



Resources for Coordinators

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Gun Prevention Organizations:

- Americans for Responsible Solutions, former Congresswoman Gabrielle Gifford's organization: <https://americansforresponsiblesolutions.org/>
- Black Lives Matter <http://blacklivesmatter.com/getinvolved/>
- Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence started by Jim and Sarah Brady after the assassination attempt on President Reagan: <http://www.bradycampaign.org/>
- Coalition To Stop Gun Violence, a coalition of 47 national organizations: <https://csgv.org/>
- Cure Violence: Treating violence as an epidemic by detecting and interrupting conflicts, identifying and treating the highest risk individuals, changing social norms: <http://cureviolence.org/>
- Everytown for Gun Safety Former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg's group which includes Moms Demand Action, Mayors Against Illegal Guns, Everytown Survivor Network: <http://everytown.org>
- Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence is a national law center focused on providing comprehensive legal expertise in support of gun violence prevention and the promotion of smart gun laws: <http://smartgunlaws.org/>
- Moms Rising looks at many relevant issues including gun violence: http://www.momsrising.org/issues_and_resources/inspiring-gun-safety
- The Trace: a website that provides detailed information about gun violence in the United States: <https://www.thetrace.org/>

Suicide Prevention:

- Active Minds is a student-based organization focused on providing information and changing perceptions about mental health on college campuses: <http://www.activeminds.org/>
- It Gets Better creates videos addressed to struggling lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender youth with the simple message that suicide is not the only option and "it gets better": <http://www.itgetsbetter.org/>
- The Trevor Project provides a resources and support to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning youth. Services include live chat, texting, email, peer support forums, social media, apps, videos, and more: <http://www.thetrevorproject.org/>
- Warmline.org is an online directory of "warm lines." Calls are answered by a trained peer worker, someone who has also "been there." People in distress can call warm lines just to talk, connect, or

seek resources. Some links in this directory may be out of date: <http://www.warmline.org/>

- Western Mass RLC Peer Support Line is another “warm line.” Rather than providing assessments or referrals, the warm line’s primary purpose is to provide connection and a safe place to talk. The Western Mass RLC is also focused on alternatives to the traditional mental health system and the intersection of social justice issues: <http://www.westernmassrlc.org/peer-support-line>

Domestic Violence:

- Battered Women’s Justice Project provides assistance and training for professionals working with issues of domestic violence, as well as providing resources for those directly affected by domestic violence. Their work includes the intersection between firearms and domestic violence: <http://www.bwjp.org/>
- Joyful Heart Foundation offers healing, education and advocacy for those affected by domestic violence, with an emphasis on holistic approaches: <http://www.joyfulheartfoundation.org/>
- Love is Respect offers resources, information and support services including a hotline, texting service, and online chat for teens affected by domestic violence: <http://www.loveisrespect.org/>
- National Domestic Violence Hotline offers information, resources as well as a free, confidential 24/7 hotline for anyone affected by domestic violence: <http://www.ncdsv.org/>

Key Information about Public Health Involvement:

- The Center for Disease Control (CDC) gathers statistics on gun violence but does not receive funding for research to prevent gun violence since the Dickey amendment passed in 1996, despite efforts beginning in 2012 by the Obama Administration to reverse it. That same year, Jay Dickey, the Republican congressman from Arkansas who originally sponsored the ban on federal funding for gun violence research, joined with Mark Rosenberg, a former director of the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, to write an op-ed calling for the resumption of research.
- Seven health professional organizations (American Academy of Pediatrics, American College of Emergency Physicians, American College of Physicians, American College of Surgeons, American Congress of Obstetrics and Gynecology, American Psychiatric Association, American Public Health Association) and the American Bar Association published a unified statement in the Feb. 23, 2015 issue of the Annals of Internal Medicine calling for policies to reduce firearm-related injuries and death and to protect physicians’ free speech rights to discuss gun ownership with patients.
- The California legislature in June 2016 approved \$5 million for a gun violence research center at University of California to complement the UC Davis School of Medicine Violence Prevention Research Center founded by Dr. Garen Wintemute and privately funded.
- Other universities such as Johns Hopkins and Harvard have violence prevention programs that include gun violence.
- Physicians for Social Responsibility in its Social Justice and Violence Prevention section has issued a statement in support of gun violence research but does not have an active program due to funding limitations.

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