

## Background Resources on Approaches in the NEAR Act

- **Office of Neighborhood Safety (ONS) in Richmond, CA, which was the model for the Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement (ONSE) in Title I(A) of the NEAR Act, was demonstrated to reduce gun violence by over 70% in 3 years:**
  - Documentary short on the ONS called "A Confused War." Humanizes the issues, approach, and its success. Part I is ~15mins: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=36Ah\\_KXLcVM&t=2s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=36Ah_KXLcVM&t=2s)
  - <http://harvardpolitics.com/covers/covers-fall-2016/love-thy-neighbor-humane-approach-gun-violence/>
  - <http://www.motherjones.com/politics/2014/06/richmond-california-murder-rate-gun-death>
  - [https://www.nytimes.com/2017/02/21/opinion/building-trust-cuts-violence-cash-also-helps.html?\\_r=0](https://www.nytimes.com/2017/02/21/opinion/building-trust-cuts-violence-cash-also-helps.html?_r=0)
  - Additional resources on the ONS approach: <http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/2117/Topical-Reports>
  
- **On violence interruption, treating violence as a public health issue, and violence, crime, and policing more generally:**
  - Cure Violence: <http://cureviolence.org/results/scientific-evaluations>
  - <http://www.npr.org/2017/03/08/519068305/treat-gun-violence-like-a-public-health-crisis-one-program-says>
  - Justice Policy Institute: <http://www.justicepolicy.org/research/index.html>
    - [Gang Wars: The Failure of Enforcement Tactics and the Need for Effective Public Safety Strategies](#)
  - Univ. of Maryland Violence Prevention programs: <https://www.umaryland.edu/local/umb-signature-programs/programs-for-violence-prevention/>
  - *Unity Urban Agenda for Preventing Violence Before it Occurs* report: <http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/DocumentCenter/Home/View/5673>
  - Resources on public safety initiatives throughout the US: <https://dcsafetynet.wordpress.com/what-other-states-and-cities-are-doing/>
  - *Defining Violence: Reducing Incarceration by Rethinking America's Approach to Violence*, Justice Policy Institute (Aug. 23, 2016): <http://www.justicepolicy.org/research/10708>

- **On the hospital-based intervention model underlying the Office of Violence Prevention and Health Equity (OVPHE) in the NEAR Act:**
  - Violence Intervention Program at Univ. of Maryland Med. School: <http://www.umm.edu/programs/shock-trauma/services/injury-prevention/violence/vip>
  - Beyond Violence Program, Richmond, CA: <http://ca-richmond.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/Home/View/8534>
  - *Breaking the Cycle of Violence*, NY Times (Jan. 13, 2011): <http://www.nytimes.com/2011/01/13/health/13chen.html?pagewanted=all>
  - Hospital-Based Violence Intervention Programs Work: <https://pdfs.semanticscholar.org/00f8/66e2ee65449c903cd50a404cd8f9a287159a.pdf>
  - <https://www.vera.org/publications/expanding-the-reach-of-victim-services>