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Background

Exposure to tragic mass shootings, such as at Parkland and in Santa Fe, has increased media and the general populations' attention to gun violence. Gun violence deaths by homicide, suicide, unintentional shootings and mass shootings are a daily occurrence. Every day, 96 Americans are killed by guns, including seven children and teenagers. Of the firearm deaths, 62 percent are suicides. These firearm deaths leave families broken. Experiencing violence and crime also increases the likelihood for individuals to abuse drugs, suffer from mental illnesses, engage in criminal activity and, for youth, have academic and behavioral issues at school.¹ Utilizing a public health approach to prevent gun violence through policy change and implementing community and individual-level best-practices would help reduce the number of gun violence deaths in the country. However, proper gun violence research is necessary before developing such policy and programs. Two pieces of legislation vital to gun violence research and focusing on a public health impact on gun violence prevention are the Dickey Amendment and the Health Equity and Accountability Act of 2018.

The Dickey Amendment was included in the 1996 Omnibus Consolidated Appropriations Bill. The Dickey amendment says that, "none of the funds made available for injury prevention and control at the [CDC] may be used to advocate or promote gun control."² **Though the amendment does not prohibit CDC from researching gun violence, continuing to include the amendment in appropriations bills has had a chilling effect on gun violence prevention research.** In over 20 years since the authoring of the amendment, there have been numerous unsuccessful attempts to repeal the Dickey Amendment and fund gun violence prevention research within the CDC. Lack of gun violence resources keeps common sense questions unanswered and most effective gun violence prevention programs unknown.

The Health Equity and Accountability Act of 2018 (HEAA) is a vital component for improving the health of populations and reducing gun violence in the nation. HEAA is inclusive of all populations, while promoting gun violence prevention through the reaffirmation of the research authority of the CDC, improvement of the National Violent Death Reporting System and reports written by the Surgeon General and Deputy Assistant Secretary for Minority Health on the effects of gun violence on public health and mental health in minority communities.⁴

Gun violence research is crucial to answering the types of questions often raised when these tragic events occur that are seldom answered definitively and officially. Funding gun violence research through repealing the Dickey Amendment, passing HEAA and allocating funds to the CDC is an important start toward a public health approach to end gun violence once and for all. **In order to encourage our nation's policymakers to act on legislation that prevents gun violence, we encourage both organizations and individuals to use Facebook, Twitter, email and phone to contact the US Congress and be heard!** To help us amplify the impact of gun violence prevention advocacy, please use the hashtag **#EndGunViolence** throughout the day on your social media platforms and engage in SOPHE's annual National Health Education Week **#NHEW** kickoff on the final day of **#AdvocacySummit18** **#HEontheHill**

¹ Everytown for Gun Safety. (2018). *Gun Violence by the numbers*. Retrieved from <https://everytownresearch.org/gun-violence-by-the-numbers/>

² Association of Pediatric Program Directors. (2017). *The Dickey Amendment*. Retrieved from <https://www.appd.org/meetings/2017Spring/Presentations/WS31H04.pdf>

³ Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum. (2018). *The Health Equity and Accountability Act of 2018*. Retrieved from <https://www.apiahf.org/resource/the-health-equity-and-accountability-act-of-2018/>

⁴ Library of Congress. (2018). *H.R. 5942- Health Equity and Accountability Act of 2018*. Retrieved from <https://www.congress.gov/bills/115th-congress/house-bill/5942>

PART 1: Summit Webinar Series

All SOPHE members and non-members are welcome to join us for these webinars to strengthen health education/promotion advocacy competencies – registrants of the 2018 Summit are strongly encouraged to attend.

Advocacy 101 - Preparing for the 2018 Advocacy Summit: Mobilizing the Next Generation of Health Advocates

SOPHE welcomes all members and non-members to this exciting webinar that will introduce the purpose of the 2018 Advocacy Summit and explain key learning objectives for all health education specialists that can be gained at the Summit. As it related to the theme of this year's summit, *Mobilizing the Next Generation of Health Advocates*, the focus of this year's public health advocacy agenda is the public health impact of gun violence. SOPHE's Advocacy Trustee Dr. Amy Thompson and SOPHE Policy & Resolution Committee Chairs Dr. Jodi Brookins-Fisher and Dr. Heidi Hancher-Rauch will discuss core advocacy skills that students, faculty members, and all public health professionals can use to advocate for public health priorities at the state and local levels!

Learning objectives:

- Discuss the background of the Annual Advocacy Summit and provide examples of how participants can inspire their peers to action and get decision-makers to change policy
- Develop an advocacy plan in compliance with local, state, and/or federal policies and procedures to advance the health education profession.
- Uses at least two strategies to advance advocacy goals

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The Public Health Impact of Gun Violence

Join Dr. Amy Thompson for a webinar discussing the public health impact of guns. In conjunction with this year's advocacy agenda on the public health impact of gun violence, this webinar will explore the status of guns on college campuses and the implications for guns in schools.

Learning objectives:

- Discuss the public health impact of guns
- Explain the status of guns on college campuses
- Identify ways to advocate for gun free zones on college campuses
- Discuss ways to identify at-risk students

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Public Health Policy Research for Advocacy

Health education advocacy is an essential competency for health education specialists. Yet, many don't know where to begin when it comes to identifying credible and supportive resources that make for a well-supported and compelling advocacy message. Join Elaine Hicks, SOPHE Secretary on the Board of Trustees for this webinar that will enable participants to locate authoritative on-line national and state-specific data and statistics about gun violence in order to make informed statements to legislative assistants. Topics will include: how and where to locate relevant information quickly; gun violence resources (Guides, grey literature, data and statistics, peer-reviewed journal articles); and judging the quality of information. Following the webinar, participants should be able to efficiently and effectively locate gun violence information on which to build effective arguments.

Learning objectives:

- Develop a plan for the delivery of a health education/promotion advocacy agenda
- Identify and determine sources of valid health-related information
- Identify and evaluate appropriate health-related information that is credible and preferred for use in effective health advocacy
- Engage in advocacy for health and health education/promotion

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Firearm-safety Among Children & Teens Consortium (FACTS)

Firearm-related deaths are the third leading cause of death overall among US children aged 1 to 17 years and the second leading cause of injury-related death. Substantial research and training in the field of firearm injury prevention must ensue to determine evidence-based solutions improve injury-related health outcomes for children and adolescents. Assessing these gaps in the research of firearm deaths among U.S. Children and Teens is what led the NIH funding of a research consortium called Firearm-safety Among Children & Teens Consortium (FACTS). Fellow principle investigator, Marc Zimmerman, Ph.D., a professor of public health at the U-M School for Public Health, and Patrick Carter, M.D., an assistant professor of emergency medicine both part of the consortium leadership team, will discuss how to seek funding to jump-start the field of pediatric and adolescent research. In this webinar, participants will learn about research needs and solutions on firearm injury prevention.

Learning objectives:

- Describe the purpose of the Firearm-safety Among Children & Teens Consortium (FACTS) and its valid information resources
- Access resources that impact funding for critical pediatric and adolescent research and advocacy
- Assess needed and available resources for evaluation and evidence-based participatory research on firearm injury prevention

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Next Steps: Advocating for Gun Violence Prevention after the Advocacy Summit

Tuesday, October 23, 2018 | 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. EDT

This webinar will reflect on the tools, tactics, and skills students, faculty members, and all public health professionals gained during the Summit, and how they can continue to use these skills at local and state levels. Join Dr. Alexis Blavos, SOPHE Policy & Resolutions Committee member to apply the lessons learned to advance health education and improve your health advocacy competencies!

Learning objectives:

- Discuss the asks of the 2018 Advocacy Summit
- Apply the advocacy tools learned at the Advocacy Summit to implement policy and environmental changes on a state and local level
- Identify three ways for faculty (i.e. universities and/or high schools) to incorporate advocacy into their curriculum for advocacy/learning opportunities for their students

[Register for this webinar >](#) *Within two weeks following the webinar, [purchase 1.0 CE credit in SOPHE's CORE](#)

PART 2: Call to Action on Monday October 15, 2018

Monday October 15, 2018 is SOPHE's Virtual Advocacy Day. On this day, nearly 200 of your public health colleagues will go to Capitol Hill to use the skills they learned at the 20th Annual Advocacy Summit to advocate on behalf of gun violence prevention. There is much work to do to strengthen gun violence prevention and promote increased health education research and funding. As SOPHE continues to advocate for prevention, we invite you to join your public health colleagues on the Hill by participating in our annual Virtual Advocacy Day – this year we are working to #EndGunViolence.

There are 3 easy ways to participate:

1. Send the Unified #EndGunViolence Social Media Message

SOPHE IS ASKING EVERYONE TO PARTICIPATE in the official [#EndGunViolence Congress Web message](#).

“Every day, 96 Americans are killed by guns. Congress, it’s time to prioritize gun violence research and funding for public health! This begins with passing #HEAA and repealing the #Dickey Amendment. #EndGunViolence”



All you need to do is enter your home address and Congress Web will send the #EndGunViolence message (above) to your legislators’ social media accounts!

2. Join the #EndGunViolence Twitter Chat

Mark your calendars! Join [@SOPHEtweets](#) for an #EndGunViolence Twitter Chat on **Monday, October 15 at 1:00 p.m.** to discuss the role of health education in preventing firearm injury and amplify our advocacy on the Hill.

3. Engage Your Legislators

In addition to joining SOPHE’s Twitter Chat and sending the unified Congress Web social media message, you can flood Congress’ news feeds by **tweeting, posting on Facebook, sending emails and calling their offices** as a unified #EndGunViolence voice.

Use the contact information and sample messages found on the following pages to contact your legislators and other key members.

Do You Know Your Legislators?

Find [your two Senators' contact information](#) and [your Congressperson's contact information](#) or call the U.S. Capitol Switchboard at (202) 224-3121 and the operator will connect you to the Senate/House office you request.

Sample Phone Messages

Sample Message 1:

Hi, my name is [your name] and I am calling from [your city, state]. I am calling to express my interest in promoting gun violence prevention through the reaffirmation of the research authority of the CDC. The Dickey Amendment was included in the 1996 Omnibus Consolidated Appropriations Bill, and although the amendment does not prohibit the CDC from studying gun violence prevention, the circumstances regarding the introduction of the Dickey Amendment have had a chilling effect on gun violence research at the federal level and have led to the misconception that the amendment constitutes a ban on gun violence research by the CDC. Today I'm asking for your support to repeal the Dickey Amendment and to adequately fund gun violence research at the CDC during this critical time for our country. I expect our Congress to work in a bipartisan manner to make the Americans healthier and to prioritize public health research into firearm morbidity and mortality prevention. I strongly oppose any legislation that ignores funding for research or programs that prevent acts of gun violence. Thank you for your time.

Sample Message 2:

Hi, my name is [your name] and I am calling from [your city, state]. I am calling to express my support for the Health Equity and Accountability Act of 2018. The Health Equity and Accountability Act of 2018 is a vital component for improving the health of our country and includes an important focus on preventing gun violence. I encourage [Senator/Representative] to urge [his/her] colleagues to support the Health Equity and Accountability Act of 2018 and protect the lives of thousands through gun violence prevention research. Thank you for your time.

Sample Email

[Send this action alert email](#) to your legislators – all you need to do is enter your home address and Congress Web will send this email for you! Here is a preview of the email text:

Dear [Senator/Representative],

As a constituent and advocate for the Society for Public Health Education (SOPHE), I am writing to ensure that gun violence prevention research and funding is a priority. The United States has a firearm-related death rate twenty times higher than other industrialized countries.

Health educators and other health advocates know that proper gun violence research is necessary before developing policy and programs that can properly target gun violence with effective efforts. Currently there are two pieces of legislation that our nation can focus on to better understand the public health impact on gun violence, which include the Dickey Amendment and the Health Equity and Accountability Act of 2018, and they are instrumental to the movement on gun violence prevention for critical reasons:

- The Dickey Amendment was included in the 1996 Omnibus Consolidated Appropriations Bill preventing the CDC from advocating and promoting gun control. Though the amendment does not prohibit CDC from researching gun violence, continuing to include the amendment in

appropriations bills has had a chilling effect on gun violence prevention research. Lack of gun violence resource keeps common question unanswered and effective gun violence prevention programs unknown.

- The Health Equity and Accountability Act of 2018 promotes gun violence prevention through the reaffirmation of the research authority of the CDC, improvement of the National Violent Death Reporting System and reports written by the Surgeon General and Deputy Assistant Secretary for Minority Health on the effects of gun violence on public health and mental health in minority communities.

I strongly urge you and other members of Congress to prioritize gun violence prevention funding and research which is possible through viable mechanisms such as the proposed Health Equity and Accountability Act of 2018, which includes the repeal of the Dickey Amendment. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

[Your name], [Your city]



Sample Facebook Posts

You can also post directly on a Senator's or Congressperson's Facebook page. Make sure to include #EndGunViolence in your posts. Here are sample messages to use:

Every year in the United States, there are 465,000 nonfatal firearm victims, including 107,000 injured. #EndGunViolence #AdvocacySummit18 #NHEW #myimpact #HEontheHill

89% of accidental shooting deaths among children occur in their home. Let's stand together to #EndGunViolence #AdvocacySummit18 #NHEW #myimpact #HEontheHill

More than 90 lives are lost and 100s more are wounded each day due to gun violence. #myimpact in public health is advocating for gun violence prevention and @CDC funding on injury prevention and control. #AdvocacySummit18 #NHEW #myimpact #HEontheHill

#gunviolence research is necessary by the @CDC and other institutions to learn more and evaluate current public health efforts. #EndGunViolence #AdvocacySummit18 #NHEW #myimpact #HEontheHill

Local leaders are necessary to increase #gunviolenceprevention awareness and to engage community members to do something about it #EndGunViolence #AdvocacySummit18 #NHEW #myimpact #HEontheHill

The United States has a 20x higher firearm-related death rate than other industrialized country. Let's #EndGunViolence and employ the health education approach to protect and save lives! #AdvocacySummit18 #NHEW #myimpact #HEontheHill

7 children and teens are killed each day with guns. Stand up for gun violence and advocate for healthier communities. #EndGunViolence #AdvocacySummit18 #NHEW #myimpact #HEontheHill

More than 75% of guns used in suicide attempts and unintentional injuries in youth 0-19 years old were stored in the home of the victim, a friend or relative #EndGunViolence today! #AdvocacySummit18 #NHEW #myimpact #HEontheHill

Total gun violence, including suicide, combines for being 8th of the top 30 deaths in the United States in 2013. But, it is 29th in regards of federal funding for research. #EndGunViolence through @CDC research. #AdvocacySummit18 #NHEW #myimpact #HEontheHill



Tweet at Senators and Congresspersons by using their Twitter handle. Also, please include #EndGunViolence in your tweets. If the Twitter handle is at the beginning of the tweet, you must place a "." as the first character of the tweet will not show up as public. [Click here for a list of all US Senator Twitter accounts.](#) [Click here for a list of all US Representatives Twitter Accounts.](#)

.[@Senator/RepresentativeTwitterHandle] Funding gun violence prevention research by repealing the Dickey Amendment & allocating funds to @CDCgov @CDCInjury is an important start to #EndGunViolence once and for all.

.[@Senator/RepresentativeTwitterHandle] Let's show our support to pass #HEAA #healthequitynow #EndGunViolence #HEontheHill

.[@Senator/RepresentativeTwitterHandle] #HEAA is a vital component for improving the health of our country and includes an important focus on preventing #gunviolence #healthequitynow #EndGunViolence

.[@Senator/RepresentativeTwitterHandle] #HEAA is part of the public health approach to #EndGunViolence once and for all. I ask YOU to support #HEAA! #gunviolence #healthequitynow

.[@Senator/RepresentativeTwitterHandle] The US has a 20x higher firearm-related death rate than other industrialized country – let's work to #EndGunViolence #HEontheHill

.[@Senator/RepresentativeTwitterHandle] I urge you to stand with health education advocates and #EndGunViolence #HEontheHill

.[@Senator/RepresentativeTwitterHandle] I urge you to advocate for gun violence prevention and @CDCgov @CDCInjury funding on injury prevention and control. #EndGunViolence #HEontheHill

.[@Senator/RepresentativeTwitterHandle] 7 children and teens are killed each day with guns. Champion an effort to #EndGunViolence #HEontheHill

.[@Senator/RepresentativeTwitterHandle] Despite gun violence being #8 on the top 30 deaths in the US in 2013, it was #29 in federal funding for research. Repeal the Dickey Amendment and fund the @CDCgov @CDCInjury for gun violence research. #EndGunViolence

Legislator Contact Information

Use the social media messages above to fill elected officials' news feeds with demands to promote CDC research on the public health issues of gun violence and to increase funding for public health programs that prevent violence.

Contact information for key offices is found below.

Members of the Senate Appropriations Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies (Labor-HHS-Education) Subcommittee

Chairman: Roy Blunt (R - MO) Phone: (202) 224-5721 Email Facebook Twitter @RoyBlunt	Ranking Member: Patty Murray (D-WA) Phone: (202) 224-2621 Email Facebook Twitter @PattyMurray
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Lindsey Graham (R-SC) Phone: (202) 224-5972 Email Facebook Twitter @GrahamBlog	James Lankford (R-OK) Phone: (202) 224-5754 Email Facebook Twitter @SenatorLankford
John Kennedy (R-LA) Phone: (202) 224-4623 Email Facebook Twitter @SenJohnKennedy	Marco Rubio (R-FL) Phone: (202) 224-4774 Email Facebook Twitter @SenRubioPress
Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV) Phone: (202) 224-6472 Email Facebook Twitter @sencapito	Lamar Alexander (R-TN) Phone: (202) 224-4944 Email Facebook Twitter: @senAlexander
Jack Reed (D-RI) Phone: (202) 224-4642 Email Facebook Twitter @SenJackReed	Joe Manchin (D-WV) Phone: (202) 224-3954 Email Facebook Twitter @Sen_JoeManchin
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Members of the House Appropriations Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies (Labor-HHS-Education) Subcommittee

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Katherine Clark (D-MA) Phone: (202) 225-2836 Email Facebook Twitter @RepKClark	

Members of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

This House Committee has recently authored and sponsored legislation regarding gun violence prevention and plays an important role in influencing current and future legislation.

Ranking Member: Elijah Cummings (D-MD) Phone: (202) 225-4741 Email Facebook Twitter @RepCummings	Chair: Trey Gowdy (R-SC) Phone: (202) 225-6030 Email Facebook Twitter @TGowdySC
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Rod Blum (R-IA) Phone: (202) 225-2911 Email Facebook Twitter @RepRodBlum	Jody Hice (R-GA) Phone: (202) 225-4101 Email Facebook Twitter @CongressmanHice
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Greg Gianforte (R_MT) Phone: (202) 225-3211 Email Facebook Twitter @gianforte	

Additional Senate Leaders

In addition to reaching out to your House and Senate representation, please contact these other key leaders. These Senate leaders have been swing votes in the past in regards to gun violence prevention measures. Enough people sending them messages may help them consider flipping their vote again.

Mitch McConnell (R-KY) Senator Majority Leader Phone: (202) 224-2541	Charles (Chuck) Schumer (D-NY) Senator Minority Leader Phone: (202) 224-6542
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Email Facebook Twitter @SenateMajLdr	Email Facebook Twitter @SenSchumer
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John McCain (R-AZ) Phone: (202) 224-2235 Email Facebook Twitter @SenJohnMcCain	Joe Donnelly (D-IN) Phone: (202) 224-4814 Email Facebook Twitter @SenDonnelly
Jon Tester (D-MT) Phone: (202) 224-2644 Email Facebook Twitter @SenatorTester	Joe Manchin (D-WV) Phone: (202) 224-3954 Email Facebook Twitter @Sen_JoeManchin
Agnus King (I-ME) Phone: (202) 244-5344 Email Facebook Twitter: @SenAngusKing	

Additional Advocacy Resources

SOPHE’s [Resolution on The Role of Health Education in Preventing Gun Violence](#) is available for download. This resolution calls for advocacy, research, health education and promotion activities directed to preventing gun/firearm death, injury and violence. SOPHE’s advocacy and resolutions committee creates resolutions to guide the organization’s advocacy activities.

SOPHE [applauds](#) the introduction of the Health Equity and Accountability Act of 2018.

SOPHE’s [violence/intentional injury facts](#).

Joint statement from SOPHE and 75 public health, medical and research organization to the [U.S. Senate](#) and [U.S. House of Representatives](#) urging action and bipartisanship on comprehensive legislative solutions to firearm-related injuries and fatalities.

SOPHE’s research and practice in the prevention of firearm violence available in *the Health Education & Behavior* and *Health Promotion Practice Journals*.

- [Prevalence and Correlates of Firearm Ownership in the Homes of Fifth Graders: Birmingham, AL, Houston, TX, and Los Angeles, CA](#) Children who live in homes with unlocked firearms are at increased risk of injury and death. This study examines firearm ownership and storage patterns by four self-reported sociodemographic characteristics (i.e., child’s race/ethnicity, child’s gender, family socioeconomic status, and study
- [Fostering Resilience Among Urban Youth Exposed to Violence: A Promising Area for Interdisciplinary Research and Practice](#) Most studies examining the impact of community violence on youth adopted a deficit-based perspective and focused on its negative effects. However, this approach fails to account for the resilience — or positive adaptation — that most youth demonstrate over time. The authors review how resilience has been conceptualized and operationalized within the context of community violence, highlight gaps in literature, and offer directions for future public health research and practice.
- [Ecological Contexts in the Development of Coalitions for Youth Violence Prevention: An Organizational Network Analysis](#) Community coalitions are a recognized strategy for addressing pressing public health problems. Despite the promise of coalitions, results linking coalition efforts to positive community outcomes are mixed. To date, research has primarily focused on

determining organizational attributes related to successful internal coalition functioning. The authors' research adds to this literature by offering a network conceptualization of coalition formation in which coalition participation is studied within the broader context

- [School-Based and Community-Based Gun Safety Educational Strategies for Injury Prevention](#)
Nearly 1,300 children in the United States die because of firearm-related injury each year and another 5,790 survive gunshot wounds, making the prevention of firearm-related unintentional injury to children of vital importance to families, health professionals, and policymakers. This webinar is based on SOPHE's Health Promotion Practice (HPP) Journal article, "School-Based and Community-Based Gun Safety Educational Strategies for Injury Prevention" and shares the systemic review methodology and results from school and community-based gun safety programs for children 3 to 18 years. [View the webinar recording of this article in CORE >](#)

SOPHE's [Center for Online Resources & Education \(CORE\)](#) is an integrated learning management system that provides access to the latest content in public health to help advance career and professional development. Access CORE to watch webinar recordings on gun violence prevention programs and peer-reviewed research and seek continuing education (CE) credit for these activities.

Safe Streets Baltimore

This webinar introduces Safe Streets Baltimore, a public health and evidence-based initiative to reduce shooting homicides in select neighborhoods of Baltimore City. [Recording available in SOPHE's CORE to purchase 1.0 CE credit >](#)

National and community level prevention strategies by key grassroots organizations:

- [Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence](#)
- [Everytown for Gun Safety](#)
- [Giffords Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence](#)
- [Sandy Hook Promise](#)
- [The Coalition to Stop Gun Violence](#)