

# One Lexington Bi-Weekly

## Report

### March 25th, 2024



ONE Lexington is a city initiative that leverages government resources and community partnerships to address gun violence impacting youth and young adults (ages 10-29). Below are some of the latest gun violence statistics in Lexington, KY.

### Total Shootings Statistics as of March 25th, 2024

#### Lexington Homicide by Gun & Shooting Statistics

2024	2 homicides by gun (2 total homicide)
2023	2 homicides by gun (3 total homicide)
2022	6 homicides (8 total homicides)

0 (difference in gun-related homicides from the previous year)

#### Lexington Shooting Statistics (Reported Residents Shot)

2024 (to date)	13 shootings
2023	(at this point last year) – 19 shootings
2022	(at this point in the year) - 27 shootings

- 6 (fewer shootings than the previous year)

### Youth & Young Adult Shootings Statistics

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2024	(to date) - 1 homicides
2023	(at this point last year) - 1 homicide
2022	(at this point in the year) - 4 homicides

0 (fewer gun-related homicides than the previous year)

#### Lexington Shootings Statistics (Reported Residents Shot)

(Victims ages 10-29)

2024	(to date) - 7 shootings
2023	(at this point last year) - 13 shootings
2022	(at this point in the year) - 22 shootings

- 6 (fewer shootings than the previous year)

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### One Lexington Works Senate Bill Focused On Youth Employment

A very good day for our community partners and nonprofits in Lexington. The ONE Lexington team has quietly been working with Frankfort on Senate Bill 128 which will allow youth ages 12 & 13 to work limited hours and duties for vetted local nonprofits to earn income. We've worked with Senator Givens (who is sponsoring this bill) and his team & nonpartisan Kentucky policy organizations, to make sure that there are safeguards in place (no more than 3 hours a day or 18 hours a week, cannot be performed during school hours, jobs cannot involve interstate commerce or production of goods, and much more) to provide opportunities but more importantly protect children. We want local organizations in our nonprofit ecosystem to be able to provide compensation for youth to perform duties within their mission. We believe this bill will not only incentivize leadership but will provide an opportunity for our most vulnerable young people to earn some income the right way, without it counting against the family's home income. This will also help them to develop workforce skills at a younger age. Today the bill passed the House Standing Committee on Economic Development and Workforce Investment and last week it passed the Senate Economic Development, Tourism, and Labor Committee, both with bipartisan support and will go to the floor for a vote in the next few weeks. The range of our work is so vast. Last week we were mediating conflicts, unloading the U-Haul of a



family we helped to relocate, and doing some street outreach with our Crisis Response Advocates. Last week, we had a chance to talk to lawmakers about the great work all of our community partners are doing and helping to inform a bill we believe will create more opportunities for young folks. This work is stressful, pressure-filled, and under-appreciated but it's days like this that remind us of why we get up every day. To God be the glory.

**Watch the full video of our testimony alongside bill sponsor, Senator Givens -**

<https://www.youtube.com/live/k5sp-9Qkl8M?si=AdZOQxhGWwSPNXDa>

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## Be the Change Scholarship Deadline



ONE Lexington in collaboration with Galls of Lexington & Central Bank is offering \$10k scholarships for rising Bryan Station High School seniors of color majoring in a Criminal Justice field (law, forensic science, public safety, etc.) with plans of attending an in-state school!

**The APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 30th!!**

While we encourage our youth to challenge the system and hold it accountable, we also push them to BE THE CHANGE that they want to see in all spaces! For more info, get in touch with BSHS's Brandy Ashford or visit the online application - [https://www.lexingtonky.gov/be-change-college-scholarship-competition?fbclid=IwAR1212Hb0R07\\_f9mFOeK9YSTIYcuiRWBjMVZETguyl-1t3I7ms-Z7298rsw](https://www.lexingtonky.gov/be-change-college-scholarship-competition?fbclid=IwAR1212Hb0R07_f9mFOeK9YSTIYcuiRWBjMVZETguyl-1t3I7ms-Z7298rsw)





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### One Lexington to Host Compassion Fatigue Training for Community Partners

In a continued effort to provide FREE professional development opportunities to our community partners, One Lexington will be hosting Dr. Brittany Gentry on April 25th, 2024 from 11 am to 1 pm for a "Compassion Fatigue" workshop. How can we better take care of ourselves so that we can continue supporting and serving others? Please register using this link, and a calendar invite will be sent out next week.

*"Dr. Brittany Gentry is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. Dr. Gentry obtained her Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctorate in Social Work from the University of Kentucky. Dr. Gentry is currently the Co-Clinical Director at the Trauma-Informed Counseling Center (T.I.C.C) and Founder of the Trauma, Education & Advocacy Corporation (TEA), a non-profit agency in Lexington, KY. Over the last ten years, Dr. Gentry has provided therapeutic services for children, adolescents, and families in various therapeutic settings (in-home, outpatient, and school-based). Despite her experience with various populations, Dr. Gentry's true passion is providing trauma-informed services to adolescents involved in the juvenile justice system. In February 2023, Dr. Gentry was featured in the YouTube streamed 2023 TedXBellarmine U event at Bellarmine University. Her segment is titled "The Untold Narratives of Labeled Youth."*

**Register For Training HERE** - <https://forms.gle/9Svm32j47qYLBerg6>

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### One Lexington Begins Mentoring Program at Southern Elementary School

Talk about a full-circle moment... Last week our Director Devine Carama started a ONE Lexington #ItTakesAVillage in-school mentoring group at the first school he ever attended, Southern Elementary School. One Lexington is currently facilitating 21 in-school mentoring groups in 16 schools across the district in partnership with 7 community partners.



### Mentoring Group Focused On Healing In Latino Community Graduates First Group:

Congrats to the Rites of Passage graduates at Paul Lawrence Dunbar High School! This program was funded by ONE Lexington's Violence Prevention Grant opportunity! Shouts to Circle Leaders, Carlos Aguilar and Milton Meza! As we've stated from day one, this will take an inclusive, citywide approach to addressing gun violence in our community. Learn more about National Compadres Network's youth healing circle:

La Cultura Cura is a transformative health and healing philosophy that recognizes that within an individual's, family's, and community's authentic cultural values, traditions, and indigenous practices exist the pathway to healthy development, restoration, and lifelong well-being.



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## **ONE Lexington Gun Violence Reduction Grant** **Application Is Now OPEN**

The *ONE Lexington Gun Violence Reduction Grant* opportunity for Fiscal Year 25 is open! This cycle will run from July 2024 through June 2025. The city of Lexington wants to build the capacity of community partners to stand up against gun violence by allocating \$100,000 to grassroots organizations on the front lines in the fight to make Lexington a safer place! This grant opportunity is for local grassroots/neighborhood organizations working with youth, ages 12-29, to prevent or address gun violence in Lexington-Fayette County. Organizations funded in 2023 can apply but are not guaranteed continued funding through ONE Lexington. All ONE Lexington grant funding is contingent upon the city council's final approval of ONE Lexington's budget.

The application will close on Wednesday, April 5th at 5:00 PM, and can be found online at this link:<https://communityactioncouncil.formstack.com/forms/onelexingtonfy25>

For frequently asked questions and more details about the grant, contact Melissa Tibbs at [melissa.tibbs@commaction.org](mailto:melissa.tibbs@commaction.org)

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### ONE Lexington Community Interactions - February 20th - March 3rd

#### Community Events/Meetings

- Violence Intervention Team Meeting (2)
- One Lexington & Everybody Counts Meeting
- One Lexington meeting w/ Fayette County Public Schools
  - Meeting with Tonya Lindsey of SWAG
- N.E.W. ( Neighborhood Engagement Walk) in Woodhill
- Meeting with Mason King of Jubilee Jobs

#### Youth & Young Adult Conflict

##### Mediations

- Public Safety - 0
- Courts - 0
- School System - 0
- Community - 0

**Total: 0**

#### Youth & Young Adults Engagements:

##### (Not all groups accounted for)

- William Wells Brown Elementary School - 41
- Frederick Douglass High School - 11
- Southern Middle School - 27
- MLK Academy of Excellence - 54
- Edythe J. Hayes Middle School - 18
- Crawford Middle School -15
- Lafayette High School - 3
- Winburn Middle School - 61
- Paul Lawrence Dunbar High School - 10
- Beaumont Middle School - 21
- The Learning Center - 21
- STEAM Academy - 24
- Success Academy - 51
- Tates Creek Elementary School - 6
- Southern Elementary School-14

**Total: 377**

#### Crisis Response Referrals

- UK Trauma Center (Project Peace) - 0
- Public Safety - 2
- Courts - 0
- School System - 0
- Community - 4

**Total: 6**

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