

## About Us

Founded in 2009, the Global Peace Foundation is a leading international non-profit organization that promotes a values-based approach to building sustainable peace and development at community, national and regional levels. Key initiatives include digital citizenship, community peacebuilding, youth leadership development, One Korea Global campaign, democracy strengthening and prevention of targeted violence and terrorism.

## What We Do

Global Peace Foundation's headquarters team has well-recognized subject matter expertise on terrorism and preventing violent extremism as a three-time grantee of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and lead subcontractor under Maryland Department of Emergency Management's larger threat assessment project.

In 2016, Global Peace Foundation implemented the New Jersey Safer Together project. The training and community engagement project included participation from law enforcement, local leaders and stakeholders, front line youth workers, educators and social service professionals. There was a total of 4,882 individuals trained, exceeding the project goal of 4,060 participants. The outcomes of the project demonstrated increased knowledge of the key indicators of radicalization and how to access community resources for help.

Global Peace Foundation's overarching objective in all Maryland prevention efforts is to increase local community awareness of the radicalization to violence process and an understanding of what threats of targeted violence look like. Our activities include in-person and virtual sessions, workshops and community events engaging community and faith leaders, youth serving organizations and local law enforcement. Our intended outcome is to enhance community awareness of threats or indicators related to targeted violence and terrorism and understand how to access help and resources.

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# TARGETED VIOLENCE AND TERRORISM PREVENTION

## *SAFER MD Campaign*



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## Violence Prevention through Societal Awareness [FY\_2021]

This project is focused on Prince George's County, Maryland. Extremists often aim their efforts towards recruiting youth as participants in violent acts or supporters of extremist violence. The risks can come from multiple sources, both foreign and domestic. This project aims to raise awareness and to train community and faith leaders to recognize key indicators and resources.

### PROJECTS

The goal of this project is to raise community awareness of threats and radicalization to violence, which could include school shootings, mass shootings, and targeted violence, and also promote resources for by-standers and individuals seeking help.

**Community Partner Briefings:** Conduct briefings to introduce project goal, objectives and the activities and seek feedback and contextual knowledge from the community for effective implementation of the project activities.

**Awareness Raising Trainings:** Deliver in-person and virtual training sessions for community leaders and faith leaders to raise awareness of threats and indicators of radicalization to violence and the measures to prevent violence.

**Social Media Campaigns:** Organize social media campaign, reaching 10,000 people to raise awareness about targeted violence and terrorism.



## Violence Prevention through Youth Resiliency [FY\_2022]

This project will work through a series of integrated efforts in Maryland, with a special focus on Anne Arundel and Montgomery counties. The purpose is to increase community awareness on risk factors for radicalization to violence, build youth resilience by enhancing protective factors, and strengthen community engagement and resilience to reduce the number of individuals likely to radicalize to violence. This project focuses on youth serving organizations and law enforcement agencies.

### PROJECTS

#### Raising Societal Awareness:

In person and online trainings on risk factors for radicalization to violence to law enforcement and youth serving organizations

#### Knowledge Exchange Sessions:

Conduct sessions between Maryland State and New Jersey State (FY\_2016 participants) law enforcement and youth serving organizations, this will help better understand and facilitate best brainstorming between the two state and local agencies.

#### Youth Resilience:

Youth serving organizations along with a cohort of youth aged 18-25 will have the opportunity to design service projects that enhance trust and confidence between law enforcement and community.

#### Leadership Development:

Students from colleges and universities in each county will be engaged in development activities such as site visits, training overview, leadership training, networking sessions and facilitating dialogue on subject matter.



## Violence Prevention through Capacity Development [FY\_2022 MDEM]:

Global Peace Foundation is a collaborating partner to the Maryland Department of Emergency Management on a threat assessment project to enhance and raise awareness among the referral sources of targeted violence or terrorism threats, protocols, resources and strengthen local capacity for prevention. Referral sources are organizations and individuals in human services and other fields with increased opportunities to bring resources to at-risk individuals or families to prevent violent acts.

### PROJECTS

**Referral Services Training:** Awareness raising training for government officials, law enforcement, community leaders, faith leaders, youth organizations, health sectors, educators, social workers, and NGO representatives on radicalization to violence and behavioral threat assessment and management policies and procedures.

**Media Literacy and Online Critical Thinking:** Workshops and training tailored to college and university students with the goal of enhancing skills to spot dangerous narratives, encourage source verification to challenge misinformation and understanding the use of the internet and its tools being used to spread propaganda.

**Civic Engagement:** Conduct workshops for referral sources on development and implementation of threat assessment protocols and referral mechanisms.