



# Los Angeles County Office of Violence Prevention Gun Safety Platform

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Child Care Planning Committee Meeting  
November 1, 2023





# Vision for a Violence Free LA County

OVP **strengthens collaboration, capacity and partnerships** to prevent multiple forms of violence and promote healing across communities in LA County.

Established by the Board of Supervisors in **February 2019 in the Department of Public Health.**

**Governance Structure:** County Leadership Committee & Community Partnership Council guide the work of the office and implementation of the strategic plan.

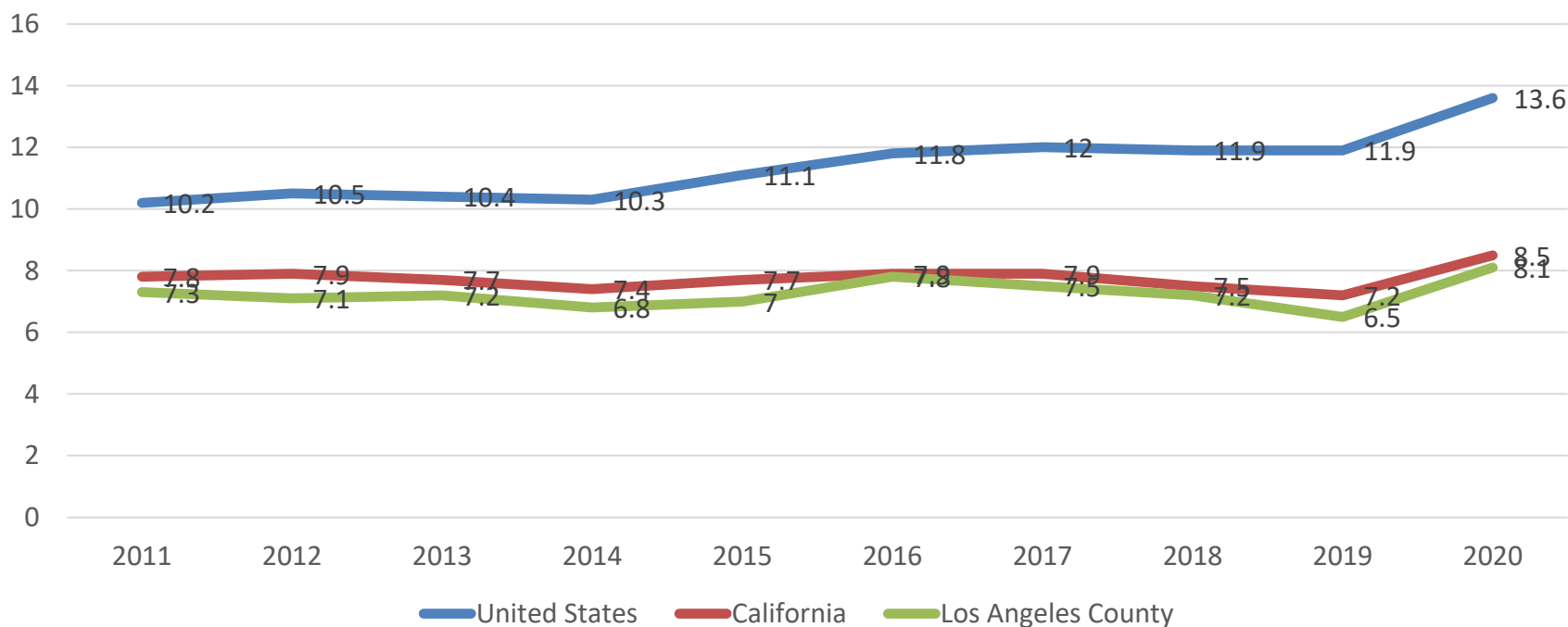


# OVP Early Implementation Priorities





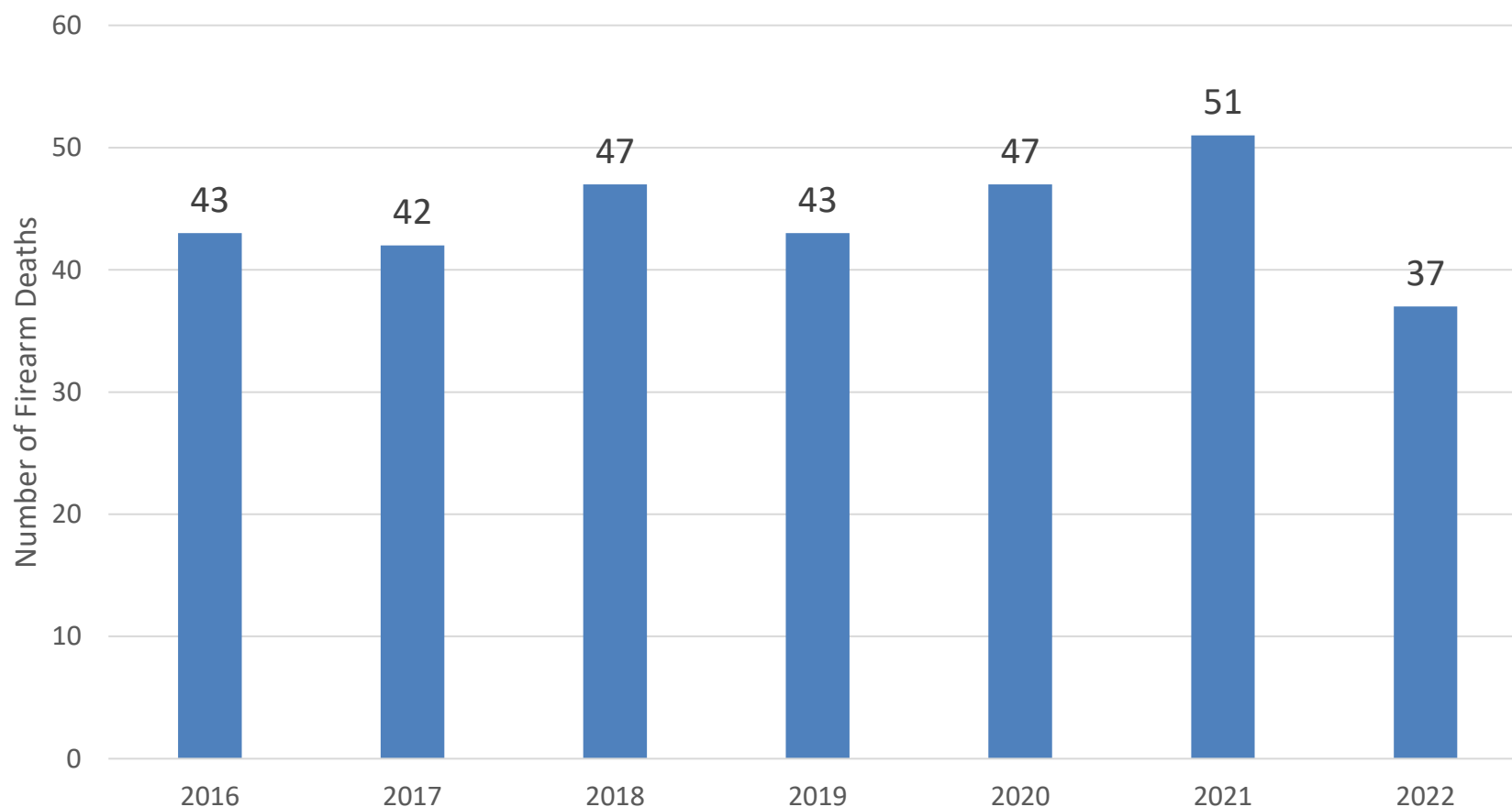
# Overall Firearm Mortality Rates for the United States, California, and Los Angeles County, 2011-2020



Data from CDC, NCHS. National Vital Statistics System, Data on CDC WONDER Online Database, released in 2021. Data are from the Multiple Cause of Death Files, 1999-2020, as compiled from data provided by the 57 vital statistics jurisdictions through the Vital Statistics Cooperative Program.



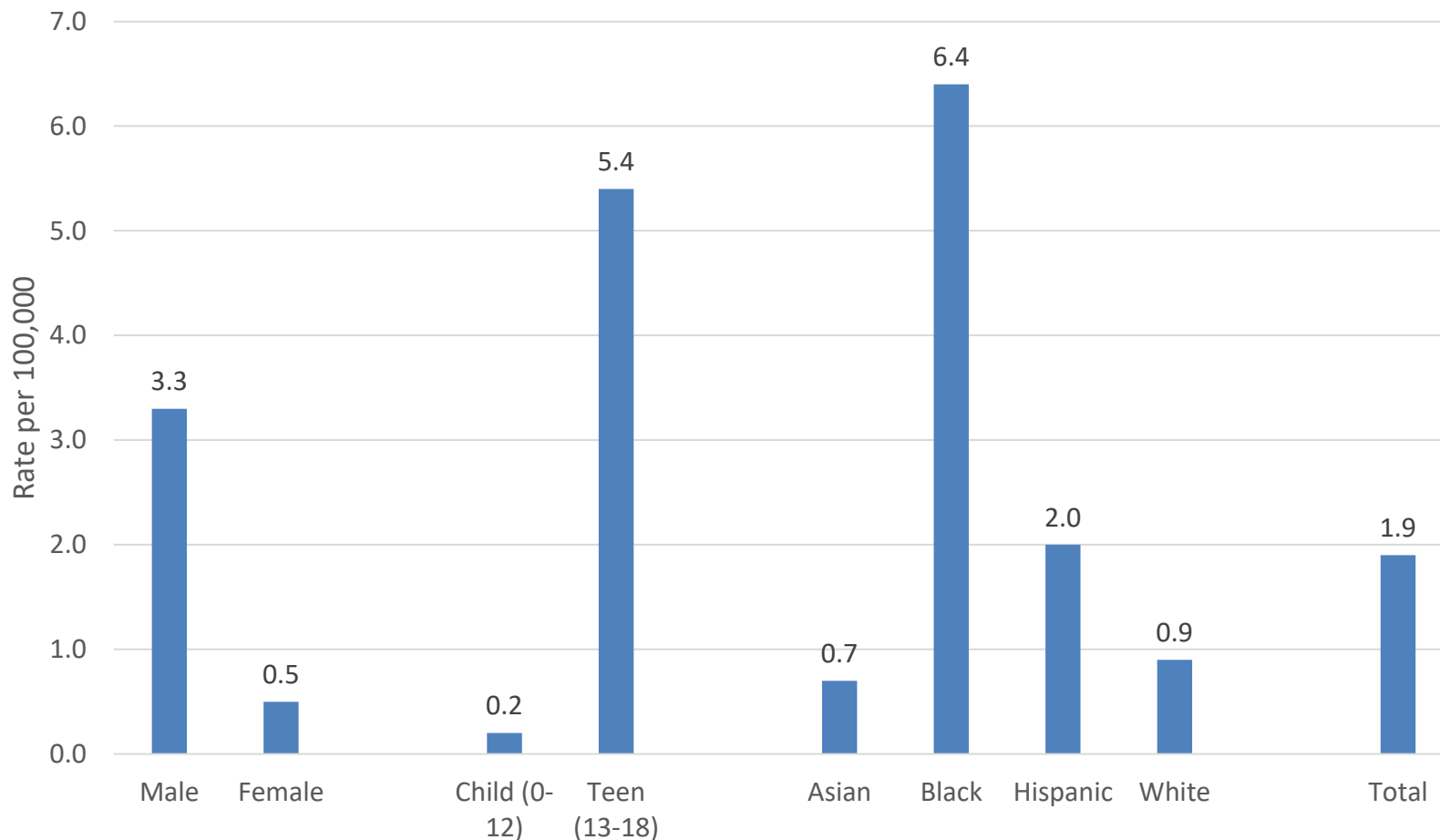
# Child (0-18 Years) Firearm Deaths in LA County, 2016-2022\*



\*20-22 data provisional



# Child Firearm Death Rates by Demographic Groups, 2016-2022\*



\*2020-2022 data provisional



# Gun Violence Prevention Platform (GVPP)

1. Advocate for **robust gun safety legislation** locally and nationally, including the federal ban on assault weapons and large capacity magazines.
2. **Promote social connections, healing, and a culture of peace** through safe spaces and programs that address harm, trauma, and the impact of violence. Support opportunities that foster community togetherness, inclusion, and a sense of belonging while embracing diversity.
3. In partnership with the courts, community and faith-based organizations, and law enforcement, **improve awareness and access to legal restraining orders**. Ensure services, systems and messaging are accessible, culturally relevant and cause no harm.
4. **Increase access to comprehensive, culturally relevant physical and mental health supports and services for all students, K-12**. Enhance school safety by implementing pilot initiatives in at least 3 school districts.



# Gun Safety Platform Goal

To decrease gun violence deaths, life altering injuries and their social-emotional impacts among residents in Los Angeles County.

## Objectives:

1. Train 1,000 youth peer leaders on Teen Mental Health.
2. Train 1,000 health care providers to do gun safety screening during primary care visits. Distribute 20,000 safe gun storage handbooks and gun safety locks to families countywide.
3. Train 100 criminal justice personnel to implement gun violence restraining orders. Reach 5,000 completed viewings of a training video on gun violence restraining orders for consumers. Train 100 community-based personnel, staff at legal aid entities, DV providers and others about Right Tool for Each Situation.
4. Conduct 10 trauma healing events per SPA for community residents.
5. Mobilize 500 college students at a Teach In @ CDU to gather 100,000 LA County resident signatures calling for a national assault weapon ban.



# Gun Safety Measures

- The Pew Research Center reports that:
  - 64% of US gun owners fail to keep their guns in a locked place
  - 56% of US gun owners keep their guns loaded
  - About 40% of all US gun owners report having a gun in the house that is both loaded and easily accessible
  - About 30% of gun owners with children under 18 report having a gun in the house that is both loaded and easily accessible
  - 26% of gun owners with children report advising visitors with children that there are guns in the house; 74% do not provide that information to visitors with children

# FIGURING OUT THE RIGHT TOOL: Firearm Safety and Restraining Orders



Join us for an informative training where we will discuss firearm safety and learn about restraining orders as a tool for gun violence prevention.

Gun violence in Los Angeles is multifaceted and impacts people in different ways. To address an issue this complex, everyone has a role to play to help prevent gun violence. This training will focus on an array of tools and resources that we have at our disposal to prevent gun violence and fair, culturally sensitive, and effective approaches to reducing gun violence. **Participants will:**

1. Understand gun violence as a public health crisis; the problem & opportunities for prevention in California
2. Describe the spectrum of gun violence and the range of remedies and tools, including tools within the legal system as well as temporary transfer/storage options.
3. Define elements of an equitable and effective use of restraining order tools, policies, and practices.



Breakfast and lunch will be provided.  
Parking is free and validation will  
be available at the check-in desk.

SAVE THE DATE!

**THURSDAY**  
NOVEMBER 2, 2023  
9 AM - 5 PM

**THE ALHAMBRA  
AUDITORIUM**

1000 S. Fremont Ave  
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Scan here to RSVP or  
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# Materials & Resources

# Trauma Informed Care Resources

## Supporting children after a public act of violence or community tragedy

After a public act of violence, it is common to experience a wide range of responses, including fear, shock, anger, grief, and anxiety. Children's behaviors may change: they may experience trouble sleeping, difficulty concentrating, changes in appetite, and sudden changes in moods. This is normal.



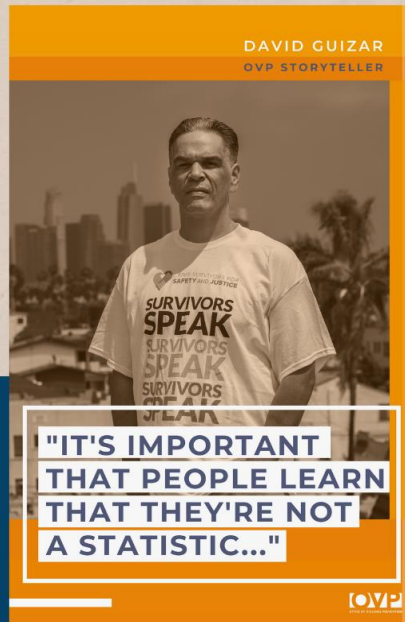
**Here are a few ways adults can connect with and support children after a public act of violence or tragedy in the community:**

### Talk about it.

Talking to children about their feelings and ideas is the first step in helping them feel safe. Silence, downplaying, or hiding the event may cause fear and anxiety, and teaches children that some things are too big to talk about. What you talk about and how you say it depends on their age, but all children deserve to be heard.



- Find a time they are most likely to talk (in the car, before dinner, at bedtime, or at the end of class). Start the conversation by letting them know you are aware of and care about their feelings and thoughts. Remind them that you are there for them, but do not force them to talk.
- Actively listen to their thoughts and point of view. Allow them to express their ideas and feelings before you respond. If needed, gently correct misinformation or misperceptions.
- Give simple, repeated explanations using language and words they understand. They might have to hear the same thing multiple times until it sinks in.
- Remind them you are there to provide safety, comfort, and support. You can do so by reinforcing ideas of safety and security. If you know, share what changes schools and communities are doing to increase safety.



# CURRENT COMMUNICATIONS MATERIALS

- Buttons
- Platform
- Stickers
- Booklet
- Posters
- Pledge Cards
- Tshirts





# Get Involved - keep families & children safe!

- Join us in raising awareness about gun violence – host an event, distribute flyers and materials, post on social media, write letters.
- Help us to engage others including healthcare systems and providers, academic institutions and others to train and screen for gun safety.
- Talk to family and friends about gun safe storage and/or gun violence restraining orders (GVROs).
- Pledge to take one action to prevent gun violence.



# Thoughts and Questions





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