Regional Office of Gun Violence Prevention

Regional Law, Safety & Justice Committee Update

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Regional Office of Gun Violence Prevention (ROGVP)

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Mission:

Taking a public health approach, the Regional Office of Gun Violence Prevention (ROGVP) collaborates with community and across systems to deliver community-centered services to reduce gun violence in King County.

Core Strategies:

To advance holistic public safety, provide care and resources, and promote community healing ROGVP's work is organized around four core strategies:

- **Coordination**
- **Prevention**
- **Intervention**
- **Stabilization & Restoration**

Coordination

Aligns community leaders, municipal leaders, law enforcement, criminal legal partners, public health and hospitals, schools, and local government agencies to create a unified public safety network, joint collaborative responses and resource maximization.

Coordination Services

- Strategic guidance and technical assistance
- Cross department/government coordination
- Rapid Post Incident Response and Neighborhood Stabilization
- Contract oversight, training, and capacity building
- Evaluation

Who We Work With

Prevention

Raises awareness of services and resources, promotes harm reduction strategies, engages with King County residents and directly impacted communities to identify needs and collaboratively implement solutions.

Prevention Services

- Public education and awareness campaigns
- Community engagement in directly impacted communities
- Convening & facilitation of public safety meetings
- Harm reduction activities (safe-storage device distribution, Stop the Bleed trainings, etc.)
- Collaboration on emerging youth violence prevention initiatives

Intervention

Provides intensive services and supports for individuals directly impacted by gun violence and firearm injury.

Community-based Intervention Services

Regional Peacekeepers Collective (RPKC)

Population Focus: Individuals ages 12–24 who are at risk of becoming perpetrators or victims in the near term.

Services:

- Violence interruption and critical incident response
- Street outreach
- Intensive engagement and cognitive behavioral interventions
- School safety and safe passage
- Community safety operations at vigils, funerals, memorials, public events.

Community-based Intervention Services

Regional Peacekeepers Collective (RPKC)

Referral Pathways: Harborview Medical Center bedside referrals, street outreach, schools, law enforcement, families, self-referrals, community partners/members

Current Service Areas: Burien, Kent, Federal Way, Renton and the Skyway and White Center areas of unincorporated King County.

Current Organizations: Community Passageways, Freedom Project, Progress Pushers, Urban Family

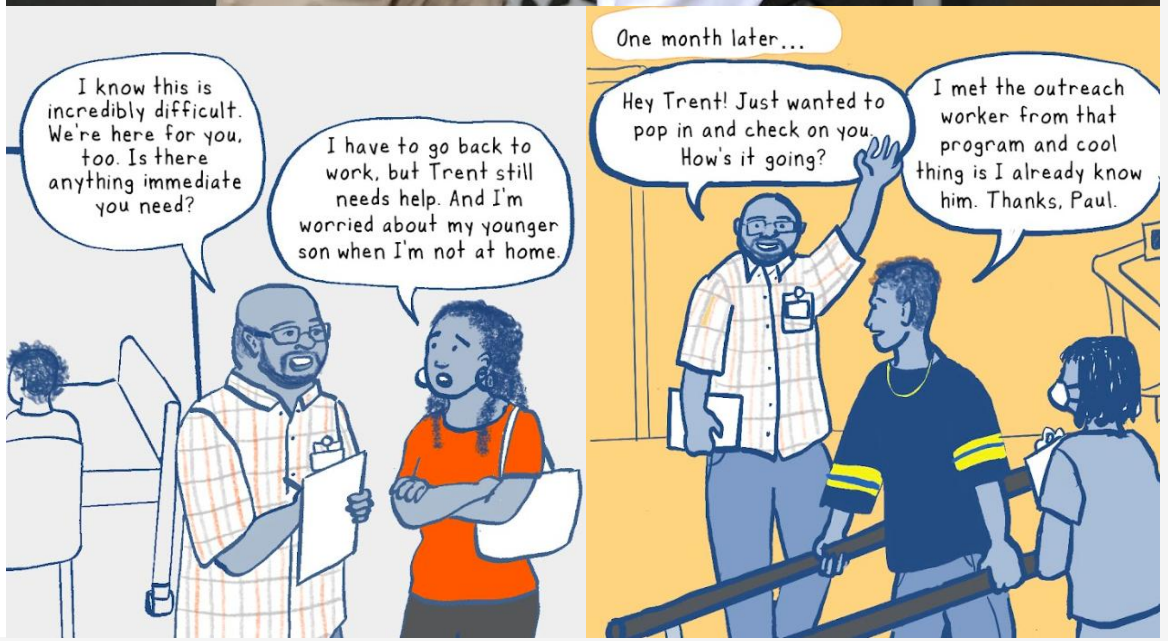
Hospital-based Intervention Services

Harborview Medical Center

Harborview Medical Center's Violence Intervention and Prevention Program (VIPP) provides support for all victims of firearm injury.

Services:

- Extensive bedside support
- Immediate basic needs assistance
- Referral to RPKC for eligible individuals
- Bereavement and trauma support



Stabilization & Restoration

Coordinates supports for individuals, residents, schools, businesses and communities recovering after incidents of gun violence.

Stabilization & Restoration Services

- Survivor engagement
- Post Incident rapid response
- Neighborhood stabilization by coordinating with King Count/City departments and community providers

Declines in Firearm Injury rates were seen within all of RPKC's 5 geographic hubs

RPKC has implemented services in 5 Geographic Service Areas (GSAs). These GSAs are made up of 12 HRAs. In 2025, they accounted for 27% (158 of 575) of all KC EMS firearm injury encounters.

GSA	Overall rate trend	2025 rate per 100,000	2025 count of injuries	Percent of total firearm injuries (2025) that this GSA accounts for	RPKC services *RPKC soft launches services in South King County in 2021
Kent	↑ 2019 - 2023 **↓ 2023 - 2025** **(From 2024-2025, the rate declined by 32%, or 19 injuries)**	37.2	41	7.1%	- **2023**: Kent GSA is established; Community Passageways (CP) begins services - **2024**: CP establishes MOU with Kent PD and high schools
Renton	↑ 2019-2022 ↓ 2022-2023 ↑ 2023-2024 **↓ 2024 – 2025 (by 12% or 7 injuries)**	45.0	49	8.5%	- **2024**: Freedom Project administers RPKC services
Burien & North Highline and White Center	↑ 2019-2021 **↓ 2021-2025** **(From 2024-2025, the rate declined by 29% or 11 injuries)**	36.4	27	4.7%	- **2022-2024**: The Y provides RPKC case management and critical incident response services - **2025**: Progress Pushers administers RPKC services following The Y's departure in 2024
Federal Way	↑ 2019-2021 ↓ 2021-2022 ↑ 2022-2023 **↓ 2023-2025** **(From 2024-2025, the rate declined by 22% or 10 injuries)**	35.1	36	6.3%	- **2022**: Progress Pushers (PP) delivers case management and outreach - **2023**: Federal Way GSA is established - **2025**: PP begins administering expanded RPKC services
Skyway	↓ 2019-2020 -- 2020-2021 ↑ 2021-2023 **↓ 2023-2025** **(From 2024-2025, the rate declined (by 38% or 3 injuries)**	25.0 -30.0	<10	<1.0%	- **2022-2023**: PHSKC contracts Rainier Beach Action Coalition to expand RPKC services to Skyway via Urban Family (UF) - **2025**: City of Seattle funds UF to provide services in Skyway

Data sources: King County Emergency Medical Services; Office of Financial Management Population Estimates
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2025 CRISIS RESPONDER SUMMIT UPDATE

Summit Overview

On June 5, 2025 the Regional Office of Gun Violence Prevention, in partnership with the Washington State Department of Commerce Office of Firearm Safety and Violence Prevention and Alliance for Gun Responsibility, hosted the 2025 Together We End Gun Violence: Crisis Responder Summit.

The summit brought together over 165 participants across the public safety ecosystem to explore effective strategies for violence prevention and strengthen cross-discipline partnerships needed to reduce gun violence and enhance public safety throughout Washington State.

Progress Highlights

- Kent PD provides CBO weekly shots fired data and identifies hot spots that need safe passage services. Currently, CBO provides safe passage services daily at Kent Meridian and Kent Transit Center.
- Burien PD and CBO have begun discussion with our office on creating a Co-response model that integrates Community Violence Intervention.
- White Center Neighborhood Stabilization project has brought KCSO, PHSKC, DCHS, KC Metro and DLS together to provide a joint response.

Thank You!

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