ABOUT WYCO-SAP

The Wyandotte County Sexual Assault Prevention Coalition, or WyCo-SAP, is a community-based coalition of MOCSA made up of community organizations, Unified Government of Wyandotte County agencies, and activists. The coalition partnered with the UG Public Health Department to create a 5-year Violence Prevention Plan that is part of the Community Health Improvement Plan, along with:

- Access to Healthcare
- Safe and Affordable Housing
- Economic and Educational Opportunity

The Violence Prevention Plan focuses on:
- improving neighborhood connectedness
- improving environmental factors that make neighborhoods less safe
- addressing harmful norms about violence

For more information about WyCo-SAP, call (816)931-4527 or email communityed@mocsa.org
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WHAT IS CRIME PREVENTION THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN?

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED), is a way to make our communities more welcoming by keeping safety in mind when thinking about the places and spaces you share with your neighbors.

CPTED is about making simple changes to our surroundings to encourage safety and connection among neighbors. We can use this strategy to reduce crime and violence and bring neighbors together.

DOES CPTED REDUCE CRIME AND VIOLENCE?

There are many examples from around the country that show how using CPTED has reduced crime and helped residents feel safer while creating a community environment where people from different backgrounds feel welcome and safe.

Neighborhoods across the U.S. have had dramatic reductions in drug sales, burglaries and general crime by 15-100% using CPTED strategies.

WHO IS THIS TOOLKIT FOR?

This toolkit is for neighborhoods and residents who want to create safer places to live and work. This toolkit explains CPTED and provides hands-on ways residents can work together to help address problem areas in their neighborhoods to make them safer.
Community members can do a CPTED assessment of their neighborhood by looking at the following CPTED principles:

**WHAT ARE CPTED PRINCIPLES?**

**CAN I SEE OTHERS? CAN OTHERS SEE ME?**

People feel safe in areas where it is easy to see or be seen by others, like a block where neighbors use their front yards and porches. Issues like over-grown shrubs, bad lighting, or high walls or privacy fences make it difficult to see and discourage residents from enjoying their neighborhood, which can create opportunities for unsafe or violent behavior.

**DO I KNOW WHERE TO GO?**

People feel more secure when they know how to get around their neighborhood and find where to go. Things like clearly marked entrances and exits or signs that guide visitors to their destinations make it easier to enjoy public spaces and help everyone understand what those spaces are used for.

**WHAT IS THIS SPACE FOR?**

A space that is being used for what it is supposed to be used for feels safer. Some examples are when public parks and playgrounds feel safe and welcoming for kids and families and marking the end of a public space and the beginning of private property.
People are less likely to engage in unsafe behavior in places where it is clear that someone cares about the space. Things like mowed lawns, cleaning up graffiti as soon as it happens, and securing vacant buildings make it clear that residents care about their neighborhood and are paying attention to what happens there.

CPTED ideas are more than physical changes; they include social programs that encourage connection among neighbors. A connected community values diversity, shares a sense of belonging, and works to develop positive relationships among people from different backgrounds.

A strong sense of community can encourage positive outlooks and behaviors. This is created when residents set up and participate in festivals, cultural events, neighborhood cleanups, youth groups, etc.
CPTED ASSESSMENT TOOL:

This CPTED tool can be used by community members to do an assessment of their neighborhood. Following the assessment are potential ideas for neighborhood projects and resources that can help create a safer, more connected community.
CAN I SEE OTHERS? CAN OTHERS SEE ME?

Do the streetlights work?  
- Yes
- No
- Unsure
- N/A

Are there enough street lights?  
- Yes
- No
- Unsure
- N/A

My neighbors turn their porch lights on at night.  
- Yes
- No
- Unsure
- N/A

Can you see clearly without anything blocking your view?  
- Yes
- No
- Unsure
- N/A

Can you see the streets clearly from your window?  
- Yes
- No
- Unsure
- N/A

If someone attempted to hide (behind bushes or fences, for example), would you be able to see them?  
- Yes
- No
- Unsure
- N/A
NOTES:

SOLUTIONS:

Streetlights:
- If there is a streetlight outage on your street, call 311 and provide a pole number, address, or cross streets with a summary of the problem. See page 22 for more information.
- To request a new streetlight call the UG Public Works Engineering Division at 913-573-5700.

Private Area Lights:
- Lights for backyards, alleys and parking lots can be requested from BPU at 913-573-9531.

Lawn Maintenance:
- Livable Neighborhoods has a list of groups that may be able to help with general lawn maintenance, see page 20 for contact information.
- See page 22 for information on how to contact 311 to submit a concern regarding a lawn maintenance issue.
### DO I KNOW WHERE TO GO?

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<td>Are street signs clear and easy to read?</td>
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<td>Can I tell where to walk, bike, use a wheelchair, or drive?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>Do fences, plants, or signs mark where to go?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Do signs mark entrances and exits?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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SOLUTIONS:

Signage:
- If a street or traffic sign is missing or damaged, see page 22 for information on how to contact 311.

Concerns about Street Safety:
- BikeWalkKC has a Traffic Calming Lending Library with materials, like bollards, cones, and curb stops, available to use for demonstrations, pop-ups, better blocks, etc. See their website for more information, BikeWalkKC.org.

Sidewalks:
- Your NBR may have performed walking audits in your area. See page 21 for contact information
- The UG’s Public Works Department has established a cost-sharing program for sidewalk and/or curb removal or replacement. Download the application on the Public Works website, wycokck.org/PW.
## WHAT IS THIS SPACE FOR?

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<td>Is it clear what spaces are public and what spaces are private property?</td>
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<td>Can you tell who the space belongs to?</td>
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<td>Do you know what this space is used for?</td>
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<td>Is this space used for what it was created for?</td>
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<td>Are there public events that use trails, parks, etc.?</td>
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SOLUTIONS:

Signage:
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Proper usage of space:
• Contact your NBR, neighborhood group, or local community center for community events held in your area. See pages 20 and 21 for contact information.
• To encourage positive uses of space, talk to your neighbors about organizing community events like using park shelters for picnics or cook outs, playing a pick up soccer game in an open field, or picking up trash in parking lots.
# IS THIS SPACE MAINTAINED?

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<td>Does someone care about this place?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Unsure</td>
<td>N/A</td>
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<td>Are litter and trash picked up?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Unsure</td>
<td>N/A</td>
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<td>Is the lawn mowed?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Unsure</td>
<td>N/A</td>
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<td>Are bushes trimmed?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Unsure</td>
<td>N/A</td>
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<td>Do you know who maintains this space (city, neighbor, business)?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Unsure</td>
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<td>Does the neighborhood organize clean-ups.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Unsure</td>
<td>N/A</td>
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<td>Do all vehicles on this street have an owner?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>Are streets and sidewalks safe to walk, bike, or use a wheelchair?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>Are the buildings clear of graffiti? Do the windows and lights work?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>N/A</td>
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SOLUTIONS:

Neighborhood Clean Ups:
- Contact your NBR or neighborhood group to learn about or organize a clean up in your area. See pages 20 and 21 for contact information.
- If dumping is a concern in your area, see page 22 for more information on how to contact 311.

Lawn Maintenance:
- If you notice a neighbor's property needs to be mowed or leaves need bagged, ask if they need additional assistance and gather other neighbors to help!
- Livable Neighborhoods has a list of groups that may be able to help with general lawn maintenance. See page 20 for more information.
- See page 22 for more information on how to contact 311 to submit a concern regarding a lawn maintenance issue.

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Graffiti:
- Find the Graffiti Abatement form on the Operation Brightside webpage, wycokck.org/Operation-Brightside.
## IS MY NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTED?

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<td>I know my neighbors.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>Neighbors help each other.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Unsure</td>
<td>N/A</td>
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<td>Neighbors speak to each other often.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Unsure</td>
<td>N/A</td>
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<td>Residents work together to solve problems and improve their block or apartment complex.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Unsure</td>
<td>N/A</td>
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<td>Is there a neighborhood association?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Unsure</td>
<td>N/A</td>
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<td>Is there a way that your neighborhood communicates (phone group, Facebook group, Nextdoor, etc.)?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Unsure</td>
<td>N/A</td>
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<td>The community knows who to contact to solve local problems.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Unsure</td>
<td>N/A</td>
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<td>My neighborhood is close-knit; people know and trust each other.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Unsure</td>
<td>N/A</td>
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<td>Does everyone in our community feel welcomed here?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Unsure</td>
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For more information on how to contact neighborhood groups and NBRs, see pages 20 and 21.

Join/follow your neighborhood group’s NextDoor or Facebook page. Residents and neighborhood leaders post event, concerns, and other relevant information regularly. Start by posting about this toolkit!

Meet your neighbors! If a neighbor is expecting a baby, organize a meal delivery. If new neighbors are moving in across the street, tell them about your favorite local restaurants. Plan or participate in holiday events for neighborhood kids. These activities create a sense of belonging in your neighborhood.

Know who your local elected officials are and how you can contact them. See pages 23 and 24 to meet your commissioners.
IS THERE A SENSE OF COMMUNITY?

There are murals or art in this neighborhood.  
| Yes | No | Unsure | N/A |

Is there a neighborhood landmark or sign that people are proud of?  
| Yes | No | Unsure | N/A |

You can tell that the schools, businesses, and neighbors take pride in their buildings.  
| Yes | No | Unsure | N/A |

There is a community center or park nearby where kids can go.  
| Yes | No | Unsure | N/A |

Are there spaces shared by neighbors (sport fields, picnic tables)?  
| Yes | No | Unsure | N/A |

Neighbors feel safe going outside.  
| Yes | No | Unsure | N/A |

The neighborhood gets together for events.  
| Yes | No | Unsure | N/A |
SOLUTIONS:

For more information on neighborhood groups and NBRs, see pages 20 and 21 for contact information.

Once you're connected with your neighborhood group or NBR, attend or host events at local parks, community centers, or block parties.

Participate in clean ups or help an elderly neighbor with yard work. Not only does this beautify your neighborhood, but you get to know each other and start to watch out for each other!

A great and easy way to increase community connection and perception of safety is to participate in positive behaviors like going on walks, using the parks near your home, and sitting on your porch!
RESOURCES:

Here you'll find more information on resources and solutions to common issues that impact safety and resident connection.
Livable Neighborhoods Task Force is a non-profit organization formed to develop strategies for building better neighborhoods.

Livable Neighborhoods:
- Identifies problems and seeks solutions by bringing together neighborhood leaders and local government representatives.
- Creates working partnerships that provide positive impact on the livability of our neighborhoods.
- Strives to recommend programs and initiatives that will empower, rebuild, and revitalize our community.

Services provided to registered Neighborhood Groups:
- Monthly informational meetings
- Neighborhood groups support services
- Monthly newsletters
- Resource referral for community, police, and government staff
- Trainings
- Liaison between Unified Government and neighborhoods

https://www.wycokck.org/LN.aspx

HOW TO CONTACT LIVABLE NEIGHBORHOODS

MONTHLY MEETINGS
8:30am - 11:00am every 4th Thursday of the month

CALL
(913)573-8737

EMAIL
livableneighborhoods@wycokck.org
NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS AND REVITALIZATION ORGANIZATIONS

There are currently eight NBR organizations in Kansas City, KS. The NBR’s have entered into a contract with the Unified Government (UG) to provide a scope of services to residents, businesses and neighborhood groups. They are nonprofit organizations formed with a Board of Directors. Each NBR works within a specific set of geographic boundaries.

They provide services in the following areas:
- Resource and advocacy
- Neighborhood group support
- Youth programming
- Minor home repair for seniors and those with disabilities
- Revitalization efforts
- Cleanups
- Crime prevention
- Economic development.

If you're unsure which NBR covers your neighborhood, contact Livable Neighborhoods!

- Argentine Betterment Corporation
  (913) 201-1227

- Armourdale Renewal Association
  (913) 371-5696

- Central Avenue Betterment Association
  (913) 281-9222

- Downtown Shareholders
  (913) 371-0705

- Groundwork Northeast Revitalization Group
  (913) 912-3646

- Leavenworth Road Association
  (913) 788-3988

- Rosedale Development Association
  (913) 677-5097

- Turner Community Connection
  (913) 731-5494

https://www.wycokck.org/LN/NBR.aspx
The 311 Contact Center provides residents with a single point of contact via the telephone, web, mobile app, or email. 311 diverts non-emergency calls from the 911 emergency call center, improves the UG’s customer service capabilities, and provides data for supporting and improving operations across the organization. 311 employees provide a wide range of information and services, helping residents navigate local government, find quick answers to common questions, and connect to community resources.

Before submitting a concern:
- Do you have enough information gathered to answer any questions (pole number of street light outage, cross streets of pothole, address of vandalized property)?
- If the issue is a neighbor's property, first attempt to talk to or provide resources for your neighbor.
- Can the issue be solved by a neighborhood group, NBR, or community group?

311 won’t follow up with updates on your submission, but you can track progress by calling back with the case number. Be sure to ask for and/or write it down!

311 INFORMATION NUMBER

https://www.wycokck.org/311.aspx

HOW TO USE 311

CALL
Call 311 or (913) 573-5311 if you're outside of the county.

EMAIL
Email info@wycokck.org to submit a concern, ask a question, or request resources.

MY WYCO
Download the myWyco app or visit mywyco.wycokck.org.
The Unified Government Board of Commissioners is a group of elected officials responsible for managing aspects of county government not assigned to other officials, including setting the county budget. They receive advice and information from appointed boards and hear from county residents to make decisions regarding local ordinances. In Wyandotte County, there are eight district commissioners and two commissioners at-large. See below for your commissioners’ contact information (as of Fall 2020) and the next page to see what district you live in.

HOW TO CONTACT YOUR COMMISSIONERS

At-Large District 1: Melissa Bynum
mbynum@wycokck.org

At-Large District 2: Tom Burroughs
tburroughs@wycokck.org

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gtownsend@wycokck.org

District 2: Brian McKiernan
bmckiernan@wycokck.org

District 3: Christian Ramirez
cramirez@wycokck.org

District 4: Harold L. Johnson, Jr.
hjohnson@wycokck.org

District 5: Mike Kane
mkane@wycokck.org

District 6: Angela Markley
amarkley@wycokck.org

District 7: James F. (Jim) Walters
jwalters@wycokck.org

District 8: Dr. Jane Winkler Philbrook
jphilbrook@wycokck.org
WHAT'S NEXT?

For more information, trainings, or additional solutions or resources to improve your community, please contact communityed@mocsa.org.
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