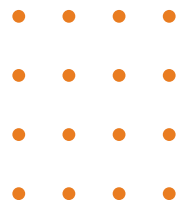




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# **KARIN TYLER'S VISION**

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# Experience: Contact-Tracing to Violence Prevention

## Identify

- Contact tracing: identify exposure and risk
- Violence prevention: identify high-risk individuals and conflicts

## Interrupt

- Contact tracing: stop spread through early action
- Violence prevention: mediate conflicts and prevent retaliation

## Connect

- Contact tracing: connect people to care and resources
- Violence prevention: connect people to jobs, support, and services





**Work Led  
&  
Outcomes  
Achieved**

**Promise Keepers**

Launched as a 14-week Safe Summer pilot (2022), now a **year-round** initiative.

**Multi-million dollar budget oversight**

Lead strategic allocation of investments in violence prevention

**Critical Response Team**

Mediates conflicts and responds to gang-related and retaliatory violence

**Love Without Violence Conference**

Annual two-day October event to educate, raise awareness, and prevent domestic and intimate partner violence

**Managed multiple grants**

Oversaw U.S. Department of Justice grants: Justice for Families and Milwaukee Safer Communities for Youth

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# Endorsements

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Backed by a broad coalition of elected leaders, public health experts, and national violence prevention partners

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**Mayor**

Selected by Mayor Cavalier Johnson to lead DCWS and advance the City's violence prevention strategy

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**Health Commissioner**

Health Commissioner strongly endorses appointment and commits to ongoing coordination and partnership

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**National Office of  
Violence  
Prevention Network**

Endorsed by the National Office of Violence Prevention Network—a leading national voice in violence prevention—with commitment to partner on strategic planning

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**National Institute  
of Criminal  
Justice Reform**

Endorsed by the National Institute for Criminal Justice Reform—a nationally recognized leader in violence reduction—providing ongoing support and technical assistance

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# Timeline Of DCWS

## Milwaukee Health Department 2008

Office of Violence Prevention

Terry Perry (2008-2016)  
Reggie Moore (2016-2021)  
Arnitta Holliman (2021-2022)  
Ashanti Hamilton (2022-2025)

## Department of Administration 2024

Office of Community Wellness & Safety

Ashanti Hamilton (2022-2025)  
Interim: Karin Tyler (Jan 2025-Aug 2025)  
Adam Procell (Aug 2025-Jan 2026)

## Department of Community Wellness & Safety 2026

Interim: Karin Tyler  
(Jan 2026-Present)





# ROOT CAUSES OF VIOLENCE IN MILWAUKEE

## Median Household Income

36% lower than state average:

47% lower than national average:

Source: U.S. Census, ACS 2024

## Overall Poverty

2X more than state average

## Child Poverty

3X state average

Source: U.S. Census, ACS 2023

### CONDITIONS

## Eviction Filings

More than 2X state average

Source: Eviction Lab 2026

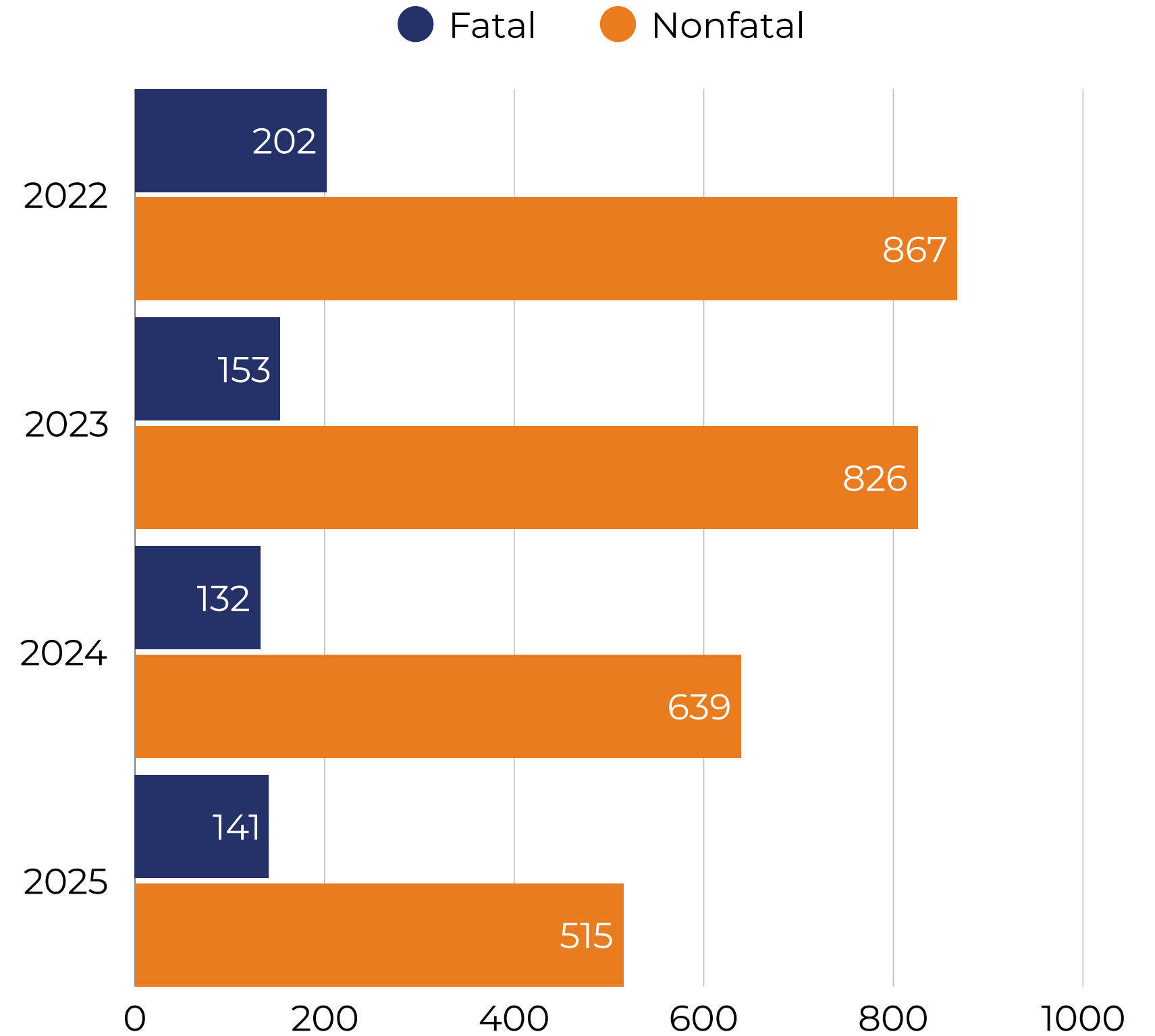
## High School Graduation-MPS

22% lower than state average

Source: WI Dept. of Public Instruction, 2025

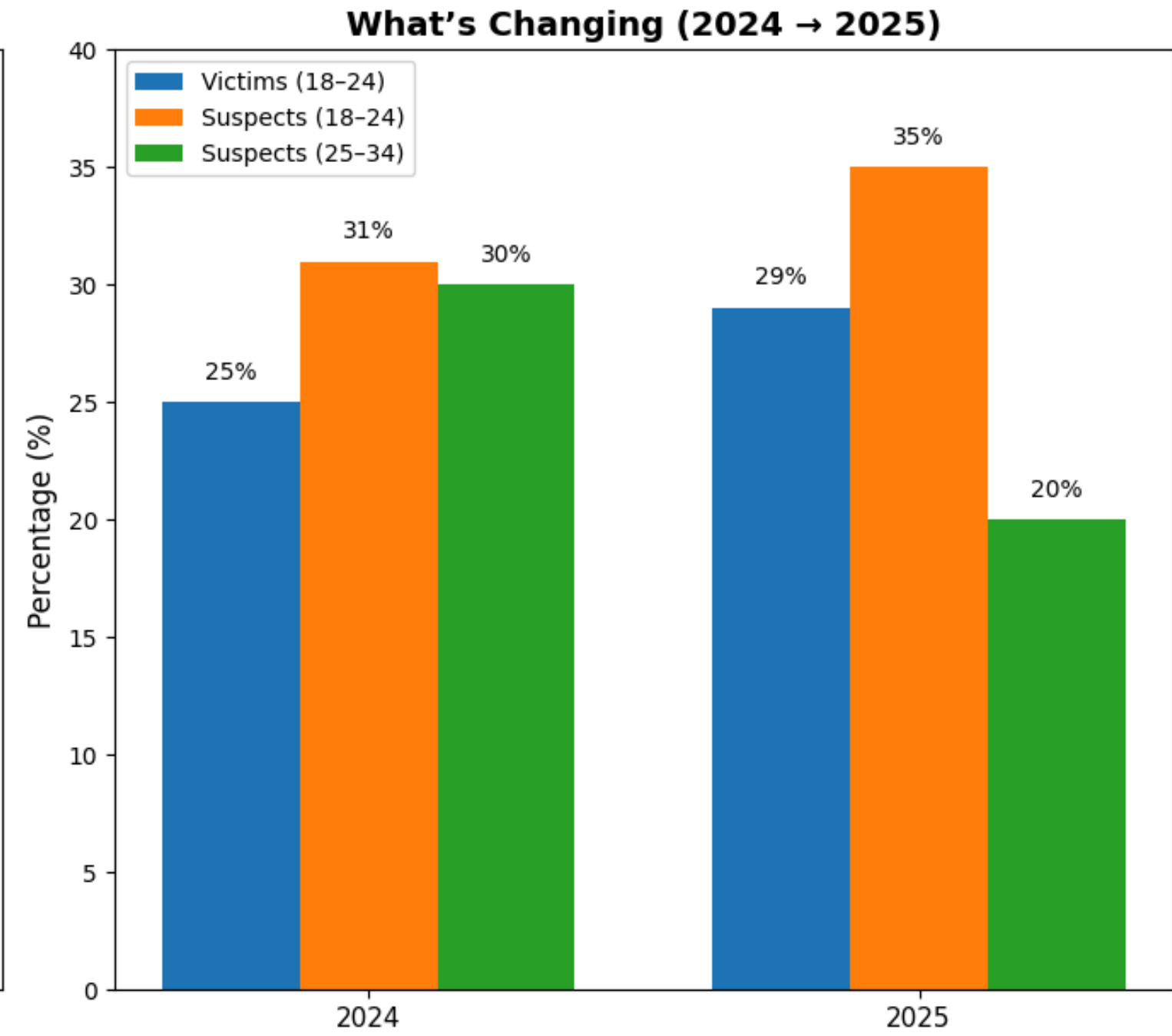
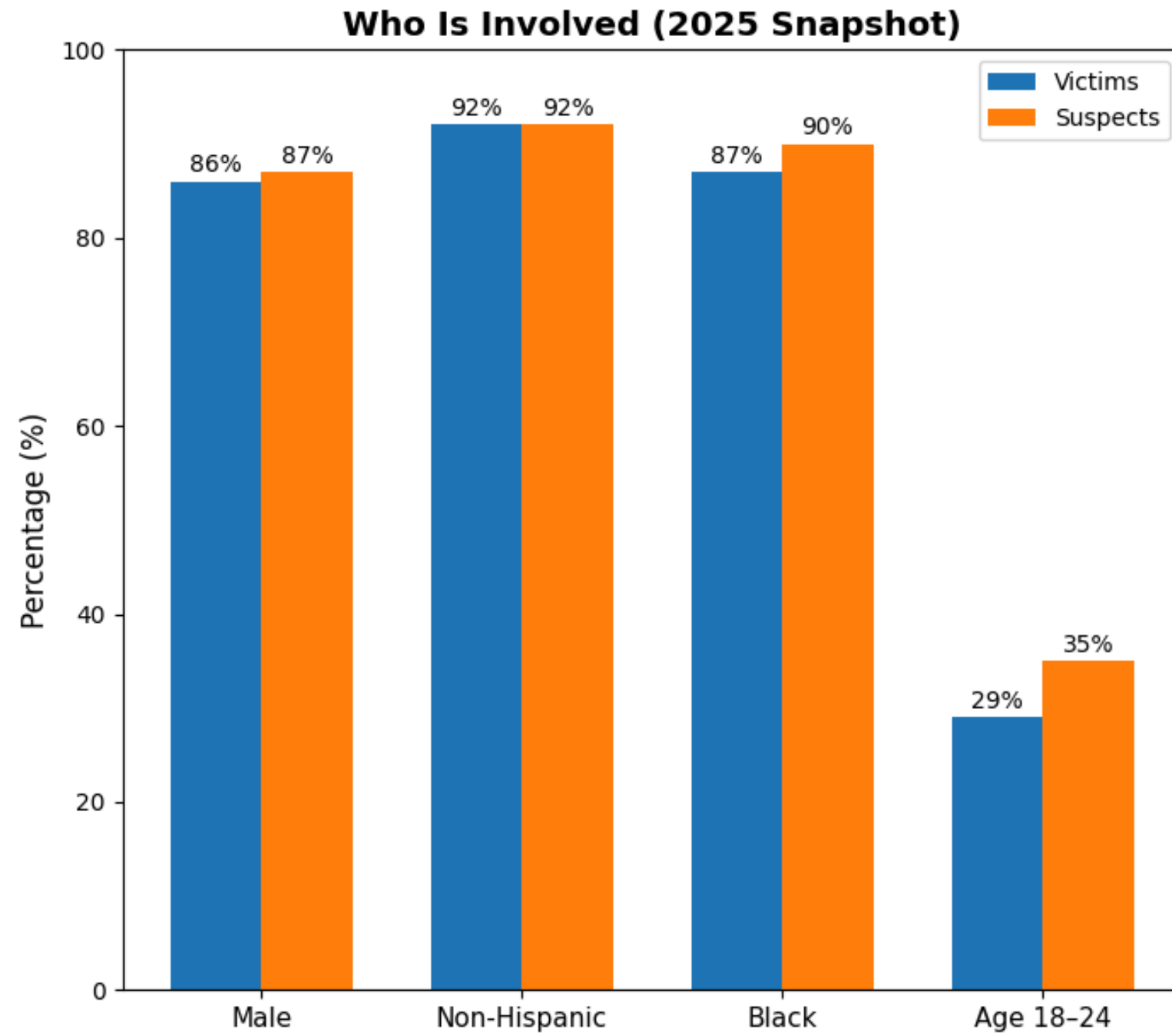
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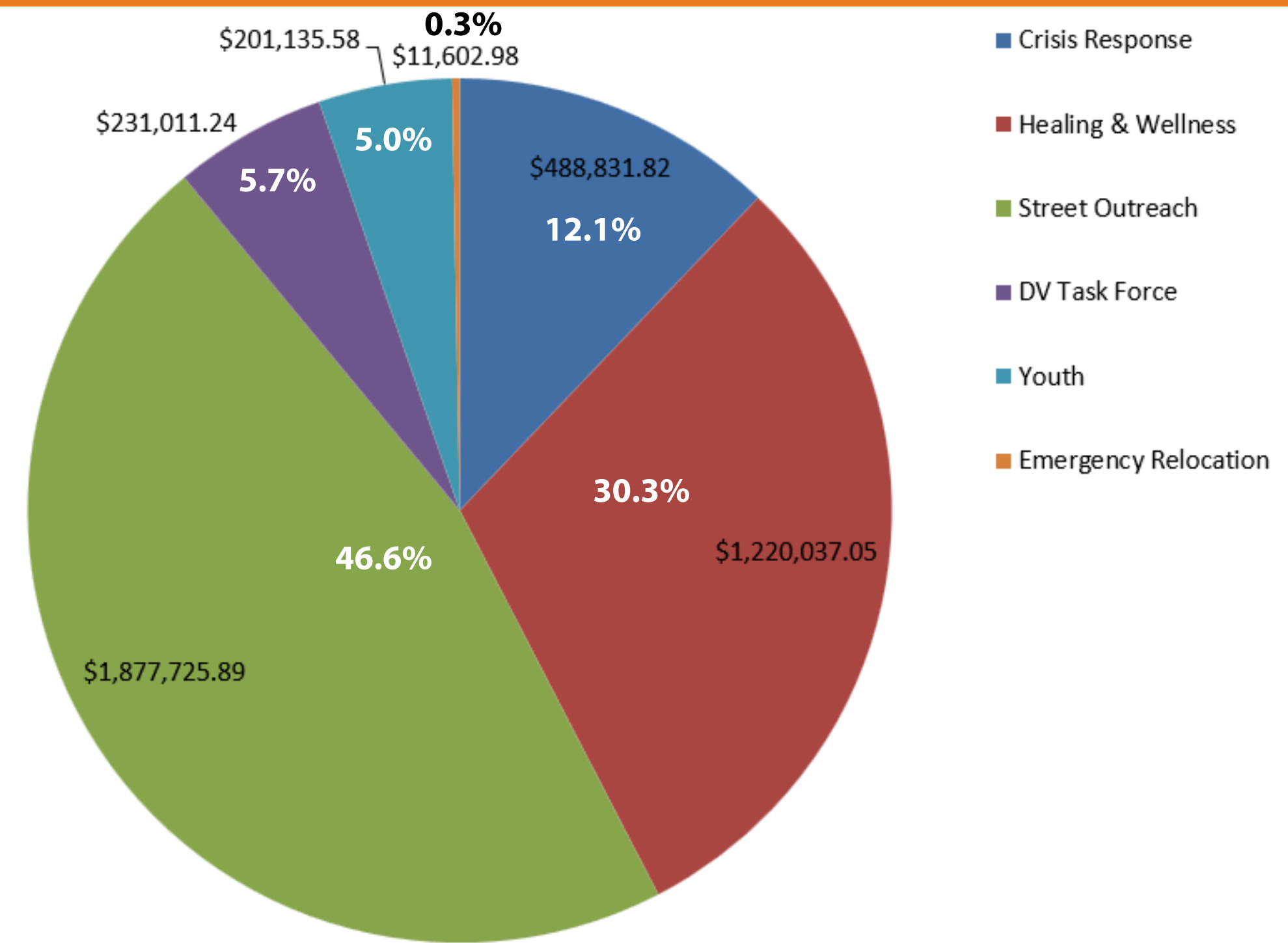
Overall violence is down since 2022, despite a recent increase in homicides.



# Victim vs Suspect Demographics

## Fatal & Nonfatal Shootings 2024-2025





**DCWS CONTRACT BUDGET BY CATEGORY 2025**



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# What We Do

**Prevention, intervention, and healing-working together to reduce violence and address what leads to it**



## Primary Prevention

Work to stop violence before it starts. Promote awareness. (Summer of Healing, Healing Hubs, Trainings, Wellness Initiatives)

## Secondary Prevention

Street outreach teams respond to prevent escalation, coordination with crisis response partners

## Tertiary Prevention

Long-term supports to promote healing (Credible Clinician & Healers Network), Trauma Response Team

# Office of Community Wellness & Safety Organizational Chart 2025



**Director**  
**VACANT**

**Operations Manager**

**Grant Compliance Coordinator**  
**VACANT**

**Community Violence Prevention Program Manager**  
**VACANT**

**Family Violence Prevention Program Manager**

**ReCAST Program Manager**

**Administrative Assistant IV**

**Community Violence Prevention Program Coordinator**

**Family Violence Prevention Program Coordinator**

**ReCAST Coordinator**  
**VACANT**

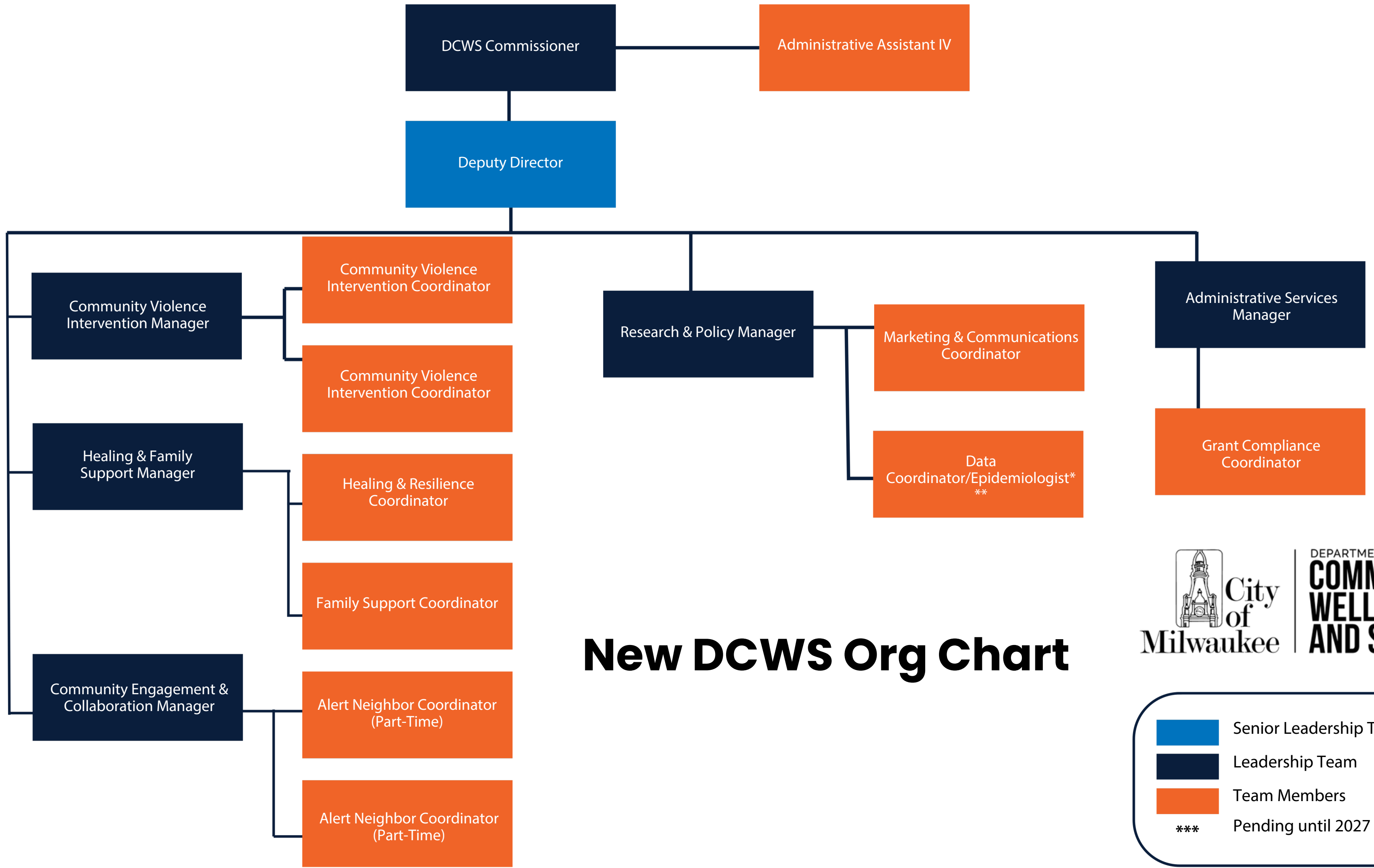
**Communications Coordinator**

**Community Violence Prevention Program Coordinator**

**Crisis Response Coordinator**

**Grants Compliance Officer**

**Epidemiologist**



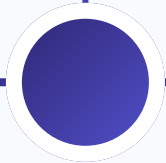
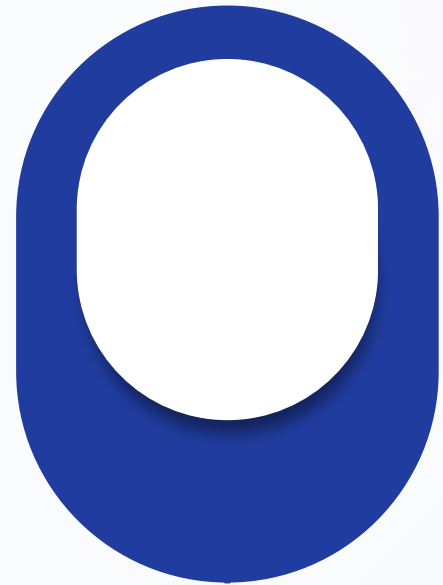
# New DCWS Org Chart



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| <span style="color: blue;">■</span>     | Senior Leadership Team |
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| <span style="color: orange;">■</span>   | Team Members           |
| ***                                     | Pending until 2027     |

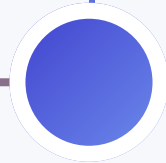
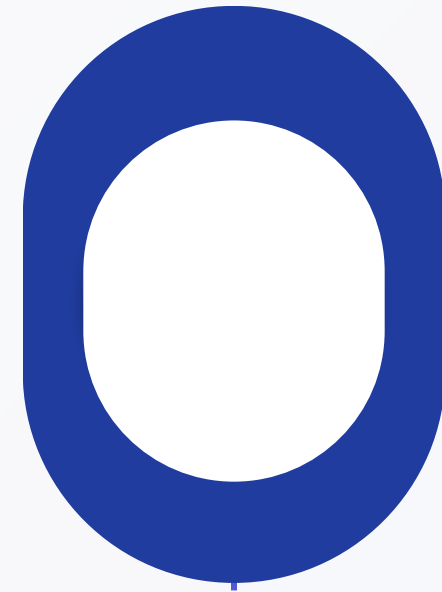
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# Highlights



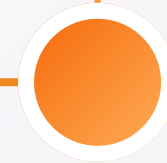
**Annie E.  
Casey  
Foundation**

Pledges financial support for  
capacity building



**The John W. Daniels Jr.  
& Valerie Daniels  
Carter Charitable  
Trust**

Pledges support for capacity  
building, facility use, and  
youth employment



**DCWS Partnership  
with National OVP  
Network**

To guide development of a  
comprehensive violence  
prevention strategic plan

# FIRST 90 DAYS

- Stabilization
- Sustainability
- Summer Readiness



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## GOAL

- Strengthen internal structure
- Prioritize sustainable violence prevention strategies
- Strategically align resources

Organizational stability & efficiency  
Sustainability & Infrastructure  
Strategic Alignment of Outreach Efforts  
Summer Violence Prevention Strategy  
City-Wide Strategic Planning Process