

# GIFFORDS LAW CENTER TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE: IMPLEMENTATION



**Passing gun safety laws isn't enough—these laws must be effectively and equitably implemented in order to save lives.**

Just as there is no one cause of gun violence, there is no single solution that will end all gun violence. Each type of gun violence calls for a diverse set of policies and tools that can be applied to prevent and intervene most effectively.

## The Importance of Implementation

Robust [implementation of gun safety laws and community-based approaches](#) to violence prevention is critical to ensuring that

policies and procedures are shared widely, understood sufficiently, and resourced appropriately. Policies should also be developed with input from a diverse set of stakeholders and applied fairly in order to prevent unintended negative consequences.

Giffords has extensive experience working with policymakers, communities, and organizations on implementing gun laws. We convene stakeholders, provide examples of policies, and offer technical assistance and training to address specific issues, concerns, and challenges. We're also committed to identifying connections between various types of gun violence to support effective interventions and coordination among key stakeholders.

**16%** FEWER INTIMATE PARTNER  
GUN HOMICIDES

Laws requiring people who have abused their partners to turn in their guns are linked to 16% fewer intimate partner gun homicides.

**10** EXTREME RISK LAWS  
SAVE LIVES

For every 10 to 20 guns removed under Connecticut's and Indiana's extreme risk protection laws, approximately one life was saved through an averted suicide.

**\$40m** INVESTMENT IN  
IMPLEMENTATION IS KEY

Recently, Giffords successfully advocated for \$40 million in CA to implement firearms relinquishment laws to increase safety in restraining order cases.

Our work on implementation includes working with communities and leaders to figure out how implementation can be most effectively and fairly accomplished. **We leverage the following resources, in addition to our expertise, to support this focus from the time policies are being considered to after they are enacted:**

- Our [Implementation Toolkit for Gun Safety Laws](#), which helps communities and stakeholders implement gun safety laws
- Our [Implementation Checklist](#) and [Action Plan Template](#), which assists with strategic planning
- Trainings and presentations for key stakeholders
- Publications on the [ways to reduce risk](#) across various types of gun violence, including brochures with information for direct service providers, first responders, and the public
- Promising practices, which we share across jurisdictions to support effective implementation
- Convenings, which we help host in communities to gather stakeholders—like courts, social and health service providers, advocates, law enforcement, and others—to improve coordination

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