

Annotated Bibliography Gun Violence

Title: Gun Violence Exposure and Posttraumatic Symptoms Among Children and Youth

Review: The purpose of the study presented in this journal is to test a unique measure to assess youth firearm risk as well as safety, while looking at three “higher risk” communities. The study was able to identify several developmental differences based on age and types of exposure to gun violence, such as school age children having posttraumatic symptoms after hearing gun shots, with no other direct exposure to violence. Additionally, the study’s findings suggest that children who experience direct violence are often exposed to multiple other forms of violence and can be associated with other forms of victimization. It is important for people offering trauma informed care to children and families to be cognizant of the fact that there are traumatic impacts of gun violence for children, even without direct victimization and exposure.

Year of Publication: 2019

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1002/jts.22466>

Keywords: Gun violence, youth, homicide, exposure, victimization

APA Citation: Turner, H. A., Mitchell, K. J., Jones, L. M., Hamby, S., Wade, R., & Beseler, C. L. (2019). Gun violence exposure and posttraumatic symptoms among children and Youth. *Journal of Traumatic Stress*, 32(6), 881–889. <https://doi.org/10.1002/jts.22466>

Title: Effects of Mass Shootings on the Mental Health of Children and Adolescents

Review: This article sought to examine how children of many ages respond to mass shootings and exposure to gun violence. While the effects of these acts can have significant mental health outcomes in including posttraumatic stress, depression, substance use, and anxiety, various risk and protective factors influence how an individual will cope. More effective prevention and treatment resources are needed to support these populations, so that needs of survivors can be addressed and future incidents can be prevented.

Year of Publication: 2021

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11920-021-01222-2>

Keywords: children mass shooting, PTSD, risk and protective factors, school shootings

APA Citation: Cimolai, V., Schmitz, J., & Sood, A. B. (2021c). Effects of mass shootings on the mental health of children and adolescents. *Current Psychiatry Reports*, 23(3). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11920-021-01222-2>

Title: Protecting America's Children from Gun Violence

Review: Before a U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on gun violence prevention, more than 300 pediatricians submitted their own personal testimonies to the committee, illustrating how gun violence has impacted their patients, communities and lives. The stories, which were submitted in just over two days, range from heart-wrenching accounts of patients who have been victims of gun violence to gripping examples of the long-term trauma caused by exposure to gun violence.

Year of Publication: 2022

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Keywords: gun violence, testimony, pediatric, trauma

APA Citation: *More than 300 pediatricians submit personal testimonies of gun violence to congressional record.* American Academy of Pediatrics. (2022, June 15). <https://www.aap.org/en/news-room/news-releases/aap/2022/more-than-300-pediatricians-submit-personal-testimonies-of-gun-violence-to-congressional-record/>

Title: Firearm violence against children in the United States: Trends in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic

Review: This study aimed to evaluate the patterns of firearm violence against children before and after the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as the patterns of specific types of firearm violence against children over time (2016–2020). It found that child-involved shooting incidents increased significantly in 2020 surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic. Given that gun law strength was associated with a decreased rate of monthly child-involved firearm violence, public health and legislative efforts should be made to protect this vulnerable population from exposure to firearms.

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Keywords: pediatric, firearm violence, COVID-19, pandemic

APA Citation: Donnelly, M. R., Grigorian, A., Swentek, L., Arora, J., Kuza, C. M., Inaba, K., Kim, D., Lekawa, M., & Nahmias, J. (2021). Firearm Violence Against Children in the United States: Trends in the wake of the covid-19 pandemic. *Journal of Trauma and Acute Care Surgery*, 92(1), 65–68. <https://doi.org/10.1097/ta.0000000000003347>

Title: Preventing Firearm Violence in Youth Through Evidence-Informed Strategies

Review: This publication works to identify several positions surrounding firearm safety, strategies to promote safety, and how to evaluate risk. Those who care for adolescents and young adults (AYA) have an obligation to mitigate the effects firearms have on the health and well-being of AYA. The Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine supports a comprehensive approach focused on clinical care, research, education, and legislation that can ultimately reduce AYA firearm morbidity and mortality.

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Keywords: firearm injuries, adolescents, young adults,

APA Citation: Preventing firearm violence in youth through evidence-informed strategies.

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