

# CHILD & YOUTH HOMICIDES (Third-Party)

Every year, African American children and youth are killed at a higher rate than any other ethnic group in Sacramento County. Most of these homicides were carried out by a third party – someone other than the parent or caregiver – and are preventable. Some third-party homicides happen by chance, such as when a drunk driver hits a child riding her bike. Others are deliberate, as when a young man dies from a gunshot in a gang-related fight.

In 2014, African American children died at a rate almost three times higher than that of other children in Sacramento County. The Black Child Legacy Campaign is the community-driven movement raising visibility and strengthening collective impact efforts of the Steering Committee on Reduction of African American Child Deaths (RAACD) to reduce the number of black mortalities due to homicide, child abuse and neglect, infant sleep-related conditions, and perinatal conditions.

**In Sacramento County, African American children are four times as likely to die because of third-party homicide than all other ethnic groups.**

## THIRD-PARTY HOMICIDE IN SACRAMENTO

In 2013 and 2014, there were 12 children who died in Sacramento County because of third-party homicides. Out of these, two (17%) were African American children.

## HOMICIDE PREVENTION | WHAT WE KNOW

A child's family, environment and community can increase his or her chances of becoming a victim of a third-party homicide. As a result, many of the strategies to prevent homicides are about supporting healthy families and neighborhoods. Recommendations include:

- Programs such as home visitation, mentoring and after-school programs can support youth and families.
- Intervene early with youth who might be at risk for becoming perpetrators or victims through restorative justice programs and alternative sentencing.
- Increase educational and vocational training opportunities that lead to jobs.
- Use trauma-informed care when working with families.



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# Homicide Prevention | Resources

## **ALWAYS KNOCKING**

A program that works with at-risk and incarcerated youth on relationship building, community interaction and life planning. Helps redirect misguided youth by providing them positive social, emotional and educational opportunities.

[www.alwaysknocking.com](http://www.alwaysknocking.com)

(916) 470-2077

## **BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF GREATER SACRAMENTO**

An organization that provides youth with a safe environment to participate in positive, fun activities, where they can set and reach their goals. Club programs and services promote and enhance youth development by instilling a sense of competence, usefulness, belonging and power or influence.

<https://bgcsac.org/>

(916) 392-1350

## **GANG PREVENTION & INTERVENTION TASK FORCE**

The City of Sacramento's Gang Prevention & Intervention Task Force is focusing on a coordinated, comprehensive effort to address gang violence. The plan combines the latest research and best practices with an intentional focus on providing more prevention and intervention services to high-risk and gang-involved populations.

[www.cityofsacramento.org/City-Manager/Gang-Prevention-and-Intervention](http://www.cityofsacramento.org/City-Manager/Gang-Prevention-and-Intervention)

## **SACRAMENTO VIOLENCE INTERVENTION PROGRAM**

A hospital-based peer violence intervention program, with goals of helping injured youth and reducing involvement with the criminal justice system.

[www.wellspacehealth.org/svip.htm](http://www.wellspacehealth.org/svip.htm)

(916) 201-0171

## **SACRAMENTO WORKS**

Youth programs serve all youth ages 16-24. Youth providers offer job search assistance, linkages to community resources, career development workshops, resume writing, interview skills, and access to information on education and employment opportunities.

[www.sacramentoworks.org/youth/](http://www.sacramentoworks.org/youth/)

## **YOUTH EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM**

A program that provides special services to youth between the ages of 15 and 25 to assist them in achieving their educational and vocational goals.

[http://www.edd.ca.gov/jobs\\_and\\_training/Youth\\_Employment\\_Opportunity\\_Program.htm](http://www.edd.ca.gov/jobs_and_training/Youth_Employment_Opportunity_Program.htm)

## **YOUTH EMPOWERED FOR SUCCESS**

This program of the Greater Sacramento Urban League is designed to encourage youth to discover positive pathways to education and training that lead to high-demand careers.

[www.gsul.org/youth-empowered-for-success-yes/](http://www.gsul.org/youth-empowered-for-success-yes/)

(916) 286-8600

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