

## Washington Hospital Center

is a not-for-profit 907-bed acute care teaching and research hospital based in Northwest Washington, DC. It is the largest private medical center in the nation's capital and among the 25 largest hospitals in the country. The Hospital Center consistently ranks among the nation's top hospitals in the research and treatment of cardiovascular and hormone disorders, and provides cutting edge therapies to treat cancer, stroke and acute neurological injury and disease. Washington Hospital Center is also home to MedSTAR Trauma and Transport and is the region's adult burn facility.

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# Journey Before Destination



Violence  
 Prevention  
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*Life before death. Strength before weakness. Journey before destination.*

## Journey Before Destination



### Our Mission

Our mission is to develop a coalition and intervention focused on the reduction of violent crimes while providing opportunities to marginalized urban youth.

### Our Goals

#### Intervention

Individual encounters to address retaliation, recidivism and criminal involvement

#### Mentoring/Education

Provide resources to improve and sustain our youth in their communities through counseling, job readiness training and continuing education

#### Advocacy/Public Awareness

Raise violence awareness among public officials and lawmakers while lobbying for necessary human, fiscal and civic resources to ensure the health and well being of our youth

#### Spiritual Awareness/Psycho-Social

Provide psychological and spiritual resources and point our youth towards alternative activities to create a sense of value and worth in the community

Preventing violence before it occurs.



*“By...our readiness to allow arms to be purchased at will and fired at whim; by allowing our movies and television screens to teach our children that the hero is one who masters the art of shooting and the technique of killing...we have created an atmosphere in which violence and hatred have become popular pastimes.”*

—Martin Luther King, Jr.

### Population Served

- 14-24 years of age      Victim/Perpetrator of violence
- Repeat victimization      Perpetrator behavior
- Delinquent behavior      Exposed to violence in community

### Smart Choices:

**Youth Trauma Prevention Awareness:** Interactive tours of MedSTAR Trauma Unit with introductions to staff and discussions about professional opportunities and medical careers.

### Community Partners:

Columbia Heights/Shaw Family Support Collaborative:  
Creating Solutions Together, Community Clergy,  
Metropolitan Police Department.