

## **Boston TenPoint Coalition**

215 Forest Hills Street  
Jamaica Plain, MA 02130

### **MISSION:**

The Boston TenPoint Coalition's mission is to mobilize the Christian community on behalf of African American and Latino youth at high-risk for violence, drug abuse, and other destructive behavior. The Boston TenPoint Coalition helps local churches to build communities as it builds partnerships with public and private institutions.

### **OUR HISTORY:**

In 1992 a group of inner-city pastors were galvanized into action when the gang and drug-related warfare raging on the streets of Boston erupted at the funeral of a teenager who was murdered. These clergy realized that if they individually committed to making a difference, they could collectively help to eliminate youth violence in Boston homes, schools and streets. Reaching beyond their differences, these clergy talked with youth, listened to them and learned about the social, economic, moral and ethical dilemmas trapping them and thousands of other high-risk youth in a cycle of violence and self destructive behavior. In the process of listening and learning, the Ten-Point Plan was developed and the Boston TenPoint Coalition was born.

The immediate goal of this network of clergy and lay leaders is the elimination of violence in homes and on the streets of Boston. Our long-term goal is to secure a safe, moral and productive future for all of our youth.

### **CURRENT SIZE OF ORGANIZATION:**

Today, the organization has 78 member churches and collaborates with 23 health and human service organizations in the city creating a network of services to help redirect the lives of troubled youth. To this end, the Boston TenPoint Coalition currently operates eight programs reaching approximately 5,000 youth annually.

### **CURRENT PROGRAMS:**

<b>Coalition Services</b>	<b># of Active Churches</b>	<b># of Volunteers</b>	<b># of Youth Served</b>
DYS Hope Ministry	13	50	454
Fly Girls Transition	3	0	11
Second Chance Home & School Visits	7	12	292
Adopt-A-School Initiative	0	2	180
Community Re-Entry Initiative	3	15	94
Operation Hot Spots (short-term intervention)	6	43	500+
Friday Night Walks	9	40	565
Crisis Intervention	8	15	N/A
Outreach Events (short-term intervention)	10	50	1,500
<b>TOTAL SERVED</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>3,596</b>

### **For more information:**

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