Assessing Need Among Non-Fatal Gun Violence Victims

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During the first six months of 2021, the CPD reported 376 shootings within the police districts served by the Crime Victims Advocacy and Support Pilot Project (CVASP). CVASP supported 114 non-fatal gun violence victims.

Based on analysis of 51 CVASP case records from 2021, the victims served were:

- **53%** male
- **57%** African American
- **43%** Latino
- **65%** male between 18–24 years old

Interviews with three victim advocates and analysis of intake forms found the following needs:

**Practical Needs**
- victim compensation
- health insurance
- housing
- disability services
- transportation
- legal advocacy
- youth development services
- food
- employment

**Mental Health Needs**
- immediate crisis counseling
- trauma-informed therapy

**Implications for Policy & Practice**
- Victim advocates must help gun violence victims navigate a complex, interrelated web of services and criminal justice processes.
- Addressing practical needs first can help advocates build trust with victims, before connecting them with long-term services.

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