Lethal Means and Risk in the Community - Common Sense Approaches

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Overview

• Red flag legislation and strategies
• Other gun control measures
• Community interventions
• Links and resources
Red Flag Legislation

• Extreme Risk Protection Order
  – Implemented in CT in 1999 (PA 99-212)
  – Allows police to obtain warrant from a judge to confiscate guns from individuals deemed a risk to self or others
  – Within 14 days of gun removal a hearing is held
  – For some, gun removal intervention serves as a portal to treatment
Red Flag Legislation

• Participation in National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) – PA 05-283
  – Database used by Federal firearms Licensees (FFLs) to determine eligibility to buy a gun
  – Used for all gun sales including gun shows
  – Ineligibility can occur due to criminal record, dishonorable discharge, fugitive from justice system, immigration status, etc.
Red Flag Legislation

• Gun restrictions and civil commitment - PA 98-129
• Requires individuals admitted to hospitals to relinquish guns temporarily
  – Hospitals enter: Name, DOB, address, last 4 # SS#
  – DMHAS notifies state police only if a match occurs
  – State police check for permits or guns, notifies patient to surrender guns/permit for 6 months
Stricter Gun Control Measures

- Imposed or Expanded Existing Bans
  - Military-style assault weapons (PA 13-3 passed in 2013)
  - Large capacity magazines (Part of PA 13-3)
  - Bump stocks (PA 18-29 passed in 2017)
- Universal background checks on all gun sales
- Registry of weapons offenders
- Imposed age restrictions on certain gun sales
Community Interventions

• Expansion of ACT Teams
• Community Intervention Teams (CIT)
• Peer Bridgers
• Mobile Crisis and Jail Diversion
• Public Awareness through YMHFA
• School Safety
Links and Resources

- CT Gun Laws Resource Page

- PA 13-3 An Act Concerning Gun Violence Prevention and Children’s Safety
  https://www.cga.ct.gov/2013/ACT/PA/2013PA-00003-R00SB-01160-PA.htm

- CT Chapter 529 Division of State Police
  - Sec. 29-38c. Seizure of firearms and ammunition from person posing risk of imminent personal injury to self or others. (extreme risk protection order)
  - Sec. 29-38b. Determination of commitment or admission status of person who applies for or seeks renewal of firearm permit or certificate.