ABOUT US

OUR MISSION

The Youth Violence Prevention Center – Kansas City supports ThrYve as a collaborative effort involving over 40 organizations across Kansas City. Together, we support the healthy development of our youth by creating safer communities, expanding opportunities, and helping young people achieve their goals and reach their full potential.

OUR VISION

Through ThrYve, the YVPC-KC envisions a safe and supportive community where all youth have the opportunity to thrive. We focus our efforts on youth served by Northeast Middle School, Carl B. Bruce Middle School, Rosedale Middle School, J.C. Harmon High School, Wyandotte High School, and Sumner Academy. Each year, ThrYve connects over 120 youth and families to a continuum of positive activities and wraparound supports that foster growth, opportunity, and long-term success.

Empowered Youth Thriving and Prospering in a Safe Community

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ThrYve Approach

The Youth Violence Prevention Center-Kansas City (YVPC-KC) implements ThrYve as an approach to build safe, supportive communities for youth. Across the nation, including in Kansas City, families, educators, local leaders, and young people themselves are working together to create healthy and safe environments where youth can grow and thrive.

Through a collaborative, community-driven model, ThrYve addresses the social determinants or underlying factors related to youth violence. By combining individualized strategies with broader community efforts, we work to ensure young people have the support they need to feel safe, supported, empowered, and capable of reaching their full potential.

COMMUNITY SUPPORTS

SYSTEMS & YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD

ThrYve collaborates with over 40 community partners to implement programs, policies, and practices that foster a safe, supportive environment for youth. Youth also take an active role in facilitating change through the Youth Advisory Board.

YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAMS

ThrYve coordinates and implements violence prevention programs in schools, hospitals, and neighborhoods within our priority areas.

OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME SUPPORTS

ThrYve provides youth with opportunities to build skills and gain experiences that help them thrive, including positive social interactions, academic enrichment, and career readiness support.

FOCUSED SUPPORT FOR YOUTH AND FAMILIES

ThrYve supports education, college and career preparation, life skills development, and youth and family navigation to help achieve their goals.

Education to Career Programs

Youth in ThrYve participate in a network of coordinated activities throughout the year, including summer programs.

EMPLOYMENT PREP & APPRENTICESHIPS

Participate in apprenticeship and employment training programs that train youth at a work site, while earning a stipend!

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Participate in ThrYve partner programs and camps that support science, technology, and other areas! Opportunity to learn, have fun, and go to new places!

LEADUP

Get support for college and career preparation, develop leadership skills, and succeed in high school and beyond. Participate in tutoring and coaching throughout the year.

OPPORTUNITIES

- Community Programs
- PLAY: Youth participate in out-of-school time in coordinated, positive, fun, and preferred activities.
- Community Service Activities
- Youth Advisory Board
- Parent and Family Engagement