



Community Violence, Wellness, & Recovery Project (CVWRP) Community Safety and Wellbeing Section

BACKGROUND

Over the last two years, the City of Toronto's Community Safety and Wellbeing Section has identified critical gaps and barriers to accessing wellbeing and recovery supports after a violent incident occurs in the community. These barriers have included, but are not limited to, lack of holistic service delivery, lack of culturally appropriate and trauma-informed counselling options, and long wait times for essential supports. As a result, the Community Crisis Response Program (CCRP) has enhanced the supports and services it provides to individuals and communities impacted by community violence through the implementation of the Community Violence, Wellness, and Recovery Project. By partnering with key agencies, impacted individuals will receive enhanced and streamlined access to critical recovery and wellbeing supports. This project complements and does not replace existing mental health support models and services for individuals and victims impacted by community violence.

SUPPORTS AVAILABLE

The Community Violence, Wellness, and Recovery Project supports the development, coordination, and implementation of a continuum of community wellbeing and recovery interventions, which directly support residents and community members impacted by community violence. In partnership with key community agencies across the city of Toronto, impacted residents will be able to access, **at no cost**:

- Trauma-informed and culturally appropriate resources
- Grief counselling
- Trauma counselling
- Healing session facilitation
- Support groups for youth, parents, and adults
- Arts-based interventions for youth
- Specialized wellness supports for Black and Indigenous youth

REFERRAL CRITERIA

To receive the services and supports available, please see below for the service criteria:

- Must be a resident living in the City of Toronto
- Must have been impacted by a shooting, shots fired, stabbing, homicide, or gang related activity

HOW TO ACCESS:

If you have been impacted by community violence, or are connected to another resident that is, that may benefit from one of the supports listed above, please contact the Community Violence, Wellness & Recovery Project respective to the region of Toronto in which you reside:

- **WEST | Ama Ackon**, Wellness & Recovery Community Development Officer
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- **CENTRAL | Katherine Marhong**, Wellness & Recovery Community Development Officer
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- **EAST | Emad Al-Arashi**, Wellness & Recovery Community Development Officer
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For more information and to connect with your local CCRP CDO, please visit www.toronto.ca/ccrp