

First Community

Gun Violence Prevention and Safety Task Force



Summary Progress Report 8/2020

Thoughts From the Chair

It is frequently said of First Community Church that we suffer from “an embarrassment of riches.” This phrase reverberates with me whenever I think of the members of this task force. These people of faith, all members or associates of First Community, recognized that the issue of gun violence is a concern that our faith calls us to address for the safety of all members of our congregation and of the communities in which we live.

Scripture and Jesus’ teachings guide us to move toward peace and justice for all, not just a few. Our work was grounded in the trust that we are always companioned by a greater Source. Each gathering was opened with our Task Force prayer that reads:

*Loving God,
We are a community of faith.
Be with us as we work together to find consensus on a plan to reduce gun violence.
Help us to have-patience with the process, love for each other, open ears to listen,
loving hearts to engage in difficult conversations, determination that we can accomplish miracles,
courage to continue to take action, belief in our democracy and hope for tomorrow.
Amen*

It has been my honor to serve as the chairperson of this task force made up of volunteers ... people with commitment, integrity, intelligence, and willingness to work together to effect a change. I am consistently dazzled by their individual talents and by their willingness to use their talents to inspire and engage others while promoting organizations that are advancing the efforts to create a safer world. We are also grateful to the members of the community that supported this effort with their financial gifts and the volunteers who participated at the events.

Given recent occurrences, including protests aimed to recognize and eliminate racism, the task force is looking to expand our focus to include other public health and safety issues. Please watch for more news and join us as we work toward a world where all God’s children can be safe.

Loretta Evans Heigle | Chair
First Community Gun Violence Prevention and Safety Task Force

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Inspiration to Act

On Sunday, November 7, 2017 my wife Julie and I were on our way home from an after-worship lunch in a Grandview restaurant. My phone vibrated with a news alert. There was a mass shooting. This time in a church.

I turned on the TV after we arrived and sure enough there was a somber-faced news person describing the unfolding story. Later we would learn that a heavily armed man had murdered 26 worshipers and wounded 20 others at the First Baptist Church of Sutherland Springs, Texas, during their Sunday morning service.

As we watched the horrific scenes in the news report, I turned to Julie and said, “I no longer have any words. I’m speechless. When will this end?” Mass shootings were beginning to become almost common.

The next Sunday at the beginning of each worship service, I said that we were going to create a task force to deal with gun violence. I gave an open invitation to join this team in order to explore ways we at First Community could raise our collective voices against the terror of gun violence.

Early in 2018, the task force began to meet. Our conversations went in a variety of directions. Soon, Loretta Heigle and Barb Davis, two long time members of First Community, joined our team. Not long after they began participating, Loretta agreed to chair the task force and invited Barb to share in the leadership of this team.

These two women brought organization and structure to our work. They set agendas, created open-ended conversations, and helped us find a focus. The men and women who continue to serve have given their time and talent to bring clarity and action to this issue. I am very proud of each team member and their singular dedication to stopping gun violence.

The report before you will give you details on the many accomplishments that have followed. It is a powerful reminder of what can happen when the people of God unite to stand against the force of evil in the world.

Dr. R. Glen Miles | Senior Minister
First Community | Where Everyone is Accepted

On the cover:

On November 3, 2019 over 700 concerned Central Ohio teens and adults attended an event at Upper Arlington High School to hear Samantha Fuentes, injured survivor of the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland Florida that took 17 lives.

Where are we now . . .

Part of First Community Church's DNA is a desire to be active in dealing with the larger societal issues of our day. In keeping with that spirit, the original intent of forming the Gun Violence Prevention and Safety Task Force (GVSTF) was to grow our understanding of the impact of guns on our community and determine where we as a faith community fit in addressing this issue. This document summarizes the results of our work to date. We have held two major events that have involved many hundreds of people, providing participants with insight, information, and inspiration. We are grateful to the many donors, volunteers and presenters who made these events so successful.

And then came Corona virus and the COVID-19 pandemic. This hit as we were planning a third large gathering to highlight various specific ways individuals in our congregation could get involved. However, it is clear that live forums or activities involving large numbers of people are not going to happen anytime soon. Further, recent events have brought issues of racial justice to the fore, which, in many ways are interrelated with gun violence, but have other dimensions as well. The GVPSTF remains dedicated to finding creative ways to keep these vital issues before our congregation. The members of the original task force are committed to continuing to participate in some iteration of this work together, though it is as yet unclear what form this might take. As you read this document, reflecting on where we have been and what we have done, we welcome your thoughts (GunViolencePrevention@FCchurch.com) as to how we might be effective in this new and unsettled territory – as we all participate in defining the “new normal”.

Where did we begin . . .

Before developing a work plan for the Task Force, it was important to the members to understand attitudes, opinions and experiences of the congregation. In September of 2018 a web-based survey with 28 specific questions was launched. The survey was promoted through a wide variety of means and nearly 600 people completed it. Nearly 90 percent of the respondents identified themselves as a member of First Community Church followed by 7 percent who identified as regular attendees.



The results of the congregational survey on gun violence are presented on October 22, 2018

Participants

- Every age group was represented with “65 years old and older” as the largest group.
- 31% identified as a gun owner (gun ownership in the State of Ohio is 32%). Of those the following reasons for ownership were offered: 27% due to concerns of personal safety, 23% due to inheriting from a family member, 18% for hunting and 16% for recreation and sport.
- 3% reported belonging to the NRA, 29% belong to (or support) anti-gun organizations.

Personal Impacts on Gun Violence

- 13% (78 survey respondents) indicated being personally impacted. A dozen of these were reported to be “a family member shot” followed closely by “suicide/attempted suicide.”
- Whether respondents had been impacted by gun violence does not necessarily affect gun ownership or plans to buy a gun.
- Those who have been impacted by gun violence, and those who have not have mostly the same personal views about guns.
- For those not personally impacted, 49% reported their views on gun violence were most strongly influenced by “news/statistics.”

Considering Age

- Results of questions about gun views were compared from two cohorts: 18-49 year old and 50 year old and above.
- On topics of gun ownership rights, preferences for reducing the number of guns in America, and belief that more regulation was needed, both cohorts had very similar responses.
- The groups were similar on gun ownership (65% of 18-49 do not own a gun and 71 % of 50+ do not).
- The younger group did feel a little more strongly that gun laws should be made more strict, (92% vs. 85%)

Level of Support of Existing/New Legislation

- Respondents demonstrated significant support for legislative action. Six of the 10 options offered received 90%-plus support.
- 98% - Continue background checks from licensed dealers
- 96% - Improve reporting for mentally ill, felons & domestic abusers
- 95% - Require Gun Show sales to adhere to same federal regulations
- 93% - Require Gun Safety courses for gun owners
- 93% - Mandatory Penalties for Sales with Intent to sell to someone who is not approved
- 91% - Background checks for person-to-person gun sales
- 77% - Require ‘smart technology’ to keep unauthorized people from using a gun
- 48% - Provide Armed Resource Officers/Guards in Schools
- 36% - Allow the use of Self Defense (“Stand your Ground”)
- 29% - Arm & train school Administrators

Safety in Church

- Respondents feel safe in church (91%) although 6% indicated they felt safe only “sometimes.”
- 34% suggested training for staff and congregation on active shooter situations.
- 17% of those who suggested a measure to increase safety and security think there should be guns allowed in church. (This represents 3% of the total respondents.)

The survey was presented at a forum October 22, 2018 to 60 members of the congregation. After the presentation attendees shared their reactions as well as offered suggestions for how the task force and church should move forward on the topic. Using this valuable information, members of the task force reached out to other churches to understand whether our efforts were repetitive and if it made sense to combine forces. First Congregational Church invited our team to a meeting on solving the issue of gun violence.

As part of a church safety plan, First Community conducted an active shooter training led by Dr. Glen Miles, Rev. Jim Long and Pam Jameson for all church staff and personnel.

For the survey presentation see:

[Survey Presentation](#)

[Video of Presentation](#)

Now Inspire Action

In February 2019 First Community Church's Gun Violence Prevention and Safety Task Force (GVPSTF) participated in a workshop to identify long and short term goals. Christy Caine RN introduced the group to the current thinking in the medical community; gun safety is a public health issue. "Well over 100 professional organizations, including the American Medical Association, the American College of Physicians, and the American Public Health Association, have identified gun violence as a threat to the health of the nation and have issued calls to action around gun safety." Medical professionals have reached the conclusion that they need to think bigger and broader about how to address the gun safety problem to achieve substantive change.* This broader perspective acknowledges the far reaching arms of gun violence.

By the end of the day, the GVPSTF identified education as the groups primary initiative and developed goals under this umbrella. Goal one: Reach out to support teenage advocates in central Ohio with the hopes of bringing students together to share ideas and help plan an event with a nationally known speaker. Goal two: Educate the public on Ohio gun laws and local activism. Goal three: Address the question, "What can I do?" by offering an action fair to help people discover where their passions fit with existing opportunities to address gun issues and advocate for change.

Samantha Fuentes Event

The task force formed an education team to address the first goal: Unite teen activists and plan events to educate community adults and teens regarding gun violence prevention advocacy. In partnership with Upper Arlington High School's Students4Change, the task force invited David Hogg, a survivor of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting in Parkland, Florida, to

address the community on November 3, 2018. S4C co-presidents Clare Baryluk and Gretchen Mueller worked with their advisor Mark Boesch to receive a grant from the Upper Arlington Education Foundation to support David's talk. They also arranged to host the program at Upper Arlington High School where other gun violence prevention organizations shared materials at an information fair before the talk.

As the date grew closer, the task force learned that David, beginning his freshman year at Harvard, would not be able to come to Columbus. As disappointing as this news was, it was a relief to learn that Samantha Fuentes, an injured survivor from Parkland, could share her experience in his place. Samantha was a high school junior the day of the shooting, February 14, 2018. Seventeen students and teachers were killed when a lone shooter sprayed countless rounds of fire with a high power rifle. That day Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School became the deadliest high school shooting in American history.

Samantha Fuentes speaks at the March For Our Lives rally 3/24/2018 in Washington, D.C.



All preregistered attendees were notified of the program change. No one asked for a refund. Over 700 adults and students filled the UA auditorium to hear Samantha's story and her inspirational call to speak out for gun safety and violence prevention. Dr. Deborah Countess Lindsay, former First Community Church minister, acted as moderator leading Samantha through a variety of questions about the events that occurred on February 14th and her subsequent journey. Samantha shared how nervous she was when she first spoke before a large crowd (nervous enough that midway through she stopped and threw-up and then carried on!). For her, taking a stand and devoting herself to gun safety has radically changed the trajectory of her life. She will no longer be content to blend into the crowd. She challenged each member of the audience to follow her lead when she asked, "What's your angle?"



Samantha discusses her experience with Central Ohio student activists prior to her presentation.

At the end of Samantha's program, the GVPSTF invited the youth in attendance to gather in the high school cafeteria to debrief. Samantha joined these students and continued to share her story. Students were encouraged to sit with people they did not already know to share and respond to a group of follow-up questions.



Samantha Fuentes shares her passion to reduce gun violence with Karina Nova from WBNS.

"What are the strongest reactions you have following the program?" *Inspired. Find an angle because there is always a way to get involved. Humanized. Uncensored, raw.*

Responses to additional prompts included: *She empowered me so much. Inspired to see the number of students at the event. The problem isn't the law abiding gun owner. She made me want to be more active in the community. This is just the beginning.*

Samantha challenged the audience to "Find your angle."

erasure of gun violence. Samantha challenged everyone in the audience to share their stories regarding guns and no longer be content to shake their heads and say, "This could never happen to me."

Samantha Fuentes Event Video

Samantha Fuentes sparked a fire with her honest, uncensored account of the day a gun in the wrong hands changed life forever for all the students at Marjory Stoneman Douglas. The reverberations were heard by other high school students around the country and Students Demand Action embraced the call to use their voices to shout out for change and the

*Living Healthier Together. "Approaching Gun Safety as a Public Health Issue"

The Law and Guns 101

The initial congregational survey and follow-up comments (debriefing follow-up) showed an interest in learning more about gun laws. This idea evolved into a forum held on February 3, 2020. Task Force member Ted Celeste moderated the program with an overflow crowd of 140 participants.

The first speaker, Daniel P. Tokaji, Ebersold Professor of Constitutional Law, Moritz College of Law, OSU, spoke on the Second Amendment. “A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed.” Tokaji explained that the focus of the Amendment since it was adopted in 1791 was on arms for the militia so it could defend the new country.

District of Columbia v. Heller changed that when the Supreme Court handed down the landmark 2008 decision that held the amendment protects an individual's right to keep a gun for self-defense. It also declared that the right is not unlimited and does not preclude certain prohibitions such as those forbidding the possession of firearms by felons and the mentally ill or restrictions on the carrying of dangerous and unusual weapons. In the case *McDonald v. Chicago* (2010), the Supreme Court clarified that the Second Amendment also applied to state and local governments.



Professor Tokaji
clarifies the status of
Constitutional gun rights.

The second speaker, Melanie Tobias, J.D., Deputy Chief of Staff-Prosecution, Office of Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein, presented *Ohio Gun Laws: Becoming More Protective of Gun Rights*. She distributed a handout summarizing key federal and state laws regarding the ownership, carrying and transporting of firearms.

Tobias explained that in recent years there has been a trend to make firearms more accessible while softening gun control laws. Federal and state laws are generally similar, but one surprising difference is that federal, but not Ohio law, prohibits a person convicted of the misdemeanor offense of domestic violence to possess or purchase a firearm. Neither federal nor state laws require a citizen to register or obtain a license to own or possess a firearm, but Ohio law requires reporting if a firearm is lost or stolen. Neither federal nor state laws restrict the open carry of firearms in public except for certain specified areas including houses of worship.

Ben Kessler, Mayor of Bexley, OH, was the third speaker. His topic was *Ohio Home Rule: Critical for Citizen Engagement in Gun Legislation*. The term Home Rule refers to municipalities having the powers of local self-government, the exercise of certain police powers, and the ownership and

operation of public utilities. All cities and villages have home rule authority derived directly from the Ohio Constitution. However, the mayor reported that there has been a steady erosion in home rule powers as the state legislature passes laws that specifically preclude or “preempt” local powers. Several acts of preemption were discussed including regulations regarding cell phone towers, restrictions on single-use plastic bags, and proposed gun regulations that reflect the preferences of local communities.



Ted Celeste moderates questions from the audience.

The Q and A discussion with the panelists was energetic and informative with questions such as *What can we do as citizens to stop gun violence? What are the background checks loopholes? How effective are regulations at reducing gun violence? What can we do to hold legislatures feet to the fire?*

The speakers' replies often encouraged action such as supporting candidates for public office who are committed to do something about gun violence, learning about proposed gun-related legislation, monitoring the schedule of hearings on proposed legislation, requesting opportunities to testify on proposed legislation, and turning out to vote.

A recurring theme as the evening ended and the audience walked out was *"How can I get involved or Find my angle?"*

[The Law and Guns 101 Event Video](#)

Find your Angle

Ways to get connected and involved

Impact future firearms legislation

Common sense legislation, particularly here in Ohio, can have a significant impact on reducing gun violence and improving safety. Ohio Coalition Against Gun Violence maintains a list of active firearms legislation and helps identify your representatives. Contact your state senator and representative to support common sense legislation.

<https://ohioceasefire.org/legislation>

Crisis:

For Emergencies, call 911

National Suicide Prevention Hotline: 1-800-273-TALK (8255)

Domestic Violence -

For emergencies, call 911

For help 24/7, call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233

Or, www.thehotline.org or text LOVEIS to 22522

Local:

The B.R.E.A.D Organization (Building Responsibility, Equality And Dignity)

<https://www.breadcolumbus.com/>

The B.R.E.A.D. organization is composed of many different congregations, who in turn represent many different traditions. Each of our congregations believes something different – about the nature of God and the name of God. But each of us shares a commitment to pursue justice guided by our faith – to finding, in the things that we share, the strength that unity can bring.

State organizations:

Ohioans for Gun Safety

<http://ohioansforgunsafety.com/>

Ohioans for Gun Safety is a grassroots organization collecting signatures to put common sense background checks for gun safety in front of the Ohio legislature, and if they don't act, on the ballot.

Ohio Coalition Against Gun Violence

<https://ohioceasefire.org/>

The Ohio Coalition Against Gun Violence is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, working to prevent gun violence through education, advocacy and public awareness.

National organizations:

**Please note that National organizations may have active local groups in your communities and/or schools, these have been noted where applicable. Check with the organization for more information.*

Everytown for Gun Safety

<https://everytown.org/>

Everytown is a movement of Americans working together to end gun violence and build safer communities.

Students Demand Action

<https://studentsdemandaction.org/>

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Students Demand Action, an initiative of Everytown for Gun Safety, was created by and for teens and young adults, to help engage the power, energy and creativity of high school and college students in the fight against gun violence.

Moms Demand Action

<https://momsdemandaction.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/MomsDemandActionOH/>

Moms Demand Action is part of the Everytown for Gun Safety. Moms Demand Action is a grassroots movement of Americans fighting for public safety measures that can protect people from gun violence. We pass stronger gun laws and work to close the loopholes that jeopardize the safety of our families. We also work in our own communities and with business leaders to encourage a culture of responsible gun ownership. We know that gun violence is preventable, and we're committed to doing what it takes to keep families safe.

BE SMART

<https://besmartforkids.org/resources/>

Moms Demand Action launched the Be SMART campaign to raise awareness that responsible gun storage-storing guns locked, unloaded and separate from ammunition-can save children's lives.

March for Our Lives

<https://marchforourlives.com/>

To harness the power of young people across the country to fight for sensible gun violence prevention policies that save lives.

Sandy Hook Promise

<https://www.sandyhookpromise.org/>

<https://www.sandyhookpromise.org/prevention-programs2>

Sandy Hook Promise's mission is to create a culture engaged in preventing shootings, violence, and other harmful acts in schools. Sandy Hook Promise is a moderate, above-the-politics organization that supports sensible program and policy solutions that address the "human side" of gun violence by preventing individuals from ever getting to the point of picking up a firearm to hurt themselves or others. Our words, actions, and impact nationwide are intended to honor all victims of gun violence by turning our tragedy into a moment of transformation.

Brady PAC

<https://bradypac.org/>

Brady PAC will create a safer America by enacting, improving and defending gun violence prevention legislation by supporting and electing champions to represent us

Giffords, The Courage to fight Gun Violence

<https://giffords.org>

Led by former [Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords](#), our organization works to tackle America's gun violence crisis. A safer America is possible—one where our children can grow up without fear of gun violence—and that is why we're in this fight. At Giffords, we work to: shift culture, change policies and challenge injustice.

Community Justice Action Fund (CJAF)

<https://www.cjactionfund.org/>

The Community Justice Action Fund is a nonprofit organization building power for and with communities of color to end gun violence. CJAF is changing the conversation on gun violence prevention by leading with the people closest to the pain of everyday gun violence.

A partner with TOMS shoes and their initiative to [#endgunviolencetogether](#).

Project ChildSafe

<https://projectchildsafe.org/>

Project ChildSafe partners with community organizations to provide free cable-style gun locks and gun safety education to firearm owners and non-gun owners alike. The program gives gun owners the tools they need to secure their firearms when not in use and underscores the importance of storing firearms responsibly.

One of the program's biggest lock distribution partners is the Cleveland MetroHealth Police Department, helping supply 12,100 free gun locks to local gun owners.

Additional Resources:

Center for Nonviolence

<http://centerfornv.org/Home.aspx>

The National Institute for Civil Discourse, a non-partisan organization focused on promoting healthy and civil political debate.

Firearm injuries and Children - Positioning Paper

<https://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/144/1/e20183058>

Standing Our Holy Ground - Gun Violence Prevention Ministry - Presbyterian Peace Fellowship

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org>

The Presbyterian Mission Agency is the ministry and mission agency of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Four ministry areas carry out our work: Compassion, Peace & Justice; Racial Equity & Women's Intercultural Ministries; Theology, Formation & Evangelism; and World Mission. We work together to inspire, equip and connect all Presbyterians for the church's work.

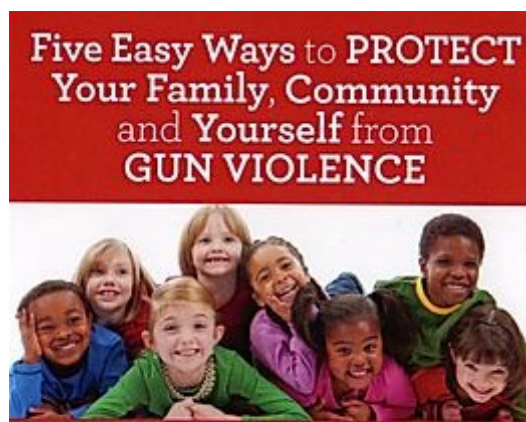
God Before Guns

<https://www.godbeforeguns.org>

God Before Guns is a multi-faith coalition of individuals and faith communities working to reduce gun injuries and deaths.

Safety Card available at :

<https://www.godbeforeguns.org/gun-safety>



Five Easy Ways to PROTECT Your Family, Community and Yourself from GUN VIOLENCE

KEEP YOUR KIDS SAFE:

Just talking to your child about gun safety is not enough. Children are naturally curious and open to peer pressure. With a gun in 40% of homes with children, to keep your child safer:

TIP 1: Always ask if there is a gun in another family's home and, if so, how it is secured, before sending your child over to play or your teen to a party. If you have doubts, invite the children to play at your house.

TIP 2: If you own a gun, secure it: Unload it, lock it up, lock ammunition in a separate lockbox, and keep the keys with you at all times. It will take less than a minute or two to unlock and load if needed.

- Always check to be sure there's no bullet in the chamber before cleaning a firearm.
- When handling or cleaning, never leave a gun unattended, not even for a moment.
- Make sure that no one who is staying or living with you is keeping an unsecured firearm in your house.
- Most school shooters use firearms taken from a relative's home. Don't let that weapon be yours.

PREVENT SUICIDES:

- Two thirds of all firearm-related deaths in the U.S.—more than 20,000 a year—are suicides.
- Suicide is often an impulsive act spurred by a break-up, job loss, legal trouble, etc. From teens to seniors, all ages are at risk.
- 85%-90% of suicide attempts with firearms result in death.
- Less than 5% of suicide attempts using most other methods succeed, and 90% of survivors will not die by suicide later.

TIP 3: Store firearms off-site if you suspect a friend or family member may be suicidal. You may save a life.

PREVENT ACCIDENTAL SHOOTINGS OR HAVING YOUR GUN USED AGAINST YOU:

- For each time a firearm is used in home self-defense, there are seven assaults or murders, 11 suicide attempts, and four accidents involving guns in or around a home.
- A person carrying a gun is 4.5 times more likely to be shot in an assault than one not carrying.
- A woman's chances of being killed by her abuser increase over 7 times if he has access to a gun, including her own.

TIP 4: Consider pepper spray to defend yourself and your home or workplace instead of a firearm.

- Pepper spray causes tears, burning pain, and impaired vision and breathing, disrupting an attack and letting you escape to safety.
- Pepper spray can cost as little as \$10 and may be carried in places where firearms can't.
- Be sure to watch training videos and practice before use.

PROTECT YOUR COMMUNITY:

TIP 5: Don't buy firearms for another person ever.

Being a 'straw buyer' for a person who is not allowed to buy a weapon is a felony: Punishment can include \$250,000 in fines and 10 years in prison.

- Straw purchasing is the most common way criminals get guns.
- Never buy firearms for your friend, boyfriend, husband or anyone else. A safer community starts with you.

YOUR VOICE MATTERS:

Finally, let elected representatives know you want sensible laws to keep firearms away from criminals, abusers, and the mentally impaired. Elected officials count every call, letter or email they receive. Speak up and tell them where you stand.

We can keep our families and communities safer from gun violence today by taking simple precautions and calling for commonsense laws. Please share these tips with friends and loved ones.

Find more resources and footnotes at
[godbeforeguns.org/5 Tips](https://www.godbeforeguns.org/5-Tips).



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Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles , Gun Violence Prevention Toolkit

diocesela.org

Behind the Bullet , Documentary

[Amazon Prime Video, Behind the Bullet](#)

March for Our Lives, Mental Health Resources

<https://marchforourlives.com>

[March for Our Lives, Mental Health Resources Cap4Kids Child Advocacy Project/Resources](#)

<https://cap4kids.org/Columbus>

[Gun Safety](#)

CAP4Kids will help you find many community agencies that exist to improve the lives of children and families.

Firearm Injuries and Children: Position Statement of the American Pediatric Surgical Association

<https://pediatrics.aappublications.org>

[Firearms Injuries and Children](#)

Nationwide Children's Hospital

<https://www.nationwidechildrens.org>

[Heathy Neighborhoods Healthy Families](#)

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Dr. Groner is the current president of the Central Ohio Trauma System. He is head of the Trauma Department at Nationwide Children's Hospital where he sees needless injuries and death in children from firearms trauma. Dr. Grone is a board member of the Ohio Coalition Against Gun Violence and speaks to interested groups on gun safety.

NASP, National Association of School Psychologists, Tips for parents

<https://www.nasponline.org>

[NASP Tips for Parents](#)

Find and Contact your State Senator and Representative

<https://www.ohiosenate.gov/senators/district-map>

<http://www.ohiohouse.gov/members/district-map>

Gun Violence Prevention and Safety Task Force Members

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