

## COMMON GROUND USA

Common Ground USA is a nonpartisan, 501c(3) initiative of Search for Common Ground (SFCG), the world's oldest and largest peacebuilding organization, with over 40 years of experience in conflict settings around the world.

Currently SFCG leads approximately 170 global projects in 34 different countries, including many of the world's most challenging conflict hotspots. SFCG's mission is to **transform the way the world deals with conflict**. We seek to move communities away from adversarial approaches and toward collaborative solutions.

Common Ground USA uses this same approach to collaborative solutions across differences to address our greatest challenges here in the United States. Our programs seek to **reduce violence** and prevent harm, **increase leadership capacity** to navigate conflict and difference, and **decrease polarization**—strengthening social fabric and building a healthy America where we can all belong and thrive.

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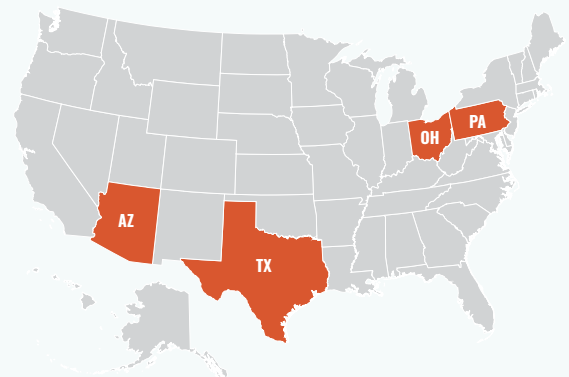


## THE RESILIENT STATES PROJECT

The Resilient States Project—a partnership between Common Ground USA and Over Zero—seeks to prevent the United States from becoming a place where violence, intimidation, and harassment are used to decide who gets to participate in public life.

To do this, we connect, equip, and support civic sector leaders in four key states—Arizona, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Texas.

Although we are not an elections organization, we do see elections as a test of societal resilience; our work seeks to strengthen that resilience and prevent/mitigate political violence.



## THE PENNSYLVANIA RESILIENCE NETWORK

In Pennsylvania, we work with leaders to understand political violence, harness their collective power to reduce it, and ultimately build community resilience throughout the commonwealth. Our mission pulls together leaders from the agriculture, business, civic, education, faith, healthcare, nonprofit, and veterans communities.

We **train leaders and organizations** across the state in depolarization and peacebuilding. We also **provide models, advice, and thought partnership** for community leaders who are experiencing the effects of political violence but may be unsure on how to move forward. Finally, we **lower the 'atmosphere of threat'** that leads to political violence by channeling resources and support towards those leaders and their networks.

