

What it Takes to Set Up a Violence-Free Zone in Your Community

1. ***A willingness to accept guidance and direction*** from the Center for Neighborhood Enterprise on the establishment of the Violence-Free Zone during the early setup phase.*
2. ***An individual or a community-based organization within the affected area that has the trust and confidence of young people*** in the community and has a track record of working with them for at least 18 months. The leader must be able to demonstrate his or her credibility and leadership skill through references and constituent recommendations.
3. ***Baseline information documenting the need*** for a Violence-Free Zone in your community, including crime and violence statistics and school incident statistics.
4. ***Demonstrated cooperation*** with city or county officials, school officials, law enforcement, and other community leaders.
5. ***Identification of sources of funding*** in the community that can provide support for your Violence-Free Zone initiative.
6. ***A willingness to accept training and receive extensive technical assistance*** from CNE to bring the organization to a high level of management skill and financial accountability.
7. ***A visit to an active existing VFZ site*** to observe and understand the initiative.
8. ***A commitment to cooperate in acquiring tracking, measurement, and evaluation data*** so that outcomes can be documented.
9. ***A willingness to share best practices*** and participate in the Center for Neighborhood Enterprise's Violence-Free Zone network.

* If needed, CNE can help find an effective grassroots organization in your community.

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