



Summer Safety Strategy

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Letter from the Deputy Mayor



Dear Friends and Partners,

Safety is not just the absence of violence, but the presence of opportunity, dignity, and community. Every New Yorker deserves to feel safe and be safe. To achieve this, we need to honor and invest in the strengths of our communities and organize government to be more responsive to people's needs.

This summer, the Mayor's Office of Community Safety is bringing together the full strength of City government to ensure that every New Yorker can enjoy a safe and vibrant summer.

The research is clear: summer violence is predictable. We know when it spikes, where it concentrates, and who is at risk. But this means it's also preventable: we can move proactively and in partnership with the community members who know what safety looks and feels like in their neighborhoods.

This summer my team will be learning from and listening to New Yorkers' safety priorities. Our work over this season will produce a clear vision for community safety that will guide our shared work ahead. As Deputy Mayor, I will align agencies, resources, and partners to carry out a vision for safety that is shaped by our fellow New Yorkers who need it most.

I am proud of the work reflected in this plan and look forward to partnering with every credible messenger, youth leader, and frontline provider to make this a safe, vibrant, and healthy summer.

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Renita Francois

Deputy Mayor for Community Safety
City of New York

Letter from the OCS Commissioner



Dear New Yorkers,

When Mayor Mamdani established the Office of Community Safety earlier this year, it was with a clear mandate: to build a City where safety is something every New Yorker experiences.

Summer is the season that tests that commitment most directly. Schools close, temperatures rise, and the conditions that can lead to conflict become more acute. But summer is also a season of enormous possibility: for young people to find their first jobs, for neighbors to reconnect, for visitors to experience the energy of New York, and for communities to celebrate their cultures and their City.

This Summer Safety Plan outlines how the Office of Community Safety, in partnership with community and City agency partners, is working to address the root causes of violence, prevent harm, and support survivors. Together, these efforts help create the conditions for a safe and joyful summer for all New Yorkers.

The work outlined in this plan reflects the collective efforts of the offices that comprise the Office of Community Safety: the Office to End Domestic and Gender-Based Violence (ENDGBV), the Office of Community Mental Health (OCMH), the Office of Neighborhood Safety (ONS), and the Office for the Prevention of Hate Crimes (OPHC). It is grounded in the understanding that our efforts are most effective when we focus resources on the people and places at greatest risk of violence, and in the conviction that violence can be prevented when we invest early, invest strategically, and invest in people.

Together, we can build the infrastructure of safety that New York City deserves.

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Dr. Ayesha Delany-Brumsey
Commissioner
Office of Community Safety



About the Office of Community Safety

The NYC Mayor's Office of Community Safety (OCS) was established by Mayor Zohran Mamdani through Executive Order No. 15 in March 2026. Under the direction of the Deputy Mayor for Community Safety, OCS develops citywide community safety strategies and coordinates the work of the Office of Neighborhood Safety (ONS), Office to End Domestic and Gender-Based Violence (ENDGBV), Office for the Prevention of Hate Crimes (OPHC), and the Office of Community Mental Health (OCMH).

OCS focuses on strengthening the social fabric that keeps communities safe, streamlining and expanding evidence-based and common-sense safety interventions, and strengthening wraparound services so no New Yorker is left behind. The creation of this office is the first step toward fulfilling Mayor Mamdani's pledge to create a Department of Community Safety, a City agency that advances a whole-of-government approach to building safer communities for all New Yorkers.

Above:
Jackie Rowe-Adams shares her story at the Gun Violence Awareness Month press conference last June. The kickoff brings together community leaders, city agencies, and partners across New York City to honor victims and survivors of gun violence, support families and communities impacted by violence, and highlight the work of the Crisis Management System.

Summer Priorities

This Summer Safety Plan reflects the Office of Community Safety’s approach to violence prevention: focusing resources where they can have the greatest impact, investing in communities, working across agencies and sectors to prevent harm before it occurs, and supporting victims and survivors in the wake of violence.

This summer, we are focused on three priorities: 1) preventing gun violence and domestic violence, both of which historically increase during the summer months; 2) supporting young people during the critical period when school is out; and 3) ensuring that the unprecedented number of major gatherings taking place across the City are safe, welcoming, and joyful.

You will see these priorities reflected throughout this plan — through investments in youth employment and engagement, violence prevention strategies, crisis response planning, survivor support services, and efforts to create safe spaces where young people, families, residents, and visitors can thrive this summer.

While New York City is one of the safest cities in the country, the data on the seasonal increase in certain forms of violence remains sobering and demands a serious response.¹² At the same time, summer is one of the most vibrant seasons in our City. Events such as Pride, J’Ouvert, and the FIFA World Cup offer extraordinary opportunities for New Yorkers and visitors alike to come together, celebrate, and experience the very best of our City.

The work described in this plan is important, but captures only a slice of the Office of Community Safety’s year-round efforts across a broader set of priorities, including domestic violence and gender-based violence prevention, community violence³ prevention and intervention, hate crime prevention, survivor services, and crisis response.

Nor does this plan reflect the full vision of where we are headed. Over the coming months, we will continue to refine our vision through thoughtful planning with our partners, careful review of the evidence on what works, and sustained investment in strategies informed by the wisdom and lived experiences of communities.

1 Janet L. Lauritsen and Nicole White, *Seasonal Patterns in Criminal Victimization Trends* (Washington, DC: Bureau of Justice Statistics, U.S. Department of Justice, 2014), <https://bjs.ojp.gov/library/publications/seasonal-patterns-criminal-victimization-trends>

2 Everytown for Gun Safety Support Fund, “City Dashboard: Gun Homicide,” October 2024, <https://everytownresearch.org/report/city-data/>

3 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, “About Community Violence,” <https://www.cdc.gov/community-violence/about/index.html>. Community violence is violence that “happens between unrelated individuals, who may or may not know each other, generally outside the home. Examples include assaults or fights among groups and shootings in public places such as schools and on the streets.”

Summer 2026 Priorities

Preventing Predictable Violence

Address the forms of violence that historically increase during the summer months, including gun violence and domestic violence, through prevention, intervention, and support for survivors.



Supporting Young People

Expand access to employment, mentorship, leadership opportunities, and safe spaces during the critical period when school is out.



Safe Summer Gatherings

Help ensure that New Yorkers and visitors can safely enjoy the celebrations, cultural events, and public gatherings that make summer in New York City one-of-a-kind.



Summer Safety by the Numbers

\$130,000

on Know Your Rights cards informing New Yorkers and visitors alike about their rights during the 2026 FIFA World Cup

5,000+

residents engaged in MAP NStat activations across 16 NYCHA developments to vote on local safety and quality of life priorities in a participatory budgeting process

1,000+

youth enrolled in the Anti-Gun Violence Employment Program (AGVEP) to gain access to professional skills and mentorship

200+

peacebuilding activations during Gun Violence Awareness Month (GVAM)

100+

youth actively learning how to prevent abuse and engage in healthy relationships



Preventing Predictable Violence: The Challenge

Summer months mean sunshine, time off from school, and more time outdoors with family, friends, and neighbors. But summer is also a time when violence, particularly gun violence and domestic violence, historically increases. This trend is consistent around the country. A 2022 study of 100 American cities found that shooting incidents increase significantly on days with higher-than-average temperatures⁴, and New York City mirrors this pattern.

- Between 2022 and 2025, shooting incidents were **highest in July**, the warmest month of the year on average.⁵
- Based on daily shooting data from 2016 to 2025, **very hot days (85°F or higher) were associated with approximately 1.54 additional shooting incidents per day**—a roughly 64% increase compared to mild days.⁶
- Summer violence also tends to concentrate on weekends, with **nearly half of all summer shootings occurring between Friday night and early Monday morning**. Youth and adults both experience an uptick in exposure to gun violence over the summer at similar rates.
- Domestic violence follows a similar seasonal pattern. Between 2022 and 2025, **domestic violence and intimate partner violence incidents were highest on average in July**, while family violence peaked earlier in the spring.⁷
- Research also finds **links between extreme heat and increased violence against women** across a range of socioeconomic, cultural, and geographic contexts.⁸

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- 4 Vivian H. Lyons, Emma L. Gause, Keith R. Spangler, Gregory A. Wellenius, and Jonathan Jay, “Analysis of Daily Ambient Temperature and Firearm Violence in 100 US Cities,” *JAMA Network Open* 5, no. 12 (2022): e2247207, <https://doi.org/10.1001/jamanetworkopen.2022.47207>
- 5 NYC Open Data, shooting incident data for New York City, <https://opendata.cityofnewyork.us/>; National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, daily temperature data, National Centers for Environmental Information, <https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/>. The data in this section are based on analyses of NYPD shooting incident data and NOAA daily temperature data.
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- 7 New York City Police Department, Office of Management Analysis and Planning (OMAP), annual data files provided to ENDGBV.
- 8 Christopher H. Mulambo, Rajat Thakur, and Sheryl Mathew, “Hot Weather and Violence Against Women: A Global Scoping Review,” *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health* 22, no. 7 (2025): 1069, <https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph22071069>

These trends demonstrate why summer is a critical time for our work. Because we know this pattern repeats each year, we can plan ahead: by understanding when and where risk is highest, OCS and our partners can direct resources, expand outreach and intervention efforts, support survivors, and respond quickly to emerging conflicts. The initiatives described below are designed to do exactly that.



Preventing Predictable Violence: The Response

OCS's strategy for addressing the summer spike in gun and domestic violence focuses on raising awareness about periods of elevated risk, directing resources to the people and places most likely to experience violence, and supporting individuals, families, and communities impacted by violence.



Credible messengers and community partners hold photos of young people lost to gun violence. GVAM 2026 was dedicated to their memory and surviving family members.

Each June, New Yorkers recognize Gun Violence Awareness Month (GVAM) through activities across New York City focused on violence prevention, healing, and community engagement. This year's events are dedicated to the young people whose lives were lost to gun violence and the family members and communities who continue to live with that loss. Following a citywide kickoff event and resource fair, Crisis Management System (CMS)⁹ providers, with the support of the Office of Neighborhood Safety (ONS), are leading more than 200 peacebuilding activations across all five boroughs, including community gatherings,

peace walks, rallies, survivor-led healing events, and resource fairs that raise awareness about gun violence and promote community-led solutions.

The broad-based prevention efforts that take place during Gun Violence Awareness Month are complemented by targeted violence prevention and intervention strategies focused on the people, places, and time periods where risk is highest. Through CMS, OCS works with community-based organizations to prevent violence in neighborhoods where most shootings occur. Skilled intervention teams maintain a visible presence in priority corridors, housing developments, transit hubs, and public spaces identified through data analysis and community input. During the summer months, CMS

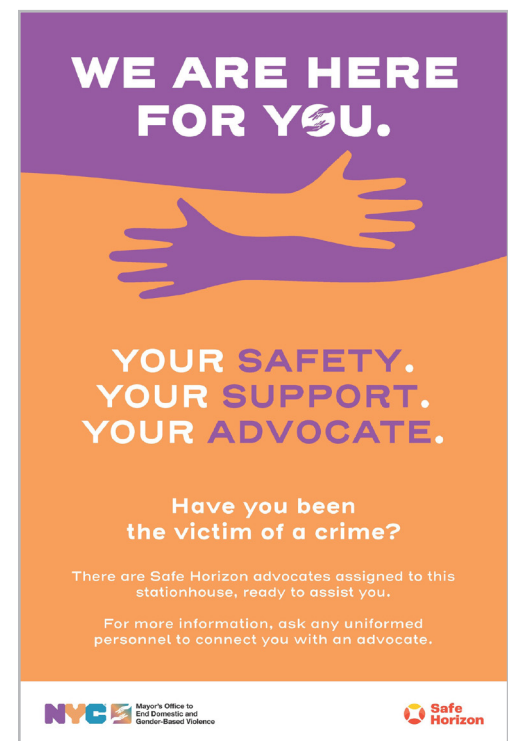
⁹ Crisis Management System: New York City's network of community-based violence prevention organizations that use outreach, violence interruption, case management, and trauma-informed support to reduce shootings and support communities impacted by violence.

providers **expand outreach** schedules, canvassing, and on-call staffing to align with documented patterns of summer violence. This translates to increased CMS presence during evenings, weekends, holiday periods, and other times of elevated risk.

Prevention efforts are further strengthened through **real-time conflict monitoring** and early intervention. CMS providers report that many incidents of youth violence begin online before escalating to physical confrontations. To address this challenge, providers monitor emerging conflicts, track hotspots, conduct group relationship mapping, and participate in daily briefings to identify risks in real time. These efforts allow outreach workers to intervene as soon as possible with individuals and groups involved in online and street-level conflicts before violence occurs.

While prevention is always the goal, when violence does occur, OCS and its partners support survivors, stabilize communities, and prevent further harm. CMS providers activate a **72-Hour Shooting Response Protocol** to facilitate rapid outreach to affected individuals and families. This disrupts retaliation cycles and connects residents to supportive services. ONS staff coordinate with NYPD, hospitals, and community partners to align response efforts. This intensive approach is concentrated in 46 CMS catchment areas identified because of their historically elevated rates of shootings. In neighborhoods outside CMS catchment areas, Mobile Trauma Units and trusted community organizations can still be deployed to provide trauma-informed support and stabilization.

OCS's approach to addressing domestic and gender-based violence is grounded in the same prevention framework: identifying those at greatest risk of harm, or who have recently experienced harm, and providing the support needed to interrupt the cycle of violence and promote healing. One example is the **Crime Victim Assistance Program (CVAP)**, overseen by the Office to End Domestic and Gender-Based Violence (ENDGBV), which places advocates from Safe Horizon at every police precinct ready to serve survivors of domestic violence and other crimes. CVAP provides supportive counseling, connections to individual or group therapy, and help navigating legal and financial challenges. At [NYC Family Justice Centers](#), where visits have trended higher over the past two summers, specialized staff can support survivors and their children with safety planning, mental health counseling, and other needs.



This poster is hung at NYPD police precincts across the city to inform crime victims that a Safe Horizon advocate is available to provide them with services.

Centering Youth Voices: Summer Listening Tour



Youth from the Manhattan Early College Academy for Marketing & Media Arts (MECA) engage with the “Visualizing My Experience” booth at the Deputy Mayor’s Summer Listening Tour. The booths gave youth a chance to share their experiences with violence and ideas for change.

Deputy Mayor for Community Safety Renita Francois launched a Youth Listening Tour in the leadup to Summer 2026, bringing City government directly to young people to engage them in shaping the future of community safety in New York City. Developed in collaboration with the Office of Community Safety’s Office of Neighborhood Safety and NYC Public Schools, the Youth Listening Tour created welcoming, interactive spaces where students could openly share their experiences, perspectives, and ideas about what makes communities

safe. The feedback gathered at each engagement will be used to inform the forthcoming Community Safety strategy, which will be further refined through conversations with key stakeholders and community partners. Youth voices and perspectives will directly inform how the City continues to invest in youth programming strategies that strengthen neighborhoods year-round.



Supporting Young People: The Challenge

While adults make up the vast majority of people involved in gun violence,¹⁰ youth and emerging adults are disproportionately impacted by violence and require programs and supports tailored to their stage of life. Recent trends underscore the importance of this work. In 2025, New York City experienced a significant overall reduction in gun violence—down 11% compared to 2019 and down 55% from its peak in 2020. Yet those gains have not been experienced equally across age groups. Youth gun violence victimization increased 87% between 2019 and 2025, rising from 64 to 120 victims.¹¹

10 New York City Police Department, Homicide Report / statistical analysis of murders in New York City, <https://www.nyc.gov/site/nypd/stats/reports-analysis/homicide.page>. In 2025, the median age of a fatal shooting victim in New York City was 30 years old.

11 NYC Open Data, *Shooting Victims (2006–Present): Analysis of New York City Police Department Shooting Victim Database*, https://data.cityofnewyork.us/Public-Safety/Shooting-Victims-2006-Present-/pzt9-9bne/about_data

Summer is a particularly important time to invest in young people. As schools close and daily routines shift, young people spend more time in their communities and have fewer opportunities for structured engagement. At the same time, summer offers unique opportunities for employment, recreation, mentorship, leadership development, and community connection. Ensuring that young people have access to those opportunities is a critical component of any summer safety strategy.



Supporting Young People: The Response

Throughout the year, OCS supports young people through a range of prevention, intervention, and support programs, including the Crisis Management System (CMS), the Atlas initiative—which provided Functional Family Therapy to more than 1,000 families in 2025—and other evidence-based services for youth and their families. Building on these year-round investments, OCS expands opportunities during the summer months to help young people stay safe, connected, and engaged.

The foundation of this work begins with cultivating places where young people feel safe and connected. Throughout the summer, OCS works with City agencies and community partners to ensure that young people have access to trusted spaces where they can gather, build community, and participate in positive activities. Central to this strategy is the network of 100 **Cornerstone Community Centers** located in New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) developments across the five boroughs. Operated by the Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD), Cornerstones provide year-round programming for youth and families, prioritizing NYCHA residents, and are expanding their hours during the summer months, remaining open seven days a week until 11:00 p.m.

OCS also invests in opportunities that help young people build skills, develop leadership, and prepare for the future. Through the Office of Neighborhood Safety's Youth Leadership Council (YLC), young people ages 16 to 22 living in select NYCHA developments participate in a paid leadership program focused on issues ranging from safety and justice to economic stability. The program culminates with the annual ONS Youth Summit, where participants help direct a \$65,000 investment toward projects that advance youth development and strengthen communities.

Employment is another critical component of OCS's summer strategy. The **Anti-Gun Violence Employment Program (AGVEP)** serves youth ages 14 to 24 who may be at elevated risk of violence. AGVEP connects them with paid opportunities at community-based organizations where they contribute to outreach, canvassing, research, and violence prevention activities while building leadership and workforce skills. During the summer, AGVEP operates its largest employment session with

more than 1,000 summer participants, coinciding with the warmest six weeks of the year. These efforts complement the City's broader Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP), which provides up to 100,000 young people with career exploration opportunities and paid work experiences each summer.



Deputy Mayor of Community Safety Renita Francois speaks with youth from Manhattan Early College Academy for Marketing & Media Arts (MECA) at Gotham Park during the Summer Listening Tour in June. The tour was supported by staff from the Office of Neighborhood Safety and NYC Public Schools.

For young people at the highest risk of violence, OCS also provides intensive intervention and support services. Through CMS, Violence Interrupters and Outreach Workers use the **Cure Violence model** to build trusted relationships, mediate conflicts, respond to crises, and connect youth to services. Together with **Atlas** and other evidence-based interventions, these efforts are supported by a broad network of partners, including 50 schools, eight **Hospital-Based Violence Intervention Programs (HVIPs)**, ten Administration for Children's Services (ACS) facilities, five mobile response units, and a range of wraparound services designed to support youth safety, stability, and long-term success.

Youth can face unique challenges when navigating interpersonal relationships. Often, they don't yet have the tools to recognize healthy communication, express their personal limits, or identify unhealthy behavior. Summer can add another layer of complexity as students leave school routines behind and adjust to new schedules, activities and social circles. The **Relationship Abuse Prevention Program (RAPP)**, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary, helps students identify harmful behaviors and prevent them from becoming patterns. This summer, ENDGBV is engaging 90 young people in RAPP's six-week, paid **Peer Leadership Program**. Working alongside Urban Resource Institute, Day One, and Rising Ground, participants challenge harmful behaviors, promote accountability, and model healthy relationships within their schools and communities.

The Mamdani administration has made one of the largest investments in the U.S. in free, community-based, voluntary programs for people who have caused harm in their relationships. In Staten Island and Brooklyn this summer, more than 20 young people are enrolled in [Respect First](#). The 16-week accountability program, in collaboration with the Center for Justice Innovation’s RISE Project, is for youth ages 13 to 21 who want



to stop causing harm in all types of relationships. Through stipends, one-on-one case management, and structured group interventions, participants referred either voluntarily or through a court mandate develop healthier patterns of behavior and accountability. Operating citywide, this program recognizes that sometimes people who cause harm experienced abuse themselves. Providing them an opportunity to reflect on their experiences of abuse, while also holding them accountable for the harm they have caused, can help them create healthier relationships.



Safe Summer Gatherings: The Challenge

New York City’s vibrant communities are what make it one of the greatest cities in the world. Summer brings countless opportunities for New Yorkers and visitors alike to gather, celebrate, and experience the City’s rich cultural traditions—from Pride and J’Ouvert to neighborhood festivals, cultural celebrations, and this year, the FIFA World Cup.

Research shows that activated public spaces can increase safety by strengthening social cohesion, community presence, and informal guardianship.^{12 13} These gatherings create opportunities for connection, belonging, and joy, while energizing neighborhoods across the five boroughs.

At the same time, large gatherings can create unique community safety challenges. Increased pedestrian activity places pressure on transportation systems and emergency services, while large crowds and summer heat can contribute to an elevated risk of interpersonal conflict and violence. Major international events can also create conditions in which economically vulnerable people are at greater risk of exploitation, including human trafficking and abuse of hospitality and service workers. OCS is working closely with a range of partners to plan ahead and address potential safety concerns before they arise.

12 Jie Qi, Subhrendu Mazumdar, and A. C. Vasconcelos, “Understanding the Relationship Between Urban Public Space and Social Cohesion: A Systematic Review,” *International Journal of Community Well-Being* 7, no. 2 (2024): 155–212.

13 Robert J. Sampson, Stephen W. Raudenbush, and Felton Earls, “Neighborhoods and Violent Crime: A Multilevel Study of Collective Efficacy,” *Science* 277, no. 5328 (1997): 918–924.



Safe Summer Gatherings: The Response

OCS's approach to supporting safe summer gatherings combines community-led violence prevention and intervention, targeted outreach and education, and close coordination with City agencies, community organizations, event organizers, and national and international partners.

Supporting Safe and Successful Major Summer Events

This poster is running all June and July on LinkNYC kiosks across the five boroughs of New York City. It advertises NYC's 24-Hour Hope Hotline, for survivors of domestic and gender-based violence and victims of all crime.

FIFA World Cup 2026

The FIFA World Cup presents an extraordinary opportunity to welcome visitors from around the globe while showcasing New York City on an international stage. OCS is working with City agencies, the New York/New Jersey Host Committee, community organizations, and international partners to help ensure that visitors, workers, and residents can safely enjoy the event.

Recognizing that major sporting events can create economic conditions in which vulnerable people may be exploited, ENDGBV partnered with It's a Penalty on a citywide human trafficking prevention campaign. Advertisements displaying NYC's 24-Hour Hope Hotline and carrying the message "**Human Trafficking Has No Place in New York**" will appear on LinkNYC kiosks and TaxiTV throughout the summer, with more than 12 million impressions expected. ENDGBV is also leading the City's Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking Workgroup, producing clear guidance for City agencies and FIFA staff on how to identify all forms of gender-based violence and support appropriate referrals, and conducting field outreach at the World Cup Queens Group Stage HQ.

Additional efforts include partnering with the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs (MOIA) and the Department of Consumer and Worker Protection (DCWP) on a **Know Your Rights** campaign, distributing resource cards that provide information on worker protections, consumer rights, and how to access the City's 24-hour Hope Hotline.



Inspired by soccer's "yellow" and "red" card system, these resources will be distributed to consumers, low-wage workers, immigrants, and other New Yorkers during the 2026 FIFA World Cup. The administration is leading this \$130K initiative to keep all New Yorkers safe.

Pride Month

Throughout Pride Month, OCS partners work to create safe, welcoming, and inclusive spaces for LGBTQIA+ New Yorkers. ENDGBV's **Respect the Night** event, hosted at the Queer Nightlife Community Center in Brooklyn, brings together community members to build safer nightlife spaces through education on bystander intervention, harm reduction, and collective care. The **Queer Youth Organizing Fair**, hosted at the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Community Center, focuses on youth leadership, civic engagement, and helping LGBTQIA+ young people understand their rights and



A group of young people gather at The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Community Center of New York City for a Queer Youth Organizing Fair.

access resources. The Office for the Prevention of Hate Crimes (OPHC) and Partners Against the Hate (PATH) network also support Pride-related outreach, community safety symposiums, resource fairs, and community engagement activities throughout the five boroughs. Together, these efforts strengthen community connections, increase awareness of support services, and help prevent violence and bias incidents.

J'Ouvert and The West Indian Day Parade

J'Ouvert and Labor Day Weekend are among New York City's largest annual celebrations, drawing approximately two million attendees to events rooted in Caribbean culture, history, and traditions. J'Ouvert, meaning "daybreak," begins before sunrise with music, dancing, drumming, and street festivities that symbolize freedom and cultural expression. To help ensure a safe and successful celebration, ONS leads a five-day multi-stakeholder public safety initiative that brings together credible messengers, community organizations, City agencies, and law enforcement partners to support community-led violence prevention and intervention while preserving the culture and spirit of the event.

Conducted in partnership between ONS and CMS as well as City agency partners, the initiative runs from September 3–7 and includes overnight, daytime, and peak-event coverage across the Flatbush, Crown Heights and Prospect Heights neighborhoods. The weekend culminates with "24 Hours of Peace," a continuous violence prevention activation beginning with J'Ouvert celebrations in the morning through the end of the Labor Day Parade. The initiative provides visible community presence and coordinated, rapid response during periods when the risk of violence is highest.



CMS Rapid Response teams activate throughout Labor Day Weekend and into the early hours of J'Ouvert and the West Indian Day Parade. The teams activate across 13 zones across 5 Brooklyn precincts to keep celebrations safe and free of violence.



J'Ouvert and Labor Day Safety by the Numbers: 2025

200+

Hours of multi-agency planning

400+

ONS and CMS staff and volunteers deployed over five days, including overnight J'Ouvert coverage

110+

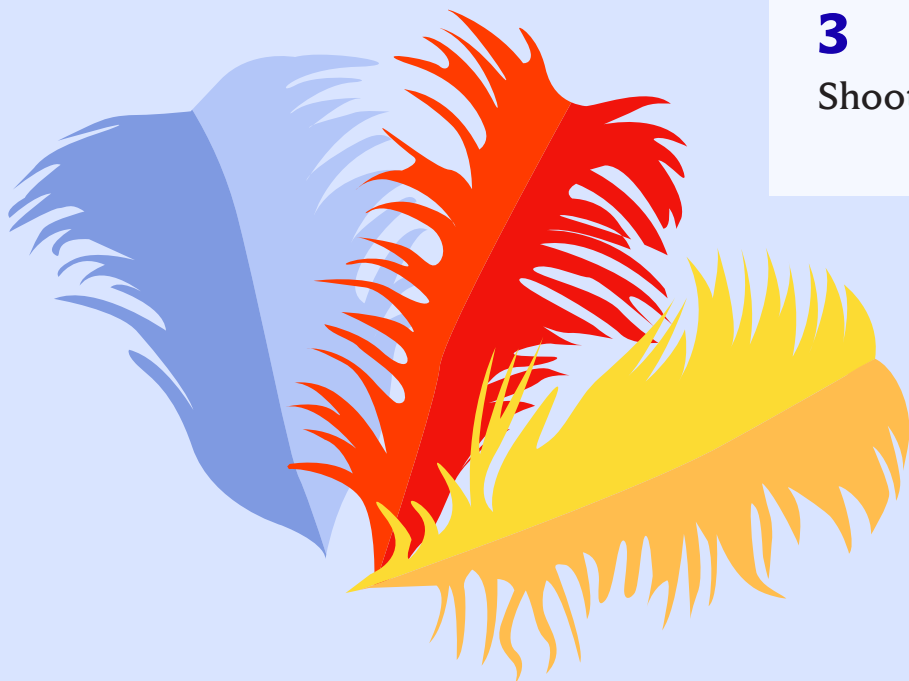
De-escalations, including mediation between community members and law enforcement

9,000+

People directly engaged by Rapid Response teams

3

Shooting responses supported



Building Awareness and Community Partnerships

With millions of New Yorkers and visitors expected to participate in summer events across the five boroughs, OCS is working alongside community organizations, faith leaders, advocacy groups, City agencies, and residents to share information, connect people to services, and strengthen community relationships. These partnerships help ensure that New Yorkers and visitors alike have the information, resources, and support they need to safely enjoy everything the City has to offer.

Through PATH, OPHC supports community-building events, cultural festivals, youth engagement activities, peacebuilding events, and resource fairs that promote inclusion, strengthen neighborhood relationships, and increase awareness of victim services and hate crime prevention resources.

In partnership with NYC Tourism, ENDGBV is also promoting respectful treatment of hospitality and service workers throughout the summer. As tourism increases, the campaign reminds visitors and New Yorkers alike that unwanted attention isn't harmless; it's harassment. Everyone deserves to work in a safe and respectful environment. The initiative promotes respectful interactions and connects the public to resources on [preventing harassment](#).

OCS also participates in citywide initiatives such as National Night Out Against Crime, bringing together residents, community-based organizations, and public agencies to promote safety, strengthen community connections, and increase awareness of available resources and supports.



Behavioral Health Crisis Response: Know Which Number to Call



Summer 2026 will place extraordinary demands on New York City’s 911 emergency response infrastructure due to the convergence of major events, extreme heat, and increased tourism. Together, these factors will increase pressure on emergency services, making it especially important that New Yorkers understand the different resources available to them by calling 988 or 911 during a behavioral health crisis.

The Office of Community Safety’s Office of Community Mental Health (OCMH) and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) are promoting awareness of 988, New York’s behavioral health crisis line. People experiencing emotional distress, substance use concerns, suicidal thoughts, or other mental health crises can call or text 988 to connect with trained counselors and specialized support.

This summer, OCMH and DOHMH are partnering on a public education campaign to increase awareness and help residents understand when to call 988. Increasing awareness and use of 988 can help New Yorkers access care more quickly while preserving emergency response resources for life-threatening situations.

Summary

The initiatives outlined in this plan represent OCS’s targeted summer strategy and do not capture the full scope of our work—nor even all of the work taking place this summer. Rather, they reflect the foundation upon which the Office of Community Safety was created: community violence prevention and intervention, survivor support, behavioral health, and community partnership. While these efforts have long served as essential building blocks of community safety, there is still work to do to strengthen and expand them. As we continue to shape this new office, grow its strategy, and strengthen the community safety fabric of our City, we look forward to working alongside New Yorkers to build a new vision—and a stronger vehicle—for community safety in New York City.

Resources

This summer Mayor Mamdani launched “[Summer in N.Y.C.](#),” a new interactive website designed to connect young New Yorkers with free and low-cost summer programming in their neighborhoods and across the City. New Yorkers can access the website at [NYC.gov/Summer](#).

The website allows users to search by age, ZIP code, interests and travel distance, helping families find activities ranging from painting classes to basketball leagues, soccer programs, and other extracurricular opportunities. It also includes information about free summer meals and free citywide FIFA World Cup watch parties and celebrations.

Help and Support

Hotline

Survivors of any crime, including domestic and gender-based violence, can call NYC’s 24-Hour Hope Hotline at 1-800-621-HOPE (4673) to speak with an advocate. You can also chat with an advocate at [on.nyc.gov/hotlinechat](#).

Family Justice Centers

NYC Family Justice Centers (FJCs) provide free and confidential support, including immediate safety planning, shelter assistance, and other vital services for survivors of domestic and gender-based violence and their children. This support can be accessed regardless of a client’s gender identity, immigration status or language spoken. Connect to an FJC by visiting [nyc.gov/fjc](#).

NYC HOPE Services Finder

NYC Hope can also connect someone experiencing domestic or gender-based violence to resources. Head to [nyc.gov/hopeservices](#) to find support near you.

988

The 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline connects you to trained crisis counselors 24/7. They can help you if you are struggling with mental health challenges, substance use, and other types of emotional distress. Call, text, or chat this free and confidential line any time you need help. Find more information at [nyc.gov/988](#).

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Young people from Manhattan Early College Academy for Marketing & Media Arts (MECA) gather for a photo at Gotham Park with the Deputy Mayor of Community Safety Renita Francois, OCS Commissioner Dr. Ayesha Delany-Brumsey, and staff from the Office of Neighborhood Safety and NYC Public Schools.

