

Help Youth Steer a Path Free from Gun Violence: Volunteer for Denver's Handgun Intervention Program

CFCU members have been volunteering in Denver's HIP (Handgun Intervention Program) program since its founding, and the **16th Cohort** is about to begin on July 20. HIP is a restorative justice program. Serving as a member of the CAB (Community Accountability Board) volunteer teams and family members meet with youth charged with *non-violent* firearm possession offenses to chart a new path free from gun violence and clear their record.

Each HIP Cohort runs for 6 weeks on Monday nights from 4:30 - 7:00 at First Mennonite Church (**430 W 9th Ave, Denver**) organized around a series of educational presentations like: conflict management; the physical realities of bullets; getting to know Denver Police Officers; understanding your legal rights; and the lasting pain of gun violence. Volunteers gather before each session to review their goals for that evening and problem solve together. Volunteering with HIP provides a real opportunity to work closely with communities impacted by gun violence, caring parents, community advocates and young people with a lot of potential.

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