborhood
- Rochester PathStone
- Utica ICAN
- Niagara Falls Community Missions

Hospital Based SNUG Programs:

- Bronx Jacobi Medical Center
- Buffalo ECMC

SNUG Hospital Partnerships:

- Albany Med
- Syracuse Upstate

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High Risk SNUG Participants

- 14-25 years of age
- Active in a street organization/gang
- History of violence
- Engaged in high-risk activity
- Weapon carrier *
- Recently shot
- Recently released from prison/jail/detention

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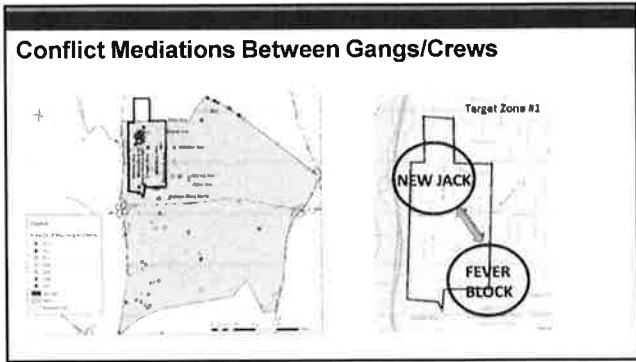
Meet 585 SNUG

- The Rochester SNUG site is run by Pathstone Corp. and is located at 189 N. Water St. Rochester
- Program manager – Toni Nelson
- Outreach worker supervisors – Sherrod Davidson and Theresa Velasquez
- Outreach workers – Will Reynolds, Fred Dawson, Detric Jones, Jermaine Ridgeway, Jamie Anderson, James Fitzpatrick, Nivique Abril, Calvin Clanton, DeAndre Akins, Marion Monroe, Kemar Burton
- Social worker – Shiy Coins
- In the process of hiring a second social worker and a case manager

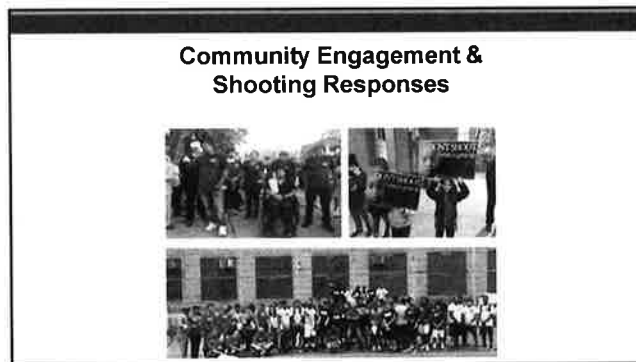
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The Need for Social Workers at SNUG Sites


- SNUG programs are strategically located in neighborhoods where gun violence is most prevalent, creating a need for specialized trauma-informed practices
- In order to provide comprehensive services to clients, SNUG sites benefit from hiring licensed social workers to complement the skillset of the outreach workers
- 2019 secured federal funding through Office of Victim Services (OVS) to initiate program



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Goals of the SNUG Social Work Initiative

1. Work with individuals affected by community violence, including witnesses of violence
2. Support SNUG program participants who are at the highest risk of being shot or shooting someone
3. Provide support and guidance to SNUG team members, especially in times of crisis
4. Build a direct connection between SNUG sites and hospitals



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Providing comprehensive services to victims of community violence/SNUG participants



Outreach Team

- Focus on high-risk program participants
- Mediating conflicts and preventing violence/retaliation
- Ability to engage and build relationships with high-risk participants
- Personal experience that enhances ability to connect to participants

Social Worker


- Support victims and families of community violence
- Trauma-Informed treatment and practices
- Resources, tools, and education to support work of outreach team

Victims of Violence



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Hospital Connection



- Hospital-based SNUG programs based at Jacobi Medical Center in the Bronx and ECMC in Buffalo
- SNUG social workers are hired at Upstate in Syracuse and AMC in Albany. We are in the process of hiring mental health professionals at Rochester General Hospital.
- SNUG staff have access to specific hospitals and are often called to the emergency room when a shooting happens to mediate conflict that could lead to retaliation, as well as to support loved ones of the victim(s)

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SNUG Referral Considerations

- **Geographic:** SNUG Outreach is constrained by geographical "target areas"; in order to become a SNUG participant someone must be tied to the target area (meaning they either live, spend time in, or contribute to the violence there). SNUG Social Work has no restrictions.
- **High Risk:** SNUG Outreach works exclusively with the highest-risk for involvement in gun violence; they do not work with families or youth who are not at risk for involvement in gun violence. SNUG Social Work does not have these restrictions.
- **Confidentiality:** SNUG is not a mandated program. SNUG does not provide information to law enforcement, nor will they be a mandated part of any person's service plan. This is true across all of SNUG.
- To make a referral, complete brief referral form and send to Shiy Coins

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585 SNUG contact information

- Toni Nelson (585 SNUG program manager) – lnelson@pathstone.org
- Shiy Coins (585 SNUG social worker) – scoins@pathstone.org
- Kristin Geiger (DCJS supervisor) – Kristin.Geiger@dcls.ny.gov

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Connecting You to Opportunities

585 SNUG PROGRAM REFERRAL FORM

Date of referral: ____ / ____ / ____

Is client aware of and agreeable to this referral? YES NO

CLIENT MUST BE AWARE OF REFERRAL AND AGREEABLE TO BEING REFERRED

Is this referral urgent? YES NO

CLIENT INFORMATION:

Name: _____ Birth Date: _____

Age: _____ Gender: _____

Parent or Guardian (if under 18): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ May we leave a message? YES NO

Cell Phone: _____ May we leave a message? YES NO

Email: _____ May we email? YES NO

REASON(S) FOR REFERRAL:

Emotional support/Therapy Interested in becoming a SNUG Participant

Case Management Survivor of a Homicide Victim Shooting Survivor

Other _____

REFERRAL SOURCE:

Name: _____ Email: _____

Agency/Program: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email referral form to 585 SNUG social worker Shiyandra Coins, LMSW at SCoins@pathstone.org

