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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Communities in Action  
5       Neighborhood Defense and Opportunity Act of 2009” or  
6       the “CAN DO Act of 2009”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 The Congress makes the following findings:

3 (1) The Department of Justice Bureau of Sta-  
4 tistics reports that over 45 Americans are killed  
5 daily by gun violence all across the United States.

6 (2) In 2005, gun violence killed 3,027 American  
7 children and teens ages 19 and under, an average of  
8 8 young people killed each day by guns in the  
9 United States, a total that is the highest of any de-  
10 veloped country.

11 (3) In 2005, individuals between 17 years of  
12 age and 24 years of age made up 11.4 percent of  
13 the population but accounted for 33.7 percent of  
14 those killed by gun violence.

15 (4) In 2005, firearm homicide was the second  
16 leading cause of injury death for men and women  
17 between 10 years of age and 24 years of age—sec-  
18 ond only to motor vehicle crashes.

19 (5) In 2005, firearm homicide was the leading  
20 cause of death for black males between 15 years of  
21 age and 34 years of age.

22 (6) A study of all direct and indirect costs of  
23 gun violence including medical, lost wages, and secu-  
24 rity costs estimates that gun violence costs the Na-  
25 tion \$100 billion per year.

1           (7) The average total cost of one gun crime can  
2 be as high as \$1.79 million, including medical treat-  
3 ment and the prosecution and imprisonment of the  
4 shooter, and at least 80 percent of the economic  
5 costs of treating firearm injuries are paid for by tax-  
6 payer dollars.

7           (8) In 1995, Boston’s Operation Ceasefire,  
8 which entailed a problem-oriented policing approach,  
9 and focused on specific crime hot spots, was estab-  
10 lished as a strategy for stemming the epidemic of  
11 youth gun violence in Boston, and within two years  
12 the number of youth homicides dropped from 73 to  
13 ten, with only one handgun-related youth homicide  
14 occurring in 1999 and 2000.

15           (9) Programs targeted at entire communities,  
16 such as community revitalization, after-school pro-  
17 grams, and media campaigns, have been proven to  
18 be more effective in reducing the general level of vio-  
19 lence that children are exposed to.

20           (10) Sociologist James D. Wright suggests that  
21 to convince inner-city youths not to carry guns “re-  
22 quires convincing them that they can survive in their  
23 neighborhood without being armed, that they can  
24 come and go in peace, that being unarmed will not  
25 cause them to be victimized, intimidated, or slain”.

1 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNITIES IN ACTION**  
2 **GRANT PROGRAM.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General, through  
4 the Office of Justice Programs of the Department of Jus-  
5 tice, shall establish a 5-year competitive grant program  
6 (in this Act referred to as the “Grant Program”) under  
7 which the Attorney General may provide grants to six  
8 communities, through State attorney generals of the  
9 States involved, to establish and maintain, in accordance  
10 with the provisions of this Act, pilot programs for CAN  
11 DO Centers (described in section 4(a)) in such commu-  
12 nities to establish, administer, and coordinate each of the  
13 following:

14 (1) The CAN DO Safer Streets Strategy Group  
15 Program and Guns off Our Streets Program under  
16 section 5.

17 (2) The CAN DO Operation Community Patrol  
18 Program under section 6.

19 (3) The CAN DO Street Mentoring Program  
20 under section 7.

21 (4) The CAN DO Services Providers Network  
22 under section 8.

23 (b) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to receive a grant  
24 under subsection (a)—

25 (1) A community must be a community that  
26 has a population within a population size specified

1 by the Attorney General and that has an average  
2 rate of gun homicides that is more than the average  
3 national rate of gun homicides; and

4 (2) The executive officer of a community shall  
5 submit to the Attorney General, through the State  
6 attorney general of the State involved, an application  
7 at such time and in such manner as specified by the  
8 Attorney General, and containing at least—

9 (A) a proposal for establishing and main-  
10 taining a CAN DO Center under section 4(a)  
11 and each of the programs described in para-  
12 graphs (1) through (4) of subsection (a), that  
13 will demonstrate—

14 (i) the capacity of the community to  
15 establish and maintain a CAN DO Pro-  
16 gram Board described in section 4(c) and  
17 the commitment of all of the members de-  
18 scribed in such section to participate on  
19 such board;

20 (ii) the capacity of the community to  
21 provide for each of the programs described  
22 in such paragraphs; and

23 (iii) the location site for each of such  
24 programs;

1 (B) assurances that for each year the com-  
2 munity receives the grant the executive officer  
3 will submit to the Attorney General, through  
4 the State attorney general of the State involved,  
5 a report describing the activities for which the  
6 grant funds for such year were used; and

7 (C) assurances that for each year the com-  
8 munity receives the grant, the community will  
9 not violate the limitation under subsection  
10 (c)(3)(B).

11 (c) ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—A grant awarded under sub-  
13 section (a) shall be awarded to a community through  
14 the State attorney general of the State in which the  
15 community is located and shall be administered to  
16 such community by such State attorney general.

17 (2) PILOT PROGRAM SITES.—Grants under sub-  
18 section (a) shall be awarded to six communities, 4  
19 of which shall be urban communities and 2 of which  
20 shall be suburban or rural communities, as selected  
21 by the Attorney General.

22 (3) AMOUNT OF GRANTS.—

23 (A) IN GENERAL.—The amount of a grant  
24 awarded to a community under subsection (a)  
25 shall be for each year of the grant—

1 (i) in the case of an urban commu-  
2 nity, \$4,000,000; and

3 (ii) in the case of a suburban or rural  
4 community, \$2,000,000.

5 (B) LIMITATION.—Of the amount de-  
6 scribed in subparagraph (A) awarded to a com-  
7 munity under subsection (a) for a year—

8 (i) not more than \$1,000,000 may be  
9 used for purposes of carrying out sections  
10 5, 6, and 7; and

11 (ii) not more than \$3,500,000 may be  
12 used for purposes of carrying out section  
13 8.

14 (4) DURATION.—

15 (A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subpara-  
16 graph (B), a grant awarded to a community  
17 under subsection (a) shall be for five years.

18 (B) CONDITION FOR RECEIPT OF ANNUAL  
19 FUNDS.—If, based on a report described in sub-  
20 section (c)(2)(B) submitted by a community for  
21 a year, the Attorney General determines that  
22 the community is not in compliance with the  
23 terms of the grant or the proposal submitted by  
24 such community under subsection (c) the com-  
25 munity shall not be eligible for a payment

1           under the grant for any subsequent year of the  
2           Grant Program.

3           (d) STATE DEFINED.—For purposes of this Act, the  
4 term “State” includes the 50 States and the District of  
5 Columbia.

6 **SEC. 4. CAN DO CENTERS.**

7           (a) IN GENERAL.—Each community that receives a  
8 grant under subsection (a) shall establish and maintain  
9 a CAN DO Center to establish, administer, and coordinate  
10 each of the programs described in section 3(a) and  
11 through which information about and access or referral  
12 to such programs may be obtained.

13           (b) ADMINISTRATOR.—Each CAN DO Center shall  
14 be administered by an administrator (in this Act referred  
15 to as the “Administrator”) to be selected by the executive  
16 officer of the community involved. Such Administrator  
17 shall oversee the operations of the Center and the pro-  
18 grams established, administered, and coordinated by the  
19 Center.

20           (c) CAN DO PROGRAM BOARD.—

21           (1) IN GENERAL.—Each CAN DO Center shall  
22 have a CAN DO Program Board to consult and ad-  
23 vise the Administrator and executive officer of the  
24 community involved, with respect to the programs



1 established, administered, and coordinated by the  
2 Center.

3 (2) MEMBERS.—Each CAN DO Program  
4 Board, with respect to a community, shall be com-  
5 posed of members as follows:

6 (A) INITIAL MEMBERS.—Initial members  
7 of the Board shall be appointed and selected as  
8 follows:

9 (i) Ten members shall be appointed as  
10 follows:

11 (I) 1 shall be a representative of  
12 the executive officer's office;

13 (II) 1 shall be a representative of  
14 the local court;

15 (III) 1 shall be a representative  
16 of the local prosecutor's office;

17 (IV) 1 shall be a representative  
18 of the local public defender's office;

19 (V) 1 shall be a representative of  
20 the office of the executive officer of  
21 the community;

22 (VI) 1 shall be a representative  
23 of a local educational agency;

24 (VII) 1 shall be a representative  
25 of a local mental health agency;

- 1 (VIII) 1 shall be a representative
- 2 of the local law enforcement agency;
- 3 (IX) 1 shall be a representative
- 4 of a local job training agency; and
- 5 (X) 1 shall be a representative of
- 6 the regional office of the Department
- 7 of Health and Human Services;
- 8 (ii) Seven members shall be selected
- 9 by the community in accordance with a
- 10 process specified by the executive officer of
- 11 the community, of whom—
- 12 (I) 1 shall be a local parent;
- 13 (II) 1 shall be a local student;
- 14 (III) 1 shall be a representative
- 15 of the local faith-based community or
- 16 clergy;
- 17 (IV) 1 shall be a representative
- 18 from a local business; and
- 19 (V) 3 shall be representatives
- 20 from a community-based nonprofit or-
- 21 ganization that works with at-risk
- 22 youth in areas of education, life skills,
- 23 job readiness, management, coun-
- 24 seling, or any other related area.

1 (B) ADDITIONAL MEMBERS.—The initial  
2 members of the Board appointed and selected  
3 under subparagraph (A) may by the affirmative  
4 vote of two-thirds of such members select addi-  
5 tional members to be included on the Board.

6 (3) MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT.—Each  
7 Community in Action Advisory Board shall establish  
8 a memorandum of agreement, which must be signed  
9 by each member of the Board before participating  
10 on such Board, that provides for the duties of each  
11 member with respect to establishing, administering  
12 and coordinating the programs described in section  
13 3(a) and the timeframes involved in establishing, ad-  
14 ministering, and coordinating such programs.

15 (4) TERMS.—

16 (A) IN GENERAL.—The terms of members  
17 of each Community in Action Advisory Board  
18 shall be 1 year, except as provided in subpara-  
19 graph (B). There shall be no limit for the num-  
20 ber of terms that such a member may serve.

21 (B) VACANCIES.—Any member appointed  
22 to fill a vacancy occurring before the expiration  
23 of the term for which the predecessor of the  
24 member was appointed shall be appointed only  
25 for the remainder of that term. A member may

1           serve after the expiration of that member’s  
2           term until a successor has been appointed or se-  
3           lected. A vacancy in the Commission shall be  
4           filled in the manner in which the original ap-  
5           pointment or selection was made.

6           (5) MEETINGS.—Each Community in Action  
7           Advisory Board shall meet at least once every three  
8           months.

9   **SEC. 5. CAN DO SAFER STREETS STRATEGY GROUP PRO-**  
10                                   **GRAM.**

11           (a) STRATEGY GROUP.—

12           (1) IN GENERAL.—Each community that re-  
13           ceives a grant under section 3(a) shall establish a  
14           CAN DO Safer Streets Strategy Group (in this Act  
15           to be known as the “Strategy Group” to develop a  
16           coordinated community-wide intervention strategy,  
17           through the coordination and knowledge of the com-  
18           munity’s law enforcement and criminal justice agen-  
19           cies, to deter firearm violence and homicides, includ-  
20           ing such crimes committed by youth, in the commu-  
21           nity.

22           (2) MEMBERS.—Each Strategy Group, with re-  
23           spect to a community, shall consist of the following  
24           members:

1 (A) At least one representative of the local  
2 police anti-gang unit or similar local police unit.

3 (B) At least one representative from the  
4 United States Attorney's office involved.

5 (C) At least one representative from the  
6 State probation office and the State parole of-  
7 fice involved or similar office for such State.

8 (D) At least one representative of the  
9 United States Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco,  
10 Firearms and Explosives.

11 (E) At least one representative of the  
12 United States Drug Enforcement Administra-  
13 tion.

14 (F) At least one representative of the Fed-  
15 eral Bureau of Investigation.

16 (G) At least one representative of the De-  
17 partment of Youth Services of the Department  
18 of Health and Human Services.

19 (H) If applicable, at least one representa-  
20 tive of the county district attorney's office.

21 (I) At least one representative of the Com-  
22 munities in Action Street Mentoring Program  
23 under section 7.

24 (J) At least one representative of the local  
25 clergy.

1 (K) Representatives of any other applicable  
2 community-based organization.

3 (3) SPECIFIC DUTIES.—Each Strategy Group,  
4 with respect to a community, shall have the fol-  
5 lowing duties:

6 (A) TRACKING GANG ACTIVITY.—The  
7 Strategy Group shall geographically map the  
8 areas of the community with the highest rates  
9 of gun homicides and gather and coordinate in-  
10 formation on the sizes of gangs in the commu-  
11 nity, the areas of the community affected by the  
12 activities of such gangs, and any alliances or  
13 conflicts between gangs in the community.

14 (B) INFORMATION ON HIGH RISK INDIVID-  
15 UALS.—The Strategy Group shall collect and  
16 maintain information on individuals identified  
17 by law enforcement officials as being involved in  
18 multiple gun homicides and violent crimes, in-  
19 cluding information on probation, parole, war-  
20 rants, criminal violations committed, arrests,  
21 and other information related to the criminal  
22 history of such individuals.

23 (C) DETERRENCE MEETINGS.—The Strat-  
24 egy Group shall meet with the following individ-  
25 uals to communicate with such individuals that

1 the community has a zero tolerance policy for  
2 homicides:

3 (i) Individuals identified under sub-  
4 paragraph (B).

5 (ii) At-risk youth (as defined in sec-  
6 tion 6(b)), through group and individual  
7 meetings in schools, homes of such youth,  
8 neighborhoods of such youth, courthouses,  
9 and other appropriate locations.

10 (iii) Teens and youth who are on pro-  
11 bation.

12 (D) ORDER MAINTENANCE AND ENFORCE-  
13 MENT TACTICS.—In the case of any gun homi-  
14 cide that occurs in the community, the Strategy  
15 Group shall provide for, through working and  
16 consultation with the appropriate law enforce-  
17 ment agencies, intensive order maintenance and  
18 enforcement tactics to quickly suppress poten-  
19 tial resulting firearm violence in emerging vio-  
20 lent hotspots in the community, as identified by  
21 the Strategy Group. Such tactics may include  
22 targeting individuals identified under subpara-  
23 graph (B) in the community with aggressive en-  
24 forcement of penalties for motor vehicle viola-  
25 tions, outstanding arrests, public drinking and

1 disorderly conduct, loitering, probation and pa-  
2 role violations, breaking curfew, child support  
3 arrears, and other criminal violations.

4 (E) ADDITIONAL SERVICES.—The Strategy  
5 Group shall inform individuals in the commu-  
6 nity about services provided by the community,  
7 specifically services provided or coordinated by  
8 the Communities in Action Center of the com-  
9 munity, including job training and placement  
10 services, drug treatment services, tutoring serv-  
11 ices for General Education Development (GED)  
12 testing, psychological and mental health serv-  
13 ices, and conflict mediation and resolution serv-  
14 ices.

15 (F) GUNS OFF OUR STREETS PROGRAM.—  
16 The Strategy Group shall oversee the Guns off  
17 Our Streets Program under subsection (b) for  
18 the community and shall—

19 (i) flag for investigation each firearms  
20 trace conducted under such program that  
21 shows guns used or found in high-risk  
22 neighborhoods of the community, as identi-  
23 fied by the Strategy Group, and guns that  
24 are associated with gang members in the  
25 community; and



1                   (ii) establish and maintain a database  
2                   or other data collection that compares  
3                   trace data determined through the pro-  
4                   gram, as described in subsection (b)(2),  
5                   and data on individuals collected or main-  
6                   tained by the Strategy Group under sub-  
7                   paragraph (B) on individuals described in  
8                   such subparagraph.

9           (b) GUNS OFF OUR STREETS PROGRAM.—Each com-  
10           munity that receives a grant under section 3(a) shall pro-  
11           vide for a Guns off Our Streets Program under which—

12                   (1) the local law enforcement agencies work to-  
13                   gether with the district attorney’s office involved  
14                   and, as appropriate, in consultation with the United  
15                   States Attorney’s office involved and the Bureau of  
16                   Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, to in-  
17                   vestigate firearm trafficking in the community and  
18                   crime committed by repeat criminal offenders in the  
19                   community;

20                   (2) the local law enforcement agencies shall  
21                   submit to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms,  
22                   and Explosives information necessary for the Bureau  
23                   to trace through the Bureau’s National Tracing  
24                   Center each gun recovered by such agencies to dis-  
25                   cover sources of illegal weapons and firearms-traf-

1       ficking patterns in the community and the Bureau  
2       shall conduct such traces;

3             (3) the local law enforcement agencies and the  
4       Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explo-  
5       sives will work in collaboration to ensure all Federal  
6       firearms licenses issued in the community are in  
7       compliance with Federal laws; and

8             (4) the local law enforcement agencies shall at-  
9       tempt to gather information on the firearms market  
10      from criminal offenders in the community.

11      (c) DOJ ASSISTANCE.—Upon request of the Strategy  
12      Group, the Attorney General may detail, on a reimburs-  
13      able basis, the appropriate personnel of the Department  
14      of Justice to the Strategy Group to assist it in carrying  
15      out its duties under this section.

16      **SEC. 6. CAN DO OPERATION COMMUNITY PATROL PRO-**  
17                                      **GRAM.**

18      (a) IN GENERAL.—Each community that receives a  
19      grant under section 3(a) shall establish and carry out a  
20      CAN DO Operation Community Patrol Program (in this  
21      section referred to as the “Community Patrol Program”),  
22      under which probation officers of the District Court in-  
23      volved shall jointly work with law enforcement officers  
24      from the anti-gang violence unit of the local law enforce-  
25      ment agency involved (or similar unit) to identify and

1 monitor gang members and other at-risk youth in the com-  
2 munity and to carry out the following activities, with re-  
3 spect to such members and youth:

4           (1) PATROL ORGANIZATION STRATEGY.—Such  
5 individuals and entities shall develop and carry out  
6 a patrol organization strategy, including the assign-  
7 ment of local law enforcement officers of the com-  
8 munity to specific areas of the community to become  
9 familiar with such area, criminal activity involved in  
10 such area, and develop approaches to reduce violent  
11 crime in such area in cooperation with residents of  
12 the area.

13           (2) AT-RISK YOUTH VISITS.—Probation officers  
14 shall select gang members and at-risk youth for such  
15 officers to visit, based on whether or not such mem-  
16 ber or youth has defaulted on the terms of the mem-  
17 ber or youth's probation or parole, and shall visit  
18 such members and youth on a rotational basis.

19           (3) UNANNOUNCED VISITS.—Probation officers  
20 and local law enforcement officers shall make unan-  
21 nounced visits to homes, schools, and workplaces of  
22 gang members and other at-risk youth to ensure  
23 that such youths are complying with the terms of  
24 their probation or parole, including curfews, geo-

1 graphical restrictions, and restricted associations, as  
2 applicable.

3 (4) ENFORCEMENT OF PROBATION AND PAROLE  
4 TERMS.—Such officers shall enforce all terms of the  
5 probation or parole of each identified gang member  
6 and other at-risk youth.

7 (5) COMMUNITY OUTREACH TRAINING.—A rep-  
8 resentative from the National Organization of Black  
9 Law Enforcement Executives (or similar certified  
10 entity) shall train such officers in community out-  
11 reach and appropriate sensitivity training in order to  
12 enhance cooperation and collaboration between such  
13 officers and the community.

14 (6) COMMUNITY OUTREACH.—Such officers  
15 shall conduct outreach to residents of the community  
16 to identify and address neighborhood concerns. To  
17 further such purposes, such officers shall attempt to  
18 meet with members of the community in a  
19 nonconfrontational, courteous, and professional man-  
20 ner in accordance with community law enforcement  
21 roles, to establish good relations with members of  
22 the community.

23 (7) INFORMATION ABOUT SERVICES AVAIL-  
24 ABILITY.—Such officers shall inform members of the  
25 community of the services coordinated by or pro-

1 vided for by the Communities in Action Center of  
2 the community that are available to gang members  
3 and other at-risk youth and their families, including  
4 substance abuse prevention and treatment services,  
5 mental health and psychological counseling services,  
6 job training services, and educational and rec-  
7 reational opportunities.

8 (b) AT-RISK YOUTH DEFINED.—For purposes of this  
9 Act, the term “at-risk youth” means teens and other  
10 youth who are exposed to high levels of crime, sex, drug  
11 abuse, gangs, or other risky behavior in daily reactions  
12 with their family, their school, or communities in high  
13 crime areas.

14 **SEC. 7. CAN DO STREET MENTORING PROGRAM.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—Each community that receives a  
16 grant under section 3(a) shall establish and maintain a  
17 CAN DO Street Mentoring Program (referred to in this  
18 section as the “Street Mentoring Program”) under which  
19 members of the community shall serve as street mentors  
20 who act as liaisons between the law enforcement agencies  
21 of the community and other appropriate entities and the  
22 members of the community who are gang members or  
23 other at-risk youth (as defined in section 6(b)), in accord-  
24 ance with this section.

1           (b) LOCATION AND AVAILABILITY OF STREET MEN-  
2 TORING PROGRAM SERVICES.—Services provided through  
3 the Street Mentoring Program of a community shall be  
4 carried out at a Street Mentoring Program center that  
5 is centrally located in the community. Such services may  
6 also be made available through schools, churches, commu-  
7 nity agencies, local colleges and universities. Services pro-  
8 vided at such center shall be provided in such a manner  
9 that staff members will be available 24 hours a day to  
10 conduct gang and youth outreach.

11           (c) STREET MENTORS.—

12           (1) ELIGIBILITY.—Street mentors shall be  
13 members of the community involved who are at least  
14 18 years of age.

15           (2) DUTIES.—Street mentors, with respect to a  
16 community, shall perform the following duties:

17           (A) Work closely with gang members in  
18 the community to mediate disputes and gang  
19 truces in schools and throughout the commu-  
20 nity.

21           (B) Assist gang members and their fami-  
22 lies to gain access to social services available in  
23 the community, especially such services made  
24 available by the Communities in Action Center  
25 of the community.

1 (C) Be assigned to active street mentoring  
2 cases.

3 (D) Work closely with the local law en-  
4 forcement agencies, probation agencies, clergy,  
5 courts, schools, and health and mental health  
6 agencies and providers.

7 (E) Provide a critical non-traditional com-  
8 munity outreach approach to help reduce crime.

9 (F) Invite gang members in the community  
10 to meetings described in section 5(a)(3) with  
11 Federal, State, and local law enforcement agen-  
12 cies.

13 (G) Inform gang members in the commu-  
14 nity of the consequences of continued violence.

15 (H) Refer at-risk youth and their families  
16 to the CAN DO Center established under sec-  
17 tion 4(a), or directly to the appropriate service  
18 administered by such center, as appropriate, to  
19 receive information about and access to drug  
20 prevention and treatment services, mental  
21 health and psychological services, job training  
22 and employment services, and educational and  
23 recreational opportunities provided by the CAN  
24 DO Services Providers Network under section  
25 8.

1 (I) Provide training for the Strategy  
2 Group under section 5 on ways to develop effec-  
3 tive relationships with at-risk youth and gangs.

4 **SEC. 8. CAN DO SERVICES PROVIDERS NETWORK.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Each community that receives a  
6 grant under section 3(a) shall establish and maintain a  
7 CAN DO Services Providers Network (in this section re-  
8 ferred to as the “Providers Network” that provides the  
9 community with the mental health services network under  
10 subsection (b), the summer of opportunity job training  
11 and placement program under subsection (c), and the edu-  
12 cational and recreational alternatives to violence program  
13 under subsection (d). The central location for information  
14 about access to services and programs provided for by the  
15 Providers Network shall be the CAN DO Center for the  
16 community established under section 4(a).

17 (b) MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES NETWORK.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—The mental health services  
19 network under this subsection is a comprehensive  
20 network of mental health prevention and interven-  
21 tion services and family support services to improve  
22 and expand the access of gang members and other  
23 at-risk youth (as defined in section 6(b)) and the  
24 families of such members and youth who reside in  
25 the community to such services, which shall include



1 the services and programs described in paragraph  
2 (2). The CAN DO Program Board of the commu-  
3 nity, established under section 4(c), shall enter into  
4 agreements with local educational agencies, insti-  
5 tutes of higher education, community-based centers,  
6 State agencies, faith-based organizations, and pri-  
7 vate nonprofit mental health, mentoring, and psy-  
8 chological counseling agencies, as appropriate, to co-  
9 ordinate and provide such services and programs.

10 (2) SERVICES AND PROGRAMS.—The services  
11 and programs described in this paragraph, with re-  
12 spect to a community, include the following:

13 (A) Community outreach and education to  
14 inform the community about the availability of  
15 services and activities under this subsection.

16 (B) Training and professional development  
17 services for law enforcement personnel, edu-  
18 cational personnel, and other appropriate per-  
19 sonnel who work with at-risk youth.

20 (C) Family and community programs to  
21 prevent and reduce the participation of juve-  
22 niles in gangs.

23 (D) Treatment programs for gang mem-  
24 bers and other at-risk youth who are victims of

1 child abuse or neglect and for the families of  
2 such youth.

3 (E) Mentoring programs for gang mem-  
4 bers and other at-risk youth.

5 (F) Mental health services that are avail-  
6 able 24-hours a day and 7 days a week to gang  
7 members and at-risk youth in the community.

8 (G) Community outreach and education  
9 about the programs available under the CAN  
10 DO Services Providers Network for gang mem-  
11 bers and other at-risk youth and their families.

12 (H) Family-based, school-based, and com-  
13 munity-based anti-violence and anti-drug pro-  
14 grams to educate youth and their families about  
15 the dangers of violence and drugs.

16 (I) Drug treatment programs and dem-  
17 onstration programs to reduce the use of alco-  
18 hol and other drugs.

19 (J) Partnerships between the CAN DO  
20 Program Board and local educational agencies  
21 to improve school-based mental health pro-  
22 motion, prevention, and intervention services  
23 and to hire student service providers as needed,  
24 including school counselors, school psycholo-  
25 gists, or other qualified psychologists, child or

1 adolescent psychiatrists, and school social work-  
2 ers insofar as such additional personnel are to  
3 support the goal of increasing the availability of  
4 mental health services in the school involved.

5 (K) A peer support counseling program.

6 (L) Partnerships between a State, county,  
7 or local mental health authority and one or  
8 more local public or private entities to provide  
9 violence-prevention education, mentoring, coun-  
10 seling, and mental health services to gang mem-  
11 bers and other at-risk youth in the community.

12 (M) Community-based efforts to coordinate  
13 educational, developmental, family, health, and  
14 other comprehensive services through commu-  
15 nity-based organizations and public and private  
16 partnerships.

17 (N) Partnerships between the CAN DO  
18 Program Board and psychology departments  
19 that can provide promotion, prevention, and  
20 intervention services related to the reduction of  
21 community gun violence, including through doc-  
22 toral training programs.

23 (c) SUMMER OF OPPORTUNITY JOB TRAINING AND  
24 PLACEMENT PROGRAM.—The summer of opportunity job  
25 training and placement program under this subsection is

1 a program, with respect to a community that receives a  
2 grant under section 3(a), under which the CAN DO Pro-  
3 gram Board of the community, established under section  
4 4(c) shall—

5           (1) implement a program that will be available  
6 to youth in the community any time after school, on  
7 the weekend, or during the summer, which will pay  
8 such youth stipends in exchange for working in com-  
9 munity-based jobs to improve the community as an  
10 alternative to participating in gang activities, drug  
11 activities, and violence;

12           (2) create a community office of public works  
13 and jobs in partnership, as appropriate, with faith-  
14 based organizations, schools, local businesses and  
15 corporations, neighborhood programs, local colleges  
16 and universities, and other community-based organi-  
17 zations in order to assist individuals in the commu-  
18 nity to find community-based employment or entry  
19 level jobs, including jobs in tutoring, mentoring, jobs  
20 in renewal energy, neighborhood beautification, com-  
21 munity gardening, tree planting, cleaning vacant  
22 properties and lots, community service, construction,  
23 entry level local government jobs, typing, filing, an-  
24 swering telephones, and data entry;

1           (3) enter into agreements with local businesses  
2           and corporations to offer job training, internships,  
3           apprenticeships, and employment opportunities to in-  
4           dividuals in the community; and

5           (4) enter into agreements with State and local  
6           agencies, faith-based organizations, community-  
7           based agencies, schools, and local colleges to offer  
8           offender reintegration projects and employment pro-  
9           grams for gang members and other at-risk youth to  
10          reduce recidivism and promote long-term employ-  
11          ability.

12          (d) EDUCATIONAL AND RECREATIONAL ALTER-  
13          NATIVES TO VIOLENCE PROGRAM.—The educational and  
14          recreational alternatives to violence program under this  
15          subsection, with respect to a community that receives a  
16          grant under section 3(a), is a program that provides year-  
17          round after-school and weekend educational and rec-  
18          reational activities, either at or through the CAN DO Cen-  
19          ter for the community established under section 4(a), for  
20          youth in the community through partnerships with local  
21          government agencies, churches and faith-based organiza-  
22          tions, schools, local colleges and universities, museums,  
23          galleries, and community-based organizations, as applica-  
24          ble. Such educational and recreational services shall in-

1 clude as many of the following, as practicable, for mem-  
2 bers of the community:

3 (1) Parenting education classes.

4 (2) Mentoring and tutoring programs.

5 (3) General Education Development (GED)  
6 testing tutoring programs.

7 (4) Computer rooms to provide access to com-  
8 puters for members of the community.

9 (5) College counseling and tours.

10 (6) Organized youth sports leagues.

11 (7) Martial arts and self defense classes.

12 (8) Nutrition programs.

13 (9) Music and dance classes.

14 (10) Art and theater programs.

15 (11) Field trips to local businesses and corpora-  
16 tions, museums, galleries, and other recreational lo-  
17 cations.

18 **SEC. 9. EVALUATION AND REPORT.**

19 Not later than 60 days after the last day of the 5-  
20 year grant program established under section 3(a), the At-  
21 torney General shall submit to Congress a report on the  
22 grant program that includes an evaluation of the effective-  
23 ness of each of the pilot programs conducted under such  
24 grant program in reducing gun violence in the community  
25 and recommendations for improving the program and

1 whether or not to continue or expand the program. Such  
2 report shall include, for each community that received a  
3 grant under the grant program, a comparison of the aver-  
4 age rate of occurrence of gun homicides for such commu-  
5 nity during the 5-year period immediately before the re-  
6 ceipt of such grant and the average rate of such occur-  
7 rence for such community during the 5-year period of the  
8 grant program.

9 **SEC. 10. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

10       There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out  
11 this Act \$20,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2010  
12 through 2014.

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