

2021-2022 STRATEGIC PLAN



Our vision

Ottawa is a community in which individuals, families and neighbourhoods are safe and feel safe.

Our mission

To contribute to crime prevention and enhanced community safety and well-being in Ottawa through collaborative, evidence-informed initiatives.

How we work

Crime Prevention Ottawa believes that the best responses are informed and delivered by people from affected communities. We use an anti-racist lens in all facets of our work with a focus on anti-Black racism, anti-Indigenous racism and discrimination based on religion. We work in close collaboration with our partners to develop evidence-informed solutions, conduct research, and address issues affecting the safety of residents in Ottawa. We will stay nimble in our approach to address emerging issues in our communities.

OUR PRIORITIES

GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

Leverage partnerships

- Work with partners and communities facing systemic barriers and generational trauma to act on issues of gender-based violence.

Build capacity

- Foster a culture of prevention and promote public awareness.
- Explore how services can reach clients as COVID-19 evolves.

Research, innovate and inform

- Explore emerging issues, including sexual violence, social media and human trafficking.

YOUTH

Leverage partnerships

- Continue to manage a collective impact approach to address street violence.
- Connect with youth initiatives and researchers to promote proven practices, share knowledge and collaborate.

Build capacity

- Emphasize staff development and client outreach during the pandemic response and recovery.
- Build tailored supports to promote healthy youth development.

Research, innovate and inform

- Explore emerging issues and invest in research and in helping agencies evaluate their work affecting and involving youth.

NEIGHBOURHOODS

Leverage partnerships

- Continue to focus on neighbourhood-based solutions and explore engagement with communities of different identities and backgrounds.

Build capacity

- Continue to develop city-wide responses to issues such as traumatic events, home takeovers and isolation by building community during the pandemic response and recovery.
- Provide support to communities and groups with targeted safety initiatives.

Research, innovate and inform

- Continue research into neighbourhood-based crime prevention approaches and share innovative ideas.

VULNERABLE ADULTS

Leverage partnerships

- Work with community agencies, the disability community, seniors' organizations, the housing sector and other partners to act on issues affecting vulnerable adults.

Build capacity

- Promote a culture of prevention with a focus on violence and fraud.
- Explore how services can reach clients as the pandemic evolves.

Research, innovate and inform

- Work with our partners to enhance public awareness and active engagement.

Apply an inclusive and anti-racist lens

INTERSECTING PRIORITIES

Expand our focus on mental wellness issues

RESULTS

- Greater awareness and understanding of the root causes affecting community safety.
- Enhanced strategic partnerships and improved knowledge, research and information-sharing.

- Skills development and capacity building among partner organizations and community groups.
- Increased city-wide capacity to prevent crime and enhance community wellbeing.