

# What a Statewide Gun Violence Center Could Mean For You

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# HB 969 / SB 364

An Act to direct the Department of Criminal Justice Services to convene a work group to develop policy and legislative recommendations to establish the Virginia Gun Violence Prevention Center.

**It is essential that Virginia's cities have strong representation on this work group.**



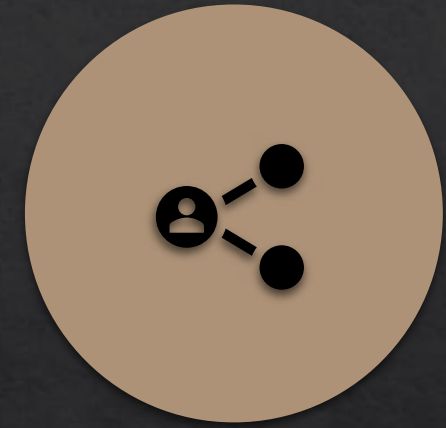
# How do we do this?



EXPLORE IDEAS






BUILD  
CONNECTIONS



SHARE  
SOLUTIONS

Information sharing between psychiatric hospitals and schools to better support adolescents returning to school following a suicide-related crisis

Marisa E. Marraccini <sup>a</sup>  , Chelsea B. McGraw <sup>a</sup> , Lora Henderson Smith <sup>b</sup> ,

**Developing a Rural Hospital-Based Violence Intervention Program for Firearm Injury and Suicide Prevention**

**From Petition to Protection: Understanding Extreme Risk Protective Order Patterns, Decision-Making, and Implementation in Virginia**

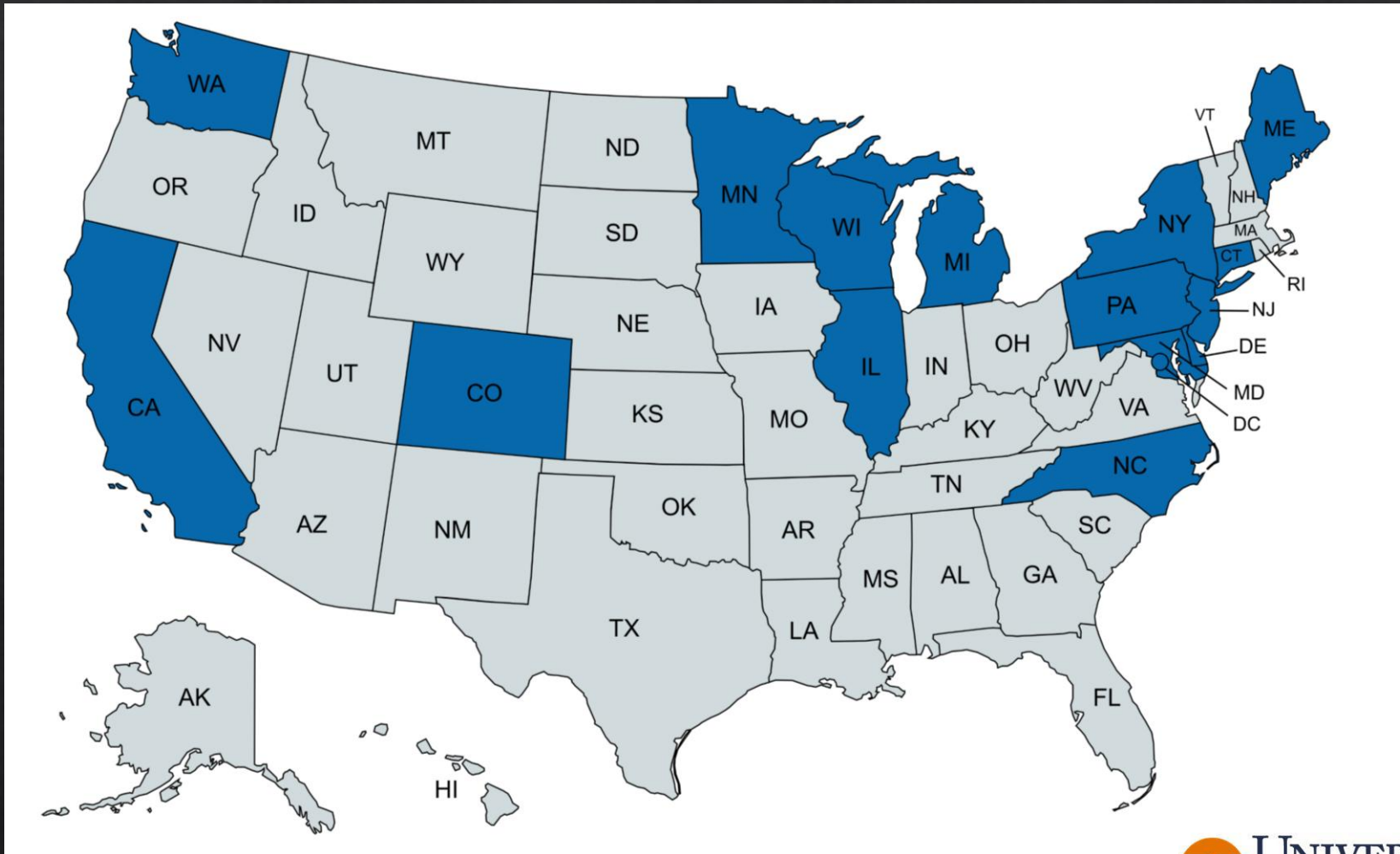
Mapping the Role of Race, Peer Influence, and Gun Violence Exposure on Gun Attitudes

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# Virginia Gun Violence Prevention Summit w/ Virginia First Cities



# States with an Office of Violence Prevention



# What do these offices typically do?



COORDINATE  
ACROSS  
GOVERNMENT



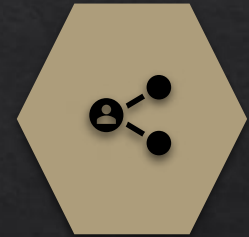
OVERSEE FUNDING



SUPPORT  
IMPLEMENTATION  
AND EDUCATION



PARTNER ON  
RESEARCH AND  
EVALUATION



CRISIS RESPONSE

# Possible Roles in Virginia

- ◇ Facilitate sharing data
- ◇ Coordinate between agencies
- ◇ Operate a research center
- ◇ Grantmaking
- ◇ Coordinate between agencies, localities, and community groups
- ◇ Provide technical assistance
- ◇ Establish training standards
- ◇ Develop best practices
- ◇ Apply for grant funds

This all relies on strong partnerships with cities.

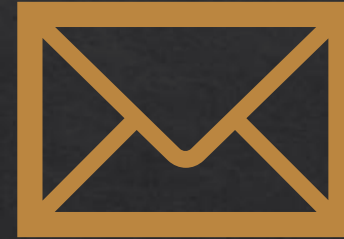
# Work Group Members

- ◆ Two current members of the House of Delegates to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates
- ◆ One current member of the Senate to be appointed by the Chair of the Senate Committee on Rules
- ◆ Three representatives with experience in gun violence prevention and community safety to be appointed by the Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security
- ◆ Four representatives with experience working in the Department of Health appointed by the Secretary of Health and Human Resources
- ◆ One representative with experience in gun violence prevention and community safety to be appointed by the Secretary of the Commonwealth
- ◆ One representative with experience in K-12 schools to be appointed by the Secretary of Education
- ◆ One representative with experience in workforce development to be appointed by the Secretary of Labor
- ◆ One representative from the Office of the Attorney General to be appointed by the Attorney General
- ◆ One representatives from both UVA and VSU
- ◆ One representative who is an attorney for the Commonwealth to be appointed by the Chair of the Senate Committee on Rules
- ◆ One representative who is a defense attorney licensed appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates
- ◆ Two members of tax-exempt gun violence prevention advocacy organizations to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates
- ◆ One member of a tax-exempt gun violence prevention advocacy organization to be appointed by the Chair of the Senate Committee on Rules.

# What You Can Do Now



Get someone on the work  
group



Contact with someone who is  
on it

Report is due by December 15, 2026 so meetings will  
start soon.



Questions?

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