



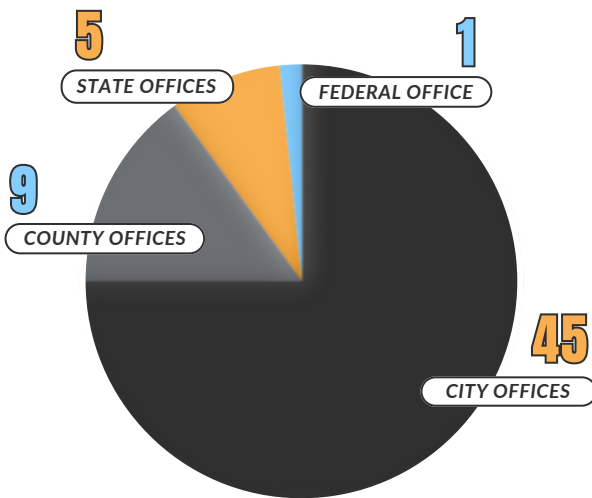
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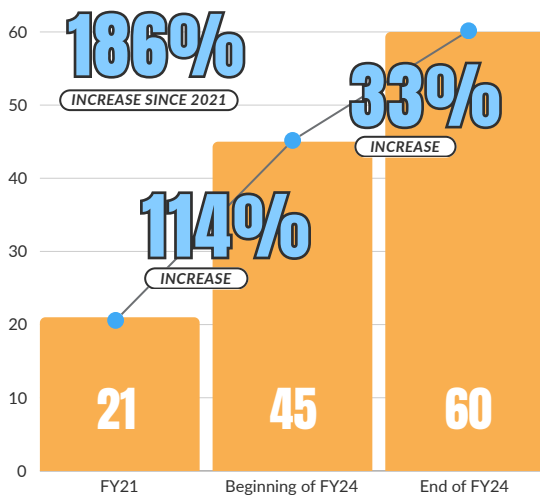
YEAR IN REVIEW

The National Offices of Violence Prevention Network is the nation's largest network dedicated to developing and institutionalizing local, state, and national offices of violence prevention. Since its establishment in 2021, the NOVPN has more than tripled its membership and greatly expanded training across jurisdictions. This Year in Review showcases the Network's remarkable growth and sustainability and the significant milestones we have achieved as we continue to strengthen this essential body.

MEMBERSHIP BREAKDOWN



NETWORK GROWTH



JULY

SEPTEMBER

- 2nd Annual Network Convening in NOLA

NOVEMBER

- Pomona City, CA joined NOVPN
- 2023 Q4 virtual convening

JANUARY

- Released new and improved newsletter
- Launched NOVPN social media accounts

MARCH

Following OVPs joined NOVPN

- New Orleans, LA
- North Carolina State
- Kankakee, IL
- Columbia, MO
- Prince William County, VA

MAY

- Founders and Director discussed Strategic Plan
- Deven Rivera hired as NOVPN Coordinator
- NOVPN invited to White House
- 2024 Q2 virtual convening

AUGUST

- Colorado State joined NOVPN

OCTOBER

- New Jersey State and Green Bay, WI joined NOVPN

DECEMBER

- NOVPN and NICJR released "Highlights of ARPA Funded Violence Reduction Efforts" report

FEBRUARY

- 2024 Q1 virtual convening
- Michigan State joined NOVPN
- White House Office of Gun Violence Prevention joined NOVPN

APRIL

- Southeastern Regional Convening in Montgomery
- Shantay Jackson named Director of NOVPN
- Oakland, CA joined NOVPN
- Birmingham transitioned its program to an official OVP

JUNE

- Mid-Atlantic Regional Convening in DC



ESTABLISHMENT AND GROWTH

The NOVPN was established in 2021. Since then, our membership has grown significantly, with a 33% increase in the past year alone.



NEW CONVENINGS

In 2023, NOVPN committed to hosting regional convenings. We have successfully hosted two regional events since then, with more planned in the future. We also gathered representatives from 48 OVPs for a meeting in partnership with the White House Office of Gun Violence Prevention. These in-person gatherings have brought together OVPs from various regions to discuss trends; form micro-learning communities; and collaborate on addressing violence across the local, regional, and national levels.



FOCUS ON INSTITUTIONALIZATION

NOVPN defines institutionalization as the formal recognition and support of OVPs offices within legislative frameworks. Institutionalization has become increasingly urgent as legislative action drives the creation of more offices. Recognizing this, NOVPN leadership emphasized the importance of institutionalization at the White House OVP Convening. Lawmakers and government agencies must understand and value these offices as key to safer communities nationwide. In strategic partnership with the Center for American Progress, NOVPN is dedicated to supporting OVPs in demonstrating their importance and securing their place within communities.



TRAINING AND ASSISTANCE

This year, NOVPN provided generalized training and technical assistance to over 20 jurisdictions, sharing best practices and offering guidance to these offices on implementation, expansion, and sustainability. With the onboarding of our first NOVPN Director and the ongoing team buildout, we have delivered expanded resources and enhanced baseline support, resulting in a stronger, more committed, and more structured Network.



LOOKING AHEAD

Looking ahead, NOVPN aims to sustain its membership, grow to at least 127 member jurisdictions over three years, continue providing training and technical assistance, and support jurisdictions in achieving institutionalized status. The progress made in the past 12 months is just the beginning of the continued momentum we will carry in the coming years.