



The Center for Prevention Programs and Partnerships (CP3)

Our Vision: CP3 seeks a resilient America where communities are united to help end targeted violence and terrorism.

Our Mission: *To work with the whole-of-society to build local prevention frameworks.*

What is CP3's approach to targeted violence and terrorism prevention?

CP3's approach to prevention is informed by key principles of public health, including a focus on the health and well-being of individuals and communities. This approach allows for prevention to occur early, operate through multiple levels—from early prevention to intervention to rehabilitation—and use a variety of strategies that are tailored to work locally. CP3's model of prevention is embodied in the concept of local prevention frameworks.

What is a local prevention framework?

A local prevention framework (LPF) is a flexible model that connects all segments of society to prevent targeted violence and terrorism by getting help to individuals who may be radicalizing, or have radicalized, to violence. An effective local prevention framework fosters public education and awareness, threat assessment and management, and a network of local social services and programs. *For more information on local prevention frameworks, [visit our LPF publication](#).*

Radicalizing to violence is the process wherein an individual comes to believe that the threat or use of unlawful violence is necessary or even justified to accomplish a goal.

While the goal of all LPFs is to reduce incidents of targeted violence and terrorism, the flexibility of this model provides multiple pathways to health and well-being. That is, the end point of successful prevention is not an arrest, but a healthy individual and, by extension, a healthy community.

What is CP3's Role?

CP3 helps communities institutionalize prevention programming at the local level. Through engagement with whole of society partners, CP3 seeks to ensure that individuals, organizations, and communities can protect themselves against acts of targeted violence and terrorism and implement best practices to prevent individuals from engaging in acts of targeted violence and terrorism.

CP3 supports community efforts to develop local prevention frameworks through the following:

- **Awareness and Training:** Delivering briefings to communities and maintaining a catalog of other available federal and non-federal (state and locally developed) trainings. Together, these efforts are designed to provide information on the threat, inform



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participants about approaches to prevention, and helps them identify and inventory locally available resources.

- **Convening Stakeholders:** Engaging local stakeholders and providing direct technical assistance through CP3’s regional prevention coordinators. This includes meeting with stakeholders to help them connect, map the local threat environment, assess existing resources and priorities, and begin discussing prevention activities.
- **Engaging Sectors:** Involving leaders and key stakeholder groups across all disciplines—beyond the local level—to ensure their voices also shape and support prevention efforts. Examples include the technology, behavioral health, and education sectors.
- **Coordinating Efforts:** Working locally and with other DHS, federal, and state partners (for example, U.S. Attorney’s Offices, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency’s (CISA) Protective Security Advisors, and individual state departments of safety, behavioral health, and education) to support efforts in the local community to prevent or respond to targeted violence and terrorism. This includes providing updated information on threats and promising practices, as well as ensuring uniform messaging.
- **Sharing Information:** In collaboration with the Science & Technology Directorate (S&T), identifying key metrics for evaluation, evaluating partners’ prevention and intervention programs, encouraging communities to develop a continuous evaluation model, and promoting partnership building to ensure information about local promising practices reaches other communities. This type of transparent model—focused on information sharing—encourages the movement from promising practices to best practices across populations.
- **Administering Grants:** Funding local communities to build and expand prevention frameworks and other innovative prevention programs. [Read more about CP3’s grants program here.](#)

In short, CP3’s activities are designed to: 1) increase awareness, 2) encourage communities to think about creating or linking **prevention** and **intervention** programs, and 3) fill “gaps” within prevention frameworks by developing programs and systems that support local communities in:

- **Building** protective factors against radicalization to violence
- **Preventing** risk factors for radicalization to violence
- **Helping** people who have risk factors for radicalization to violence
- **Intervening** with individuals who are radicalizing, or have radicalized, to violence
- **Rehabilitating** individuals who have caused harm because they engaged or attempted to engage in an act of targeted violence or terrorism.

What are some of CP3’s current initiatives?

Digital Forums on Prevention convene community leaders to discuss prevention services and approaches. Digital Forums build the capacity of non-governmental responses to terrorist recruitment and radicalization to violence and bring together experts from tech companies, civil society, and communities to discuss emerging trends, build relationships, and encourage

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information sharing. To learn more and receive updates about upcoming Forums, please email DigitalForum@hq.dhs.gov.

The **Community Awareness Briefing (CAB)** is a two-hour training that provides a foundation for communities across the country to learn about prevention efforts and radicalization to violence. The course provides communities with information and tools that are available to assist them with understanding the issues and learning more about how they can prevent targeted violence and terrorism within their communities. To request a CAB, please contact: CABBriefingRequests@hq.dhs.gov.

CP3 partners with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to administer the Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention **Grants Program**, which is designed to provide funding for communities to expand their prevention and intervention activities or address gaps in current prevention capabilities. This program funds projects that replicate promising practices but also funds new or innovative programs. For more information, please visit www.dhs.gov/tvtpgrants.