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How to Prevent Gun Violence and Protect our Children

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1. Sensible gun laws: Reduce easy access to dangerous weapons.
2. Establish a culture of gun safety.
 - Reduce firearm access to youth and individuals who are at risk of harming themselves or others.
 - Hold the gun industry accountable and ensure there is adequate oversight over the marketing and sales of guns and ammunition.
 - Engage responsible gun dealers and owners in solutions.
 - Insist on mandatory training and licensing for owners.
 - Require safe and secure gun storage.

Underlying contributors to gun violence: systematically reduce risks and increase resilience in individuals, families, and communities.

3. Public health solutions: Recognize gun violence as a critical and preventable public health problem.
4. Comprehensive solutions: Support community planning and implementation of comprehensive community safety plans that include prevention and intervention.
5. Trauma, connection, and services: Expand access to high quality, culturally competent, coordinated, social, emotional, and mental health supports and address the impact of trauma.

Prevention Infrastructure: ensure effectiveness and sustainability of efforts

6. Support gun violence research: Ensure that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and others have the resources to study this issue and provide science-based guidance.
7. Health system: Establish a comprehensive health system in which violence prevention is a health system responsibility and imperative.

New Frontiers: continue to learn, innovate, and increase impact through research and practice

8. Community healing: Prevent community trauma.

9. Mental health and wellbeing: Invest in communities to promote resilience and mental health and wellbeing.

10. Support healthy norms about masculinity: Explore the pathways between gun violence and harmful norms that have been about maintaining power and privilege.

11. Impulsive anger: Explore the linkages between anger and gun violence.

12. Economic development: Reduce concentrated disadvantage and invest in employment opportunities.

13. Law enforcement violence: Establish accountability for sworn officers and private security.

14. Technology: Advance gun safety and self-defense technology.

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OUR IDEAS AS PARENTS:

Hold gunowners legally liable if their gun was used in a crime

Increase minimum age to purchase a gun to 21

Mandatory waiting period to obtain firearm

Fingerprint locks for gun safes

Limit Violence on TV, Film and First Person Shooter Video Games

A large percentage of mass shooters had been prescribed anti- psychotics

Assault weapon ban

Ban high capacity magazines

If you see something, say something awareness programs

Do not glorify show names and promote shooters

Free access mental health care

National Gun Registry like we have with cars

No marketing of Guns

Prohibit any internet sales of guns, ammunition

Close all background check loopholes

Full ban on bullying, hate speech and violent, threatening, racist, or incitement of violence on social media

Increase teacher to student ratio

Awareness, love, support for social integration for struggling youth