



COMBAT is STRIVIN'. We thank all of you for STRIVIN' with us.

STRIVIN' is the name given a data-driven initiative COMBAT launched June 3, 2015. Using crime statistics from 11 local police departments, COMBAT generated maps showing which neighborhoods in Jackson County needed anti-violence and anti-drug resources the most. We discovered in one of the most violent "hot spots" at that time, Ruskin Heights, there were no COMBAT resources. That neighborhood became home to the Hope Hangout, a physical location COMBAT established for coordinating COMBAT-funded programs in a joint effort to address violence and drug treatment holistically.

This initiative has since expanded to four more areas with the inclusion this summer of midtown Kansas City. It is the objective—Striving Together to Reduce Violence In Neighborhoods—to make each and every neighborhood in Jackson County a safe place to call home.

A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT

No one individual or single agency can save a life and save a neighborhood. In our STRIVIN' neighborhoods, COMBAT is working to bring together educators, elected officials, law enforcement officers, family court administrators, social workers, mental health providers, substance abuse counselors, faith-based organizations and concerned citizens to join forces, pool resources, provide services and find solutions. *Together*, we can make a difference.

A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH

Working *together*, we are addressing the core issues triggering much of the violence in these neighborhoods—from treating trauma, to finding transportation options for people needing services. Early intervention is crucial when getting at-risk youths on the right path—away from crime and drugs—and keeping them on it. Again, expecting one group alone (e.g. the schools) to spot all the red flags and address these issues isn't realistic. But if the schools, courts, police, faith-based organizations and program providers team up—go door-to-door to talk to these kids and their families, making them aware of the services available to them—we can start turning around whole neighborhoods one family at a time.

BEING DATA-DRIVEN

Data identified our STRIVIN' neighborhoods. We'll use data to determine if STRIVIN' is making strides.

A MAJOR SHIFT FOR COMBAT

COMBAT, through STRIVIN', is now playing a more direct role in our neighborhoods. COMBAT has gone from just funding to also facilitating efforts among various programs, police departments and school districts to reduce violence. COMBAT is proud to be your partner in striving to make every neighborhood a safe place to call home.



STRIVIN'

Striving **TOGETHER** To Reduce Violence In Neighborhoods

Everyone working together to identify at-risk youths, make referrals, coordinate services and seek solutions

