



The Peace Alliance



STUDENT PEACE ALLIANCE

*It isn't enough to talk about peace. One must believe in it. And it isn't enough to believe in it. One must work at it."*

*-Eleanor Roosevelt*

## Our Work

A great need exists in our country and world for a comprehensive and coordinated approach to preventing and resolving violent conflict. The Peace Alliance is an alliance of organizers and advocates throughout the United States taking the work of peacebuilding from the margins of society into the centers of national discourse and policy priorities – working to make it the bedrock of our personal, national and global interest and investment.

We work to educate and inspire thousands throughout the country with the knowledge, skill and enthusiasm to become powerful advocates for the creation of a culture of peace. Our network includes volunteer grassroots teams in hundreds of cities, towns, colleges and high school campuses.

During the 20th Century, civilian deaths in foreign wars and violent crimes within our own country rose dramatically. Now, nearly a decade into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, we see no strong evidence to indicate the future will be different. From the growing rate of domestic incarceration to increasing problems of international conflict, the United States faces great challenges around the issue of violence in our homes, communities and world. But we bring the tools to meet that challenge, through effective programs and strategies that have already proven to reduce violence and save our country millions of dollars in the process.

### **We take the following three-pronged approach to proactively building peace:**

**ADVOCACY:**

Advocate for evidence-based legislation and policy that will enhance our capacity to reduce violence and build sustainable peace both domestically and internationally. Currently The Peace Alliance actively campaigns for **The Youth PROMISE Act** (H.R. 1064 & S. 435) and **The Department of Peace and Nonviolence** (H.R. 808).

**APPLIED PEACEBUILDING:**

Practice and promote community peacebuilding efforts that engage people in the day-to-day work of understanding and preventing violence in our homes, communities, and institutions as well as in our personal lives.

**COALITIONS & PUBLIC EDUCATION:**

Build broad-based coalitions, educate the public, and generate media in support of our specific policy and community service initiatives.

Our youth-adult partnership with the Student Peace Alliance has generated a multi-generational peace constituency with the capacity and drive to achieve our goals. Together, we continually strive to embody the principles of peace in our advocacy work with Congress, decision-making, organizational structures and personal interactions, recognizing these principles as fundamental to a sustainable model for change. Our network aims to create change not only at one level of society, but at all levels by combining a community-based approach to building peace locally with a political advocacy approach to sustaining and funding peacebuilding efforts through the government. We come together out of a shared understanding that peace is not a utopian ideal; it is an issue critical to our national and human security. This isn't about the politics of left or right; it is about what is practical and effective.

### **Join Us in Making Peace a Reality.**

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