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Sponsorship Package Overview

CVI Leadership Academy Celebration

The **Community Violence Intervention Leadership Academy (CVILA)** is a first-of-its-kind education program designed to deepen the leadership and management practices of senior CVI leaders so they can effectively manage community-based organizations and implement CVI strategies at scale. Its purpose is to provide senior CVI leaders with five months of hands-on education, with the goal of achieving its two interconnected goals: reducing gun violence and scaling the CVI field.

The CVILA supports participants in achieving these goals by strengthening their leadership and management skills, expanding their networks, and supporting them in their efforts to elevate and advocate for the CVI field.

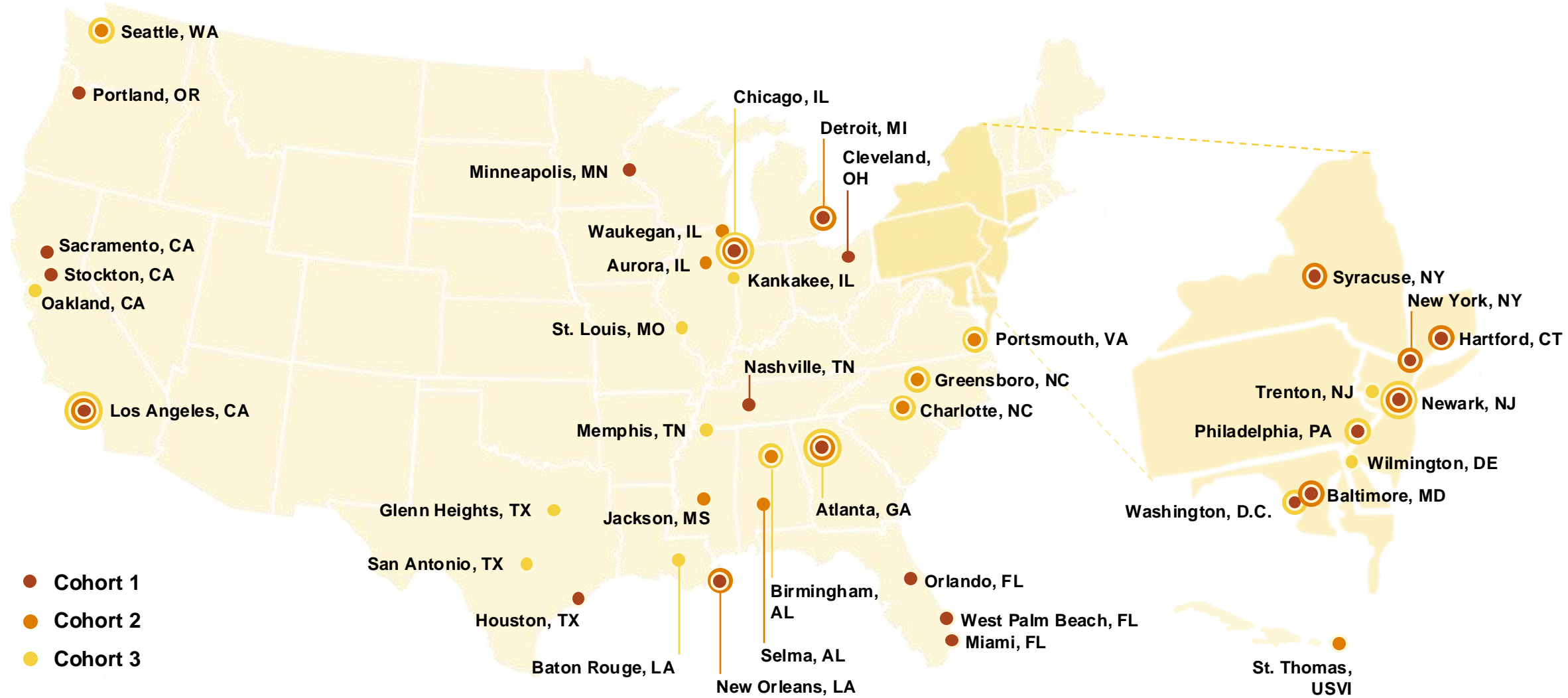


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Participating Localities



○ **Hear from participants about their experience in the academy**

“ [The CVI Leadership Academy] is a national movement that lets you know that you are never alone and that this problem is so big but so are the people who’ve dedicated their lives to the work.



Myesha Watkins (Cohort 1)
Cleveland, OH

○ Hear from participants about their experience in the academy

“Being a part of this class of the CVILA enhances your leadership values, what you already know, and gives you the tools and equipment to further broaden your CVI space.



Ben “Taco” Owens (Cohort 2)
Los Angeles, CA

○ Cohort 3 graduation week in Miami

The CVILA is proud to host its third cohort's graduation week in Miami, a city with a vibrant and active community violence intervention ecosystem.

The week will feature immersive learning, capstone presentations addressing real-world CVI challenges, **and a celebration of the field**. The celebration, at the Rusty Pelican with breathtaking views of the Miami skyline, will bring together over 150 public safety leaders, academy supporters, and CVI experts from across the country to raise vital funds to sustain this work.





Sponsor the CVILA Celebration

By sponsoring the celebration, you are investing in a national effort to reduce gun violence and expand effective community violence intervention practices. More than a celebration, this event represents a commitment to a transformative movement for lasting change.

Join us for an inspiring evening honoring local and national leaders, enjoying live entertainment, and celebrating progress in reducing gun violence nationwide.





Sponsorship Levels and Benefits

<p>\$5,000</p> <p>Supporter</p>	<p>\$10,000</p> <p>Advocate</p>	<p>\$25,000</p> <p>Partner</p>	<p>\$50,000</p> <p>Champion</p>
<p>Funds enrichment experiences for a CVILA cohort</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 seats at the celebration • 5 seats at the graduation ceremony • Logo placement on event web page, brochure, and in digital content at the event • Recognition in event press release, promotional materials, and social media posts 	<p>Funds field-building activities for a CVILA cohort</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 table (10 seats) at the celebration • 10 seats at the graduation ceremony • Logo placement on event web page, brochure, and in digital content at the event • Recognition in event press release, promotional materials, and social media posts 	<p>Funds immersive experiences for a CVILA cohort</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 premium table (10 seats) at the celebration with a waterfront view • 10 seats at the graduation ceremony • Logo placement on event web page, brochure, digital content, and step-and-repeat at the event • Recognition in event press release, promotional materials, and social media posts • Speaking opportunity during the graduation program 	<p>Funds CVILA participation for 2 leaders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 premium tables (20 seats) at the celebration with a waterfront view • 20 seats at the graduation ceremony • Logo placement on event web page, brochure, digital content, and step-and-repeat at the event • Recognition in event press release, promotional materials, and social media posts • Speaking opportunity during the graduation program

○ Schedule for the CVILA cohort 3 graduation week of April 6th, 2025

SUNDAY, APRIL 6TH	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students arrive• Welcome dinner (possible venue: Red Rooster)
MONDAY, APRIL 7TH	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Immersive visit to Circle of Brotherhood• Visit and tour of Overtown Youth Center (OYC)• <i>Reception at OYC</i>• <i>Miami Heat Game</i>
TUESDAY, APRIL 8TH	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Capstone presentations
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9TH	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Capstone presentations
THURSDAY, APRIL 10TH	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Capstone presentations• CVILA celebration at Rusty Pelican in the evening
FRIDAY, APRIL 11TH	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Graduation ceremony in the morning, location TBD• Students depart



CVILA Cohort 3

The third cohort of CVILA students and staff during the kickoff event.



○ Highlights from prior cohorts

In February 2024, we were honored to have **Maryland Governor Wes Moore** provide remarks at the graduation of the CVILA's inaugural cohort held at the White House.

“Every time [CVILA graduates] make sure that we address the gun violence crisis not just from the angle of public safety—but also from the angle of public health—the work these graduates are doing will save lives.”





Highlights from prior cohorts

The second cohort of CVILA students and staff at a U.S. Department of Justice roundtable in August 2024.



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