We are a violence prevention, education, and intervention-based organization. We advocate and support youth, young adults, families, and communities affected by violence.

Dorothy Johnson-Speight, Ph.D, MHS, LPC is the Founder and National Executive Director of Mothers In Charge, Inc. (MIC). She is a highly regarded leader, advocate, speaker, guest radio/television commentator and a clarion voice against the war to end senseless acts of violent crime. Her work, though rooted in Philadelphia, has led to national appearances and presentations across the United States and abroad.

A licensed family therapist, Dorothy is a proponent for the rights of children and families. She has a distinguished career in victim advocacy. Following the tragic murder of her son Khaaliq Jabbar Johnson in 2001 over a parking space dispute, Mrs. Johnson-Speight along with other grieving mothers founded the non-profit organization Mothers In Charge, Inc., (MIC). Based in Philadelphia, MIC is a grassroots organization whose mission is violence prevention through education. MIC engages in proactive intervention with children, young adults, families and community organizations.

The organization’s mission is realized through collaborative partnerships with the school districts, youth and faith-based and community organizations, and government agencies, while providing grief support to families affected by violence. Subsequently, Dorothy’s vision and leadership has inspired others who have been affected by grief and loss. MIC chapter affiliates have been established in Harrisburg, PA, New York, NY New Jersey State, Kansas City, MO, St. Louis, MO, Los Angeles, CA, San Francisco, CA,
Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) allows MIC to provide a peer support specialist, victim advocate and intake specialist for victims and families of crime.

For a complete list of services please visit the Mothers in Charge home page at mothersincharge.org or call our office at (215) 228-1718.

We offer assistance to survivors left behind by homicide victims with:

- VCAP (Victims Compensation Assistance)
- Anger Management
- Court Accompaniment
- Victim Advocacy

You are not alone.

We are committed to staying connected with you during these challenging times, even though the COVID-19 pandemic has forced us to close our doors, temporarily.

For now, we are doing our best to continue our work online, on the phone and on the Zoom platform.

Virtual Grief Support

In this time of isolation, dealing with your grief alone can be overwhelming.

If you are in need of support, join us Tuesday evenings at 6:00 PM EST

Join Zoom Meeting https://us04web.zoom.us/j/5307078988
To Join Via Phone Dial 646-558-8656 and Enter Meeting ID: 530 707 8988 followed by *
LIPSTICK (Ladies Involved in Putting a Stop to Inner-City Killing) is women helping women say No! to straw purchasing, hiding, carrying or holding guns for anyone who cannot pass a background check. We are working to:

– Stop the exploitation of women and girls out of the gun trafficking system
– Help keep illegal guns out of our communities
– Encourage you to always ask “Where did the gun come from?” after a shooting

We invite women, of all ages, to take the LIPSTICK pledge at www.mothersincharge.org

Participatory Defense - Get involved in your own defense! Participatory Defense is a Grassroots movement that brings community members together to help each other.

We are not lawyers; we are here to offer advice on developing a personal profile to help attorneys and judges make better decisions about you.

When an individual comes to a Participatory Defense Hub with a case in the courts, our goal is to help them to achieve the “best possible outcome”.

Please call for more information 215-228-1718
We are saddened to announce the loss of our Atlantic City chapter leader Ms. Sharon Kelly, who passed away at the end of last week after fighting the good fight against pancreatic cancer.

Mothers In Charge extends our deepest sympathy, prayers and condolences to her beloved family at this time. Few words can express how sad this news of losing such a dear one makes us feel.

Rest in Heaven, dear Sister, you fought a good fight, now take your deserved seat in HIS Kingdom.

Mothers In Charge operates on contributions from organizations and people like you. Please take a look around our site to see the programs your donations will support.

Everyone donating $25 or more will have their name added to our Partners in Peace page, unless you choose the anonymous option.

Please leave a note in the comment box if you wish to make your contribution in honor of a loved one.

Please review our donation terms and conditions. (More info)

We also gratefully accept offline donations. (More info)

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In Dedication and Love for Sharon Kelly - Callaway