



Addressing Gun Violence

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Panelist Bios

[Dr. Eric Fleegler](#), Associate Physician in Medicine, Division of Emergency Medicine; Associate Professor of Pediatrics and Emergency Medicine, Harvard Medical School

Dr. Eric Fleegler, MD MPH is a pediatric emergency physician and health services researcher at Boston Children's Hospital and Assistant Professor of Pediatrics and Emergency Medicine at Harvard Medical School. He was a political science major at Brown University, received his MD from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine and his MPH from the Harvard School of Public Health. He completed his residency in pediatrics at the Boston Combined Residency Program, his fellowship in pediatric emergency medicine at Boston Children's Hospital and his research fellowship at the Harvard Pediatric Health Services Research Fellowship. His clinical work includes attending in the emergency department and as director of the sedation service at Boston Children's.

Dr. Fleegler's research and innovation have focused on three major areas. (1) firearm injuries with a focus on epidemiology, risk factors and the role of legislation in reducing firearm fatalities, (2) development and evaluation of tools to help families' with health-related social needs including development of HelpSteps, a web-based program and app that is now the referral system for the United Way/Mass2-1-1, used by over 100,000 families annually, and (3) health inequities by race, ethnicity and poverty at the macro (country) and micro level (hospital). His seminal research has been quoted by President Barack Obama and referenced by the Supreme Court as well as by numerous state legislatures. He is co-director of the Social Medicine course at Harvard Medical School and regularly lectures around the country.

[Julia Weber](#), Implementation Director at the Giffords Law Center

Julia Weber serves as Giffords Law Center's implementation director, focusing on identifying ways to most effectively implement gun safety policies. She originally joined the organization in 2018 as a fellow focused on gun violence restraining order and [extreme risk protection order](#) implementation. Julia is an expert on [domestic violence policy](#) who has spent her career working to develop and implement promising practices to prevent and respond to violence.

Prior to joining Giffords Law Center, Julia worked for over 17 years with the Judicial Council of California's Center for Families, Children & the Courts, where she served as co-counsel to the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee and supervised the Access to Justice Unit. Julia has staffed many taskforces and working groups addressing family law, intimate partner violence, and child welfare, and has extensive experience drafting and implementing protective and restraining orders and firearms relinquishment policies. She presents regularly at conferences and has trained hundreds of court staff nationally on preventing bias in working with victims and survivors, utilizing trauma-informed approaches in providing court services, and developing effective, responsive, and effective protocols.

Julia attended Washington University School of Law and the George Warren Brown School of Social Work, where she obtained her combined degrees in law and social work. She is a trained mediator and a member of the California bar. Julia also serves as an expert witness and is an adjunct professor at Golden Gate University School of Law, where she teaches domestic violence law.

[Carol Landale](#), San Diegans for Gun Violence Prevention

Carol Landale got involved in the gun violence prevention movement after the Sandy Hook shooting in 2012. She had recently retired from teaching and the horror of this shooting drove her into working to end gun violence. The tragedies have continued but she continues the work with the attitude that ending gun violence in the United States is a marathon not a sprint and will happen one law at a time. She believes that changing the culture around guns and educating the public about the problem are both critical to the eventual reduction of gun violence.

[Lori Van Orden](#), San Diegans for Gun Violence Prevention

Lori is on the education team at San Diegans for Gun Violence Prevention. She was a teacher for 20 years and got involved with San Diegans for Gun Violence Prevention after the massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary.

[Pastor Jesus Sandoval](#), Executive Director Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention

Pastor Sandoval is a former gang member who has devoted his life to his faith and his work preventing violence, reunifying reformed gang members and their families and providing services to children and young adults emerging from the justice system. As executive director for the advisory commission, Sandoval helps to develop intervention and prevention programs for the city of San Diego.

[Stephan Abrams](#), National chapter coordinator Team ENOUGH

Stephan Abrams is the national chapter coordinator at Team ENOUGH and a member of the Team ENOUGH Executive Council. He's currently a sophomore at George Mason University in Fairfax, VA. Stephan is primarily focused on community organizing and gun violence prevention policy. Stephan became involved with Team ENOUGH by creating multiple chapters across California, starting at just 15 years old. Stephan continues to lead a statewide lobbying group for Team ENOUGH students to advocate for legislation in California. In recent years, Stephan has spoken out about homemade "ghost guns," garnering local and national attention. He looks to expand the role of youth in the legislative process and empower young people to use their voice to create change in the community.