

Gun Violence:

A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS

What we know. What we need to know. What to do.



Gun Violence Initiative: Highlights

2015

- **April:** The Institute launches the initiative *Gun Violence: A Public Health Crisis*.
- **Sept. 2015-April 2016:** In partnership with other schools and departments, the Initiative hosts a series of events to connect WashU and the greater St. Louis Community with resources to prevent gun violence.

2016

- **February:** United Way of Greater St. Louis and Washington University create the St. Louis Area Violence Prevention Commission (VPC), a regional and cross-sector collaborative to provide support and resources to local initiatives.
- **April:** The Gun Violence Initiative hosts an anniversary symposium, focused on "Research, Reflection, and Responses," featuring experts in the field of gun violence: Dr. Deborah Prothrow-Stith, Dr. Stephen Hargarten, and Dr. Daniel Webster.
- **August:** Dr. Ilana Rosman at the School of Medicine launches the first-ever course on gun violence as a public health issue.

2017

- **March:** Co-sponsored by the Initiative, the Department of Pediatrics at the School of Medicine and St. Louis Children's Hospital present the Pediatric Firearm Injury and Safety Symposium highlighting the societal and emotional costs of pediatric firearm-related injuries and deaths.
- **August:** VPC convenes stakeholders and community partners to learn about the results of the St. Louis Risk-Need-Responsivity (RNR) Simulation Tool deployed in 2016, which assesses the region's capacity to respond to violence.

2018

- **January:** The Institute, in partnership with BJC Healthcare, SSM Health, St. Louis University and University of Missouri-St. Louis, launch Life Outside of Violence (LOV), the St. Louis Area Hospital-based Violence Prevention Program.
- **September:** The Gun Violence Initiative joins the Center for Community Health Partnership and Research at the Institute for Public Health. By leveraging the Center's resources, the Gun Violence Initiative is able to advance and integrate its work into the community.
- **September:** The Gun Violence Initiative supports the St. Louis Suicide Prevention Coalition in presenting the first Suicide Prevention Summit.

2019

- **May:** The Institute publishes findings from the project, *St. Louis Crime Trends*, which focused on collected crime, funding and program data; trends in violent crime; and interviews exploring the relationship between crime and violence prevention funding between 1995 and 2008 in the City of St. Louis.
- **September:** The Harris Institute and the Institute for Public Health submitted a joint stakeholder report to the United Nations Human Rights Council on gun violence and human rights as part of the Third Universal Periodic Review of the U.S. government's human rights record.

2020

- **January:** The Institute joined the School of Medicine to commemorate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in a weeklong commemoration highlighting violence prevention initiatives occurring at the School of Medicine and around the St. Louis community.
- **April:** The Gun Violence Initiative celebrates its fifth anniversary.

