

Communities Allied To Eliminate Preventable Deaths (CATEPD)

CATEPD is a Community Impact Group (CIG) of primarily not-for-profit-but not limited to NFP organizations in Colorado. Our mission is to organize, promote, and conduct events, develop policies, establish networks, and create educational media, and confront institutional failures that contribute to preventable deaths-suicide, homicide, and drug overdose deaths.

Many organizations have worked informally and cooperated in a positive manner in the past to reduce preventable deaths, CATEPD intends to create a Coordinated Community Response to preventable deaths.

CATEPD was formed to bring multiple Faith Based and non-profit organizations together and collectively work across city, county, and state boundaries in recognition of the fact that preventable deaths represent a problem greater than one community can manage in isolation.

CATEPD Objectives: CATEPD has several objectives.

Increase safety:

Create a community Led Community safety process which involves healing the wounds related to African American and police relationships and change the focus of the criminal justice response from just enforcement to community led and community partnerships through relationship building. Identify individuals, organizations, and families who are recruiting young individuals and confront them. Stop thinking that gangs are a local problem-think nationally and internationally. Focus law-enforcement on national and international criminal enterprise groups and use community prevention and intervention to focus on local dealers and gangs with the goal of saving our youth from death and incarceration. Establish a set of community values that are pro-social, and success based. Stop in flow of drugs and guns. Establish values against violence. Establish Hope to reduce gang violence. We will work to create a response to the drug epidemic that involves efforts to reduce demand and supply.

Increase access to success.

Create real access to opportunity for those that do not have true access. Reach out to corporations and create employment opportunities. Start working in partnership with our youth to help to create a vision for what they can be-through this partnership assist them in moving forward to accomplish their vision. Work to hold public institutions accountable for outcomes with the awareness that education must be improved immediately.

Decrease all preventable death by:

Engaging family and faith community to address family trauma and family members that are involved in violent acts. Establish community wide systematic awareness, prevention, and Mental Health Evaluation to prevent Suicide. Create support networks for those living with Mental Health issues. Create media campaigns directed toward reducing preventable deaths.

It starts with a common agenda.

This means coming together to define the problem and create a shared vision to solve it.

It establishes shared measurement.

That means tracking progress in the same way, allowing for continuous learning and accountability.

It fosters mutually reinforcing activities.

Integrating the participants' many different activities to maximize results.

It encourages continuous communications.

Building trust and strengthening relationships.

It has strong relationships.

Having a team dedicated to aligning and coordinating the work of the group.

Understandings: All parties of this MOU understand the following:

- CATEPD organizers will form an executive committee and add member to that committee up to twelve members. This committee can be modified at any time as needed by members of the executive committee.
- New members of the association may be added by applying in writing.
- Membership is granted with the approval of the other members and signature of the MOU by the applicant.
- Any party may leave the CATEPD upon written notice.
- Will cease operations at any time the majority of members deem CATEPD is not meeting the goals as established in this MOU. If so, the members will sign a brief joint declaration denoting termination of the Association.
- Any funds in CATEPD upon dissolution will be donated to one or more-member non-profit organizations.
- This MOU is not a legal contract. It is designed to guide our collaboration by establishing an organizational structure, common values, common goals, and a mission. Signing this MOU does not require the individual or organization to change or minimize their current institutional mission.
- The well-being of our communities and specifically our children is our primary concern, and we believe a coordinated response across multiple communities is the best hope for reducing preventable deaths.
- The organizations have significant human capital resources. CATEPD intent is to leverage these resources and create a systematic method for planning, organizing, promoting, community awareness related to preventable deaths. Specifically, a Coordinated Community Response.
- Reducing preventable death requires accurate information that can inform policy decisions. We agree to seek sources of information in an unbiased fashion.

- Personal experience is to be respected and used to inform policy, but it must be balanced by reliable data.
- Recognize that there must be a partnership between communities and law-enforcement.
- The foundational understanding is that we agree to build relationships across all stakeholders and to create a community of civil dialogue even with those we may disagree with.
- Any group or individual involved with the CATEDP collaborative agrees that all information distributed to the media and press interactions must be cleared with the executive committee and they will not speak of us without the group's CATEDP permission and or a Signed NDA.

Signatures:

To be a member of the CATEPD each agency must sign the agreement.

Each party will keep a copy of the fully signed MOU for their records.

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