



The mission of the Nonviolence Institute is to teach, by word and example, the principles and practices of nonviolence, and to foster a community that addresses potentially violent situations with nonviolent solutions.

Meet Lisa Pina-Warren Director of Intervention Services



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Lisa Pina-Warren, NVI's Director of Intervention Services, oversees our Street Outreach Specialists and Victim Advocates. Lisa was born in Providence and is connected to every neighborhood in the city through relatives, friends, and the schools she attended. Everyone knows Lisa. As a child she often witnessed violence and understood that violence is part of inner-city life. She knew early on that she wanted to help stop it. She wanted to be a peacemaker.

Lisa became involved with the Nonviolence Institute in 2009 after meeting our first executive director, Teny Gross, at a vigil for a young man who had been murdered. Lisa had been

working with the victim at another nonprofit. She was intrigued by what Teny had to say about the work of NVI. She quickly realized that a focus on nonviolence was what the community needed, and she wanted to be a part of it. She started her career at NVI as a Nonviolence Trainer and moved through the ranks. If you ask Lisa about her work today she will say, "This isn't a job to me. It's who I am. This is my life's work."

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In 1996, Lisa's brother and only sibling was killed in an act of violence. Growing up she had lost many friends to the streets, to violence, and to prison. Those losses were painful. Losing her brother was devastating. She was just 22, and she pledged that she would do whatever she could to help those impacted by violence. She did not want anyone else to experience the grief that she and her family were feeling. When she found NVI her real work began.

Lisa understands deeply how trauma affects victims and their families. She knows that her team is needed in the community every day, and at the hospital following a violent act to offer peace and support. In 2018, when she was promoted to Director of Victim Services, Lisa made a personal commitment to respond to every violent homicide herself no matter when it happened. Previously, Victim Advocates had responded Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Lisa created rotations for staff to be on-call seven days a week, 24 hours a day.

Recently, Lisa was certified as a Homicide Specialist by the National Advocate Credentialing Program (NACP). As far as we know, she is the only person in Rhode Island to hold this distinction. She is also a certified Program Specialist. As the Director of Intervention Services, Lisa uses her endless empathy and deep knowledge to be there for everyone who needs her, whenever they need her.

Congratulations, Lisa! We're so proud of you for the work you and your team do every day.

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Invest in Peace Raises \$120,000 for Programs

The Nonviolence Institute's annual fundraiser, *Invest in Peace*, took place on September 26 at the Temple to Music in Providence's Roger Williams Park. We gathered on a beautiful fall day to celebrate our Beloved Community and enjoy music, poetry, food, and friendship.

The Institute honored Dewayne "Boo" Hackney with the Sister Ann Keefe Award, and Edward "Ned" Handy and Washington Trust with the Community Partnership Impact Award. Music was provided by the Bethel AME Church Providence Music Ministry and RPM Voices of Rhode Island. Poet Medusah Black brought the crowd to its feet with her incredible performance.

Lisa Pina-Warren, Director of Intervention Services, spoke eloquently about what it means to lose someone to violence. NVI staff and victims' family members released biodegradable white dove balloons into the sky in memory of those who have been taken from us. All funds raised by the event will be used to support our programs and services.

Event sponsors included Ocean State Job Lot Charitable Foundation, Amica Insurance, Teknor Apex, and Washington Trust.



Thank you to all of our sponsors and to everyone who turned out in support of peace and our Beloved Community.

The Nonviolence Institute Receives a Distinguished Service Award

The General Treasurer's Distinguished Service Award was created to recognize local individuals and organizations whose support has helped the state's Treasurer's Office provide exemplary services to the people of Rhode Island.

In August, Treasurer Seth Magaziner presented the Nonviolence Institute with a Distinguished Service Award for our work with the Crime Victims Compensation Fund. Our Intervention Services Team and the state's Crime Victims Compensation Program (CVCP) helped over 1,000 victims of violent crime meet the unexpected financial burdens of victimization, dispersing more than \$1 million in relief to Rhode Islanders in need.



The Nonviolence Institute Intervention Team comprising Victim Advocates and Street Outreach Specialists respond to every violent incident in the state 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. They are often the first point of contact between the CVCP and the victims and families who require services to begin to heal. Lost wages, medical expenses, relocation, mental health counseling, and funeral expenses can be covered with CVCP funds. Our Victim Advocates are trained to support victims of crime. They offer emotional support, assist with filing victims' compensation forms, educate victims about their rights, and help find needed resources and assistance. Our advocates frequently accompany victims

and their family members through criminal justice proceedings. Victim Advocates' responsibilities vary depending on the situation, and they are adept at supporting our clients no matter what services they may need. We are grateful to Treasurer Magaziner for recognizing our work with victims and families.

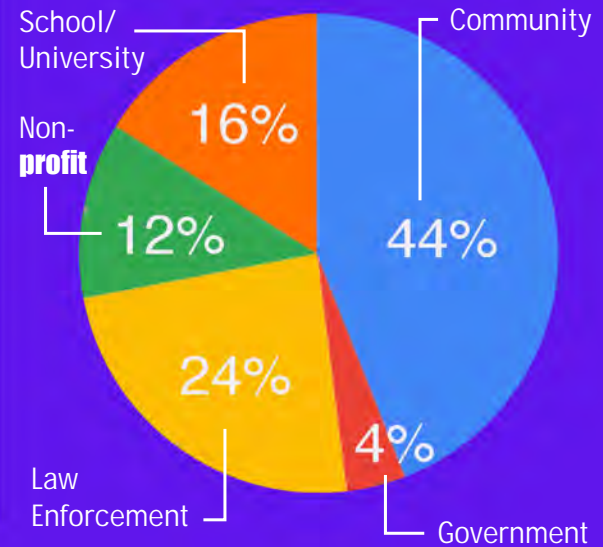
Nonviolence Training 2021

562.5

Hours of Training Provided

414

Training Participants



Our nonviolence trainers provide hundreds of hours of nonviolence education each year. They work with companies, nonprofits, schools, police departments, and professional and social groups to teach the study and practice of nonviolence and to inspire others to spread the message of nonviolence.

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