



## GETTING INFORMED ABOUT FIREARM VIOLENCE

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IN AN AVERAGE YEAR, 40,620 PEOPLE DIE BY FIREARMS IN THE UNITED STATES

### ROOT FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH FIREARM VIOLENCE



CONCENTRATED POVERTY

INCOME INEQUALITY

FIREARM AVAILABILITY

COMMUNITY VIOLENCE

LACK OF OPPORTUNITIES

UNDERFUNDED PUBLIC HOUSING

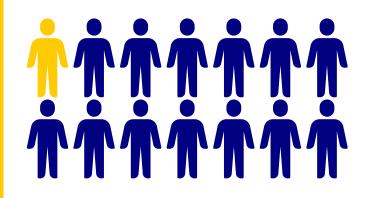
UNDER-RESOURCED PUBLIC SERVICES

## FIREARM VIOLENCE HAS A DISPROPORTIONATE IMPACT



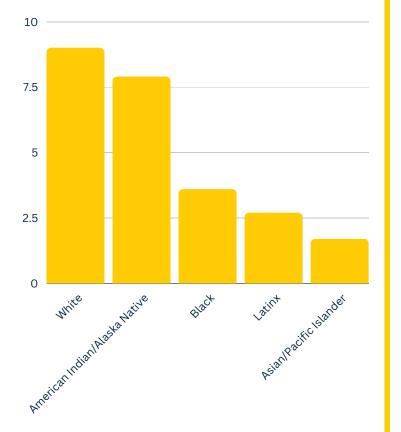
FIREARMS ARE THE
LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH

AMONG CHILDREN AND
ADOLESCENTS IN THE
UNITED STATES



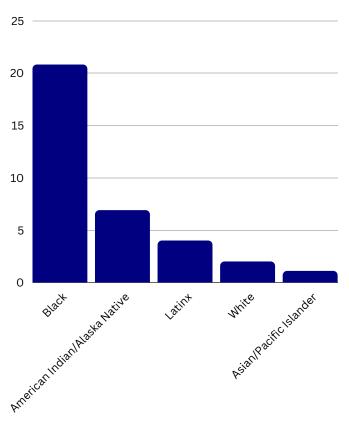
BLACK CHILDREN AND
ADOLESCENTS ARE 14 TIMES
MORE LIKELY THAN WHITE
CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS
TO DIE BY FIREARM HOMICIDE

# FIREARM SUICIDES BY RACE/ETHNICITY IN THE UNITED STATES



DEATHS PER 100,000 PEOPLE

# FIREARM HOMICIDES BY RACE/ETHNICITY IN THE UNITED STATES



DEATHS PER 100,000 PEOPLE





### FIREARM VIOLENCE INCREASES THE RISK OF **NEGATIVE HEALTH OUTCOMES**



PTSD



DEPRESSION



CANCER



SUBSTANCE USE







#### MULTILEVEL STRATEGIES FOR PREVENTING FIREARM VIOLENCE

#### **POLICY**

**EXTREME RISK LAWS\*** FIREARM PURCHASING AND LICENSING LAWS FUNDING SOCIAL SERVICES, EDUCATION, HOUSING, AND JOB TRAINING

#### **COMMUNITY**

**COMMUNITY GREENING\*** ABANDONED HOUSING REMEDIATION\* COMMUNITY AND HOSPITAL-BASED VIOLENCE INTERVENTIONS:

#### RELATIONSHIP

INTERVENTIONS IMPROVING NEIGHBORHOOD SOCIAL COHESION

### INDIVIDUAL

SAFE FIREARM STORAGE

FIREARM TRAINING COURSES

RECOGNIZING AND REPORTING WARNING SIGNS OF VIOLENCE

#### STRATEGIES FOR PREVENTING FIREARM VIOLENCE ARE NOT LIMITED TO THIS LIST.

#### \*EXTREME RISK LAWS:

AUTHORIZE LAW ENFORCEMENT, FAMILY MEMBERS, AND, IN CERTAIN STATES, EDUCATORS, TO ACT ON WARNING SIGNS OF VIOLENCE AND TEMPORARILY PREVENT A PERSON FROM HAVING ACCESS TO FIREARMS.

#### \*COMMUNITY GREENING:

REVITALIZES UNMAINTAINED VACANT LOTS INTO COMMUNITY GARDENS, URBAN FARMS, GOLF PUTTING GREENS, PARKS, AND VINEYARDS, WHICH GENERATES COMMUNITY CONNECTEDNESS AND VIBRANT NEIGHBORHOODS RESULTING IN A DECREASE IN VIOLENCE.

#### \*ABANDONED HOUSING REMEDIATION:

A PLACE-BASED INTERVENTION THAT IMPROVES NEIGHBORHOOD CONDITIONS BY CLEANING, MAINTAINING, AND BEAUTIFYING ABANDONED HOUSES TO REDUCE VIOLENCE.

\*COMMUNITY-BASED VIOLENCE INTERVENTIONS: TRAIN OUTREACH WORKERS WHO ARE RESPECTED MEMBERS FROM THE COMMUNITY TO DETECT AND PREVENT POTENTIALLY VIOLENT SITUATIONS, FACILITATE CONNECTIONS BETWEEN HIGH-RISK INDIVIDUALS AND SOCIAL SERVICES, AND SHIFT CULTURAL NORMS AWAY FROM USING FIREARMS AS A MEANS

OF CONFLICT RESOLUTION TO REDUCE FIREARM INJURIES. \*HOSPTIAL-BASED VIOLENCE INTERVENTIONS: OFFER COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES, INCLUDING EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE, VOCATIONAL TRAINING, AND MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT, TO INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE

SUFFERED FIREARM INJURIES. THESE PROGRAMS AIM TO BREAK THE CYCLE OF

VIOLENCE AND LOWER THE LIKELIHOOD OF RECURRENT FIREARM INJURY.