



One Lexington Bi-Weekly Report - February 5th, 2024

ONE Lexington is a city initiative that leverages government resources and community partnerships to address gun violence impacting youth and young adults (ages 13-29). Below are some of the latest gun violence statistics in Lexington, KY.

Total Shootings Statistics (through February 5th 2024)

Lexington Homicide by Gun & Shooting Statistics

2024 (to date) - 1 homicide by gun (1 total homicide)

2023 (at this point last year) – 0 homicides by gun (0 total homicides)

2022 (at this point in the year) - 2 homicides (2 total homicides)

+1 (more gun-related homicides than the previous year)

Lexington Shooting Statistics (Reported Residents Shot)

2024 (to date) - 7 shootings

2023 (at this point last year) – 12 shootings

2022 (at this point in the year) - 18 shootings

-5 (fewer shootings than the previous year)

Youth & Young Adult Shootings Statistics

Lexington Homicide by Gun & Shooting Statistics

(Victims ages 13-29)

2024 (to date) - 0 homicides

2023 (at this point last year) - 0 homicides
2022 (at this point in the year) - 2 homicides
- **0** (difference in gun-related homicides than the previous year)

Lexington Shootings Statistics (Reported Residents Shot)

(Victims ages 13-29)

2024 (to date) - 4 shootings
2023 (at this point last year) - 8 shootings
2022 (at this point in the year) - 14 shootings
- **4** (fewer shootings than the previous year)

One Lexington Featured On National Talk Show: Around October of last year, a clip of our Director Devine Carama, speaking to one of our many *It Takes A Village* in-school mentoring groups went viral, notching over 20 million views worldwide. In the clip, Carama talked about the importance of mindfulness and emotional intelligence for our young boys. These types of lessons are being taught all over the school district by many mentors pouring into our youth weekly! Recently, the video was featured on ***Good Morning America*** and the ***Jennifer Hudson Show!*** Check out the links to those video interviews below!



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Devine Carama Featured on *“Good Morning America”* -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AY55WUxiJkY&t=115s>

Devine Carama Speaks About One Lexington On *The Jennifer Hudson Show* -

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_nJnfvrweGk

OneLexington Hosts First Violence Disruption Training: On *February 22nd* One Lexington will be bringing in nationally renowned violence disrupter trainer, Dr. Eddie Woods out of Louisville, Kentucky to facilitate a violence disruption/conflict resolution training. Dr. Woods couples his real-life experience of growing up in the gang-influenced California neighborhood in the west end of Louisville, with his formal education, and over 30 years of experience in providing gun violence intervention services on the frontlines of some of Louisville's highest crime areas.

While we are all doing incredible work addressing gun violence holistically, I think this training can provide some cohesive language and best practices when it comes to mediation and violence disruption for those working in the streets, jails, or schools with our most vulnerable populations. We are all providing this service in our ways but I think this can bring some synergy to the work.

Expect a calendar invite sometime next week for those who register. We hope you can join us! **We can only accommodate 30 community partners for this FREE training so we are asking everyone to REGISTER HERE -**
<https://forms.gle/51c3gAfX8JxTfP1WA>

Lexington receives a grant to establish a crisis team to join police on mental health calls: Lexington has received an \$850,000 federal grant from the Kentucky Department for Medicaid Services to establish a crisis response team.

Governor Andy Beshear announced the grant this afternoon during his Team Kentucky update.

The application for the three-year grant was the collaborative effort of both the Lexington Fire and Police Departments. It will allow the city to hire a full-time mental health professional to respond directly to mental health calls in conjunction with the Lexington Police Department. This grant will also provide overtime funding for police officers who have taken specialized training in

responding to mental health emergencies, which currently includes approximately 45 officers.

“This is an enormous step forward in our ability to respond to mental health emergencies,” Mayor Linda Gorton said. “It will make it possible for us to provide the most appropriate response to an individual in crisis and connect them to the best resource.”

Money Smart for Small Business Classes are back: Commerce Lexington is excited to offer the [Money Smart for Small Business Program](#) developed jointly by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) and the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). These classes provide an introduction to topics related to starting and managing a business. The series begins on **Monday, February 5**, and occurs every Monday for 6 weeks. A different business topic will be covered each week.

The Money Smart Program is taught by Dale Morgan, President and CEO of Foundation47, and offered at no cost to attendees.

Exhilarating Inc. One Lexington Grant Report: Transitioning into Adulthood Quarterly Report – March – December 2023

Number of participants Served – 29

Successful completion – 26

Exhilarating Inc. implemented four sessions of Transitioning into Adulthood during this time frame. The sessions were six weeks for 1 ½ hours. The ages range from 15 – 21. The gender breakdown was 14 females and 15 males. The race was African American – 24 and Caucasian 5.

The program consists of workshops, field trips, and guest speakers. Workshops consist of work readiness, finding an apartment, financial literacy and budgeting, gun and youth violence, relationships, mental health juvenile vs. adult laws, and cooking.

All participants were assisted in getting missing documents (birth certificates, SS cards, photo ID). Bus passes were distributed to those in need. A light meal was served during each session. All individuals receive one-on-one coaching to deal with their situations.

All participants receive luggage, document organizer, and household items after completing the program.

All participants were offered one-on-one mental health coaching.

Funding spent: \$5,000.00 • Staff salaries /Consultant services - \$3,000.00 • Space - \$600.00 • Operating Expenses (birth certificates, photo id's, food, t-shirts, office supplies) - \$1,200.00 • Liability Insurance - \$200.00

Submitted by: Mattie Morton, BASW, LSW, MMHC Executive Director

Kentucky State University 4-H Program's Summer Transportation Institute Summer Camp: This is a 2-week residential camp. Students stay on campus in the dorms and travel all over to explore the great world of transportation. **This camp is completely FREE!** We would appreciate it if you would encourage students to participate in the application process, as this camp is a great experience for anyone who has an interest in STEM, engineering, and the modes of transportation.



2024 SUMMER TRANSPORTATION INSTITUTE

JULY 7, 2024 - JULY 20, 2024

Application closes on May 1, 2024

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If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out at any time!

****Community engagement numbers will be available next report.***