

LA County Department of Public Health Office of Violence Prevention

Youth Suicide and Gun Violence Prevention Programs

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Content Warning



This presentation will mention guns, gun violence, and suicide.

We know these can be a difficult topics that impact each of us on both a professional and a personal level.

We invite you to practice self-care and seek support as needed in ways that are helpful for you!



The **Los Angeles County Office of Violence Prevention (OVP)**, was established in 2019 to bring together county departments and community partners to create a **common vision and to coordinate efforts for a violence free LA County.**

Our goal is to **strengthen collaboration, capacity, and partnerships** to prevent multiple forms of violence and promote healing across all communities in LA County.

CDPH Youth Suicide Prevention Pilot Project (YSPP) June 2023 – June 2025

Goal: To quickly identify and respond to suicides/attempts among LA County residents aged 0-25.



Explore opportunities to rapidly report data on suicide deaths and attempts in LA



Develop crisis response strategies to provide support for impacted families



Increase awareness of warning signs and reduce stigma around suicide in communities



Crisis Response & Suicide Prevention/Outreach Highlights

Crisis Response Activities

- MOU with Department of Health Services
 - **Care coordination by medical case workers**
 - **Enhanced referrals via One Degree**
- MOU with Department of Parks and Recreation for training
- Contracted with two CBOs to run support groups
- Funding for a local media campaign
- Collaboration with DPH's Student Wellbeing Centers
- Never a Bother Material Distribution
- Mental Health/Suicide Prevention Training & Education

YSPP Crisis Response Care Coordination Program and One Degree Network of Care Outcomes

Care Coordinators at Harbor/UCLA & Olive View

Provide post-discharge support to youth & families after an emergency department visit.

71 youth were referred

Services provided to 33 youth

Enhancements to One Degree Referral System

65 community-based organizations added to collection of youth suicide prevention resources

35 of these resources were community-based organizations (CBOs) providing services to youth

8 of these CBOs were also enrolled in a closed-loop referral network



Suicide Prevention Ongoing Work

New funding from Probation through the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act JJCPA with a focus on **systems-involved youth**.

- Continue **grief support groups** in SPA 1 & 2.
- Provide ongoing capacity building mental health & suicide prevention **training opportunities** for OVP partners
 - Gatekeeper trainings with special considerations for specific populations
 - Youth Mental Health First Aid Certification Training
 - Building Community Through Care and Connection Train-the-Trainer Workshop January 2026

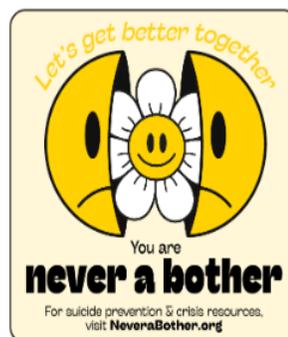
Never a Bother Material Distribution

- Distribute suicide prevention materials to community agencies & county departments.

Suicide Prevention Future Plans

1. Collaborate with the Department of Health Services (DHS) to continue the Post-Discharge Care Coordination Program at two facilities currently, with the potential to expand to a third facility in the near future:
 - Olive View
 - Harbor/UCLA
 - LA General (*not part of previous program*)
2. Identify sustainable ongoing funding to support suicide prevention efforts within OVP.

Suicide Prevention Resources



SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE

988 Suicide Prevention & Crisis Lifeline: Call or text 9-8-8

24/7 Crisis Text Line: Text HOME to 741741
or text 443-787-7678 on WhatsApp

LA County Department of Mental Health
24/7 Help Line: Call (800) 854 7771

The Trevor Project: Call 1-866-488-7386
or text START to 678-678

California Youth Crisis Line: Call or text 1-800-843-5200

Teen Line: call 310-855-4673 (6:00-10:00PT)
or text TEEN to 839863 (6:00-9:00PT)

For immediate safety concerns, go to your closest
emergency room, psychiatric hospital or dial 911. Ask for
psychiatric emergency support, if available.

GET INFORMATION

Los Angeles County
Office of Violence Prevention

✉ Email us: ovp@ph.lacounty.gov



Scan for more resources

ph.lacounty.gov/ovp/suicideprevention.htm



Please visit OVP's suicide prevention website for additional data, resources, and information.

<http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/ovp/SuicidePrevention.htm>



Thank you!

For More Information, please contact:

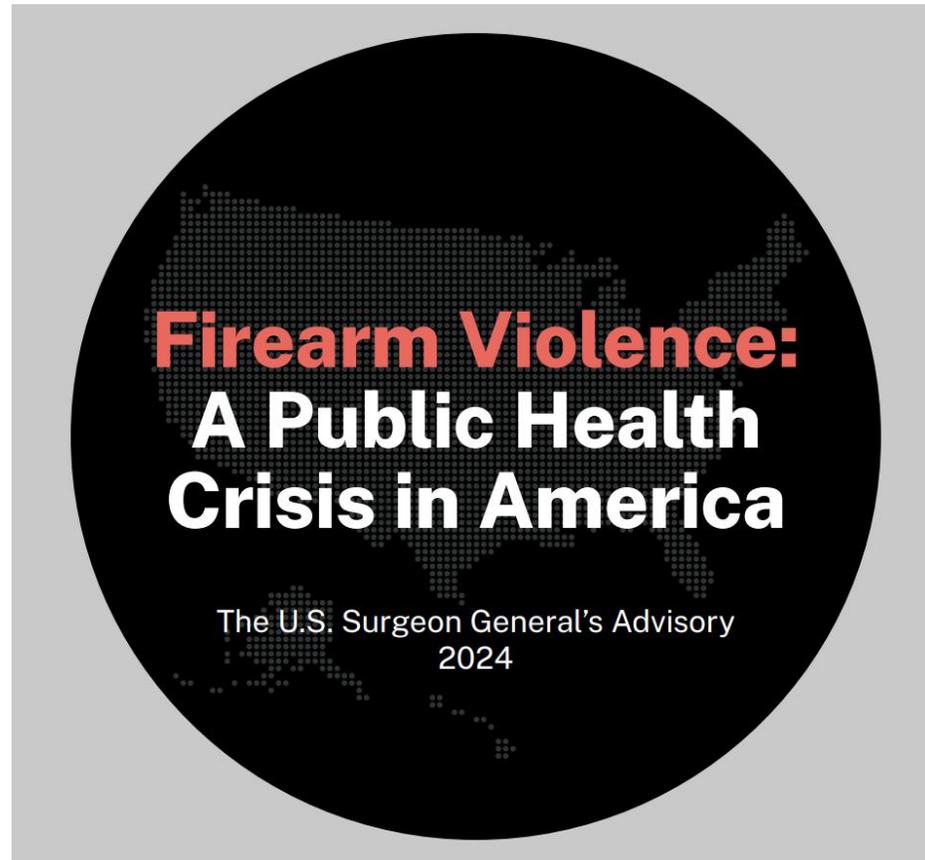
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Gun Violence Restraining Orders (GVRO): A Tool to Help Save Lives

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US Surgeon General – Firearm Violence in the US



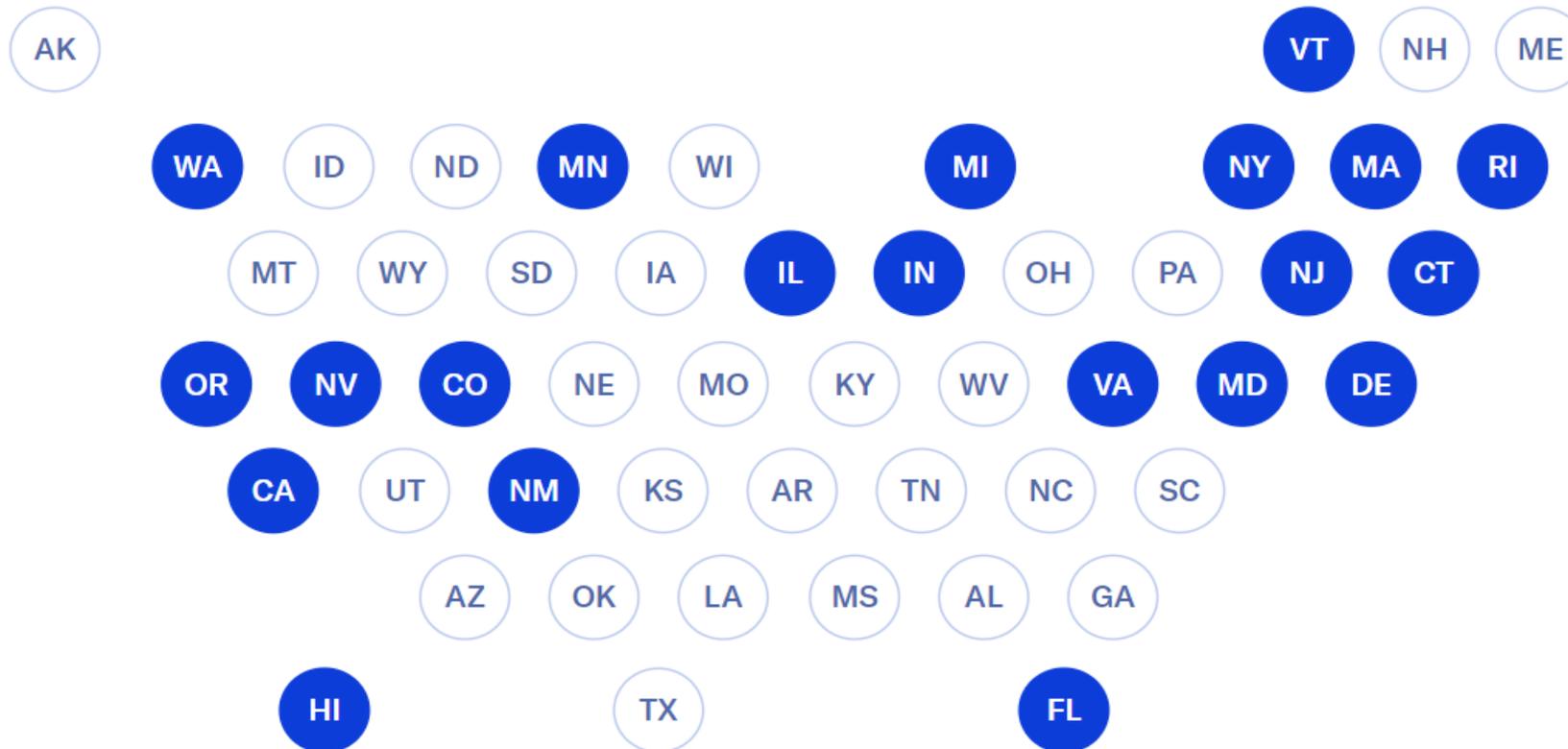
- Firearm violence in America is a public health crisis
- Over 48,000 firearm fatalities in 2022
- More than half were suicides₂

Data source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. (2023). National Center for Health Statistics Mortality data on CDC WONDER [Database]. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. <https://wonder.cdc.gov/Deaths-byUnderlying-Cause.ht>

Extreme Risk Laws in the United States

(Gun Violence Restraining Order (GVRO) in CA)

21 states have adopted this policy



Gun Violence Restraining Orders (GVROs)

2014



Passed into Law by
the CA Legislature

2016



Effective January
1st

2023



LA County Gun
Violence Prevention
Platform

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GVRO Outreach

What a GVRO Can and Cannot Do . . .

Prohibits an individual from:

- Having access, possessing, or owning firearm(s), ammunition or magazines
- Buying or receiving a gun, ammunition, or magazines

Requires an individual to:

- Turn in and/or store guns, ammunition or magazines to law enforcement
- Sell them to licensed gun dealer

Does not require an individual to:

- Have no contact with the petitioner
- Have no contact with the petitioner's family members

WHO CAN FILE?

THOSE CLOSEST TO AN INDIVIDUAL MAY SEE THE WARNING SIGNS FIRST.



A family member or loved one related by blood, marriage or adoption.



A current or recent household member and roommate.



A coworker who has had regular interactions with the person in crisis for at least one year, with approval from the employer.



An individual who has a child in common or who has a dating relationship with the person in crisis.



Law enforcement, including California peace officers.



A teacher or employee at a middle school, high school, college or university that the person in crisis has attended in the last six months, with approval from a school administrator or supervisor.

Five Basic Steps to Request a GVRO



LACourt.org/courthouse

Select “Family Law” on right under “LA Court Division”

OVP's GVRO System Navigator

**CREATE SAFER
COMMUNITIES**

Take action to increase
gun safety in our
neighborhoods



LACountyGunSafety.org



EVERYDAY
SAFE



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
Public Health

LOS ANGELES COUNTY
OVP
OFFICE OF VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION

Provides education, guidance, and support to obtain a GVRO

Available Monday-Friday, 8am - 4:30 pm

For assistance and resources:



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Secure Gun Safety: Free Gun Safety Cable Locks Distribution

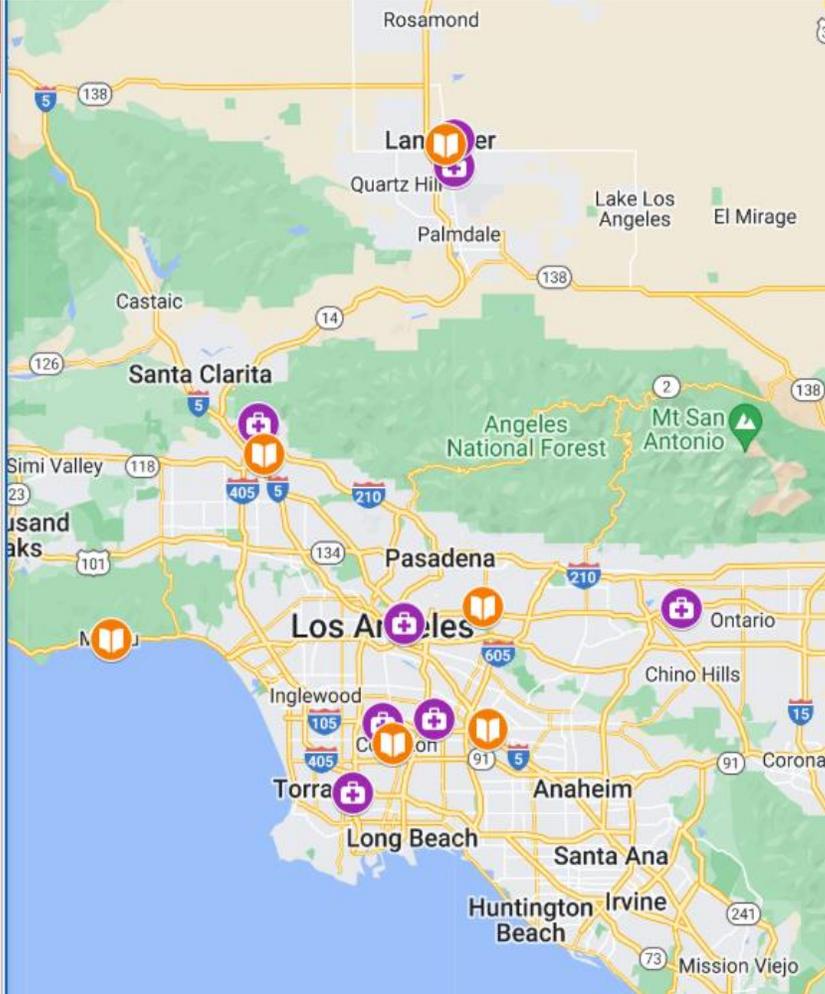
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Los Angeles County Public Health

Medical Centers

- Antelope Valley Wellness Community
- DHS-Harbor-UCLA Emergency Department a...
- DHS-Olive View-UCLA Emergency Dept and ...
- DHS-Rancho Los Amigos Outpatient Center
- High Desert Regional Health Center
- Los Angeles General Medical Center Outpati...
- Los Angeles General Medical Center
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Outpatient Center
- Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center Em...

Tool Lending Libraries

- Lancaster Library
- San Fernando Library
- Rosemead Library
- Compton Library
- Norwalk Library
- Malibu Library



Order 2 free gun locks from
OVP on our website:

LACountyGunSafety.org

Stay Informed and Connected

Visit the OVP website or scan the QR code

<http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/ovp/>



- Sign up for the OVP Monthly Newsletter
- Learn what data are available and submit a data request
- Access to suicide prevention & trauma informed care, education and other resources
- Request gun violence prevention materials or support



Thank You!

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