

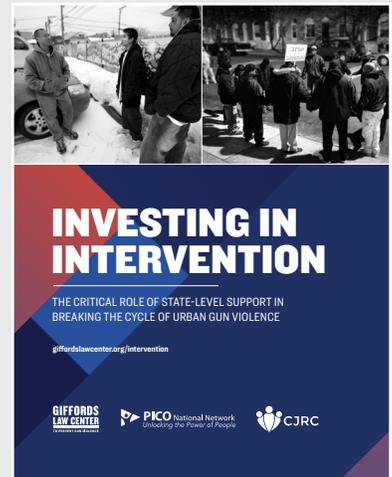
INVESTING IN INTERVENTION

THE CRITICAL ROLE OF STATE-LEVEL SUPPORT IN BREAKING THE CYCLE OF URBAN GUN VIOLENCE

Tens of thousands of people are shot each year on America's streets. These shootings are concentrated in cities and disproportionately impact underserved populations—but relief is within reach. A small handful of states are supporting affordable, proven solutions to address this epidemic, saving lives and millions in taxpayer dollars.

READ THE REPORT

States can do so much more to address the alarming rates of gun violence in our cities. Read the full report to learn how Massachusetts, Connecticut, and New York are transforming communities with sustained investment in evidence-based violence reduction strategies.



INTERPERSONAL VIOLENCE DRIVES GUN HOMICIDES

Day-to-day interpersonal gun violence drives a substantial percentage of overall shootings in this country. A disproportionate number of those shootings are concentrated in our cities—often in underserved communities of color. It's staggering to consider that black men make up 6% of the US population, yet account for more than half of all gun homicide victims each year. Latino men are also disproportionately impacted. Of America's 13,000 gun-related homicide victims in 2015, over 8,500 were men of color.



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THREE STATES LEAD THE WAY

A small handful of states, including **Massachusetts**, **Connecticut**, and **New York**, are making much-needed investments in evidence-based violence prevention and intervention programs. However, these states are rare exceptions, and as gun violence devastates too many communities across America, there is a critical need to expand and scale up state-level support for the programs most effective at saving lives. With the total cost of American gun violence estimated at \$229 billion each year, investing in gun violence reduction strategies is also a smart economic move for state governments.



A WORTHWHILE INVESTMENT

From 2012 to 2013, a \$2 million violence reduction program in Boston and Springfield, MA, generated close to \$15 million in savings from decreases in crime. In part because of smart investments like this, Massachusetts has the nation's lowest gun death rate.

MASSACHUSETTS

Massachusetts' gun homicide rate fell by 35% in six years, while the national gun homicide rate rose by 14%.



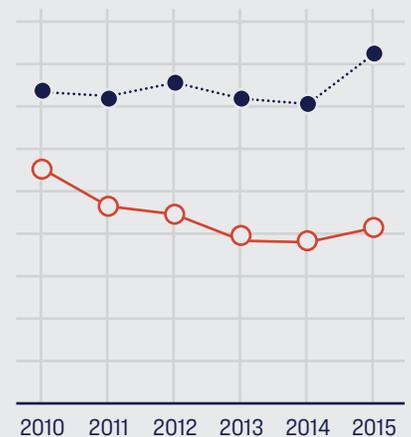
CONNECTICUT

Connecticut's gun homicide rate fell by 16% in six years, while the national gun homicide rate rose by 14%.



NEW YORK

New York State's gun homicide rate fell by 23% in six years, while the national gun homicide rate rose by 14%.



● National gun homicide rate per 100K ○ State gun homicide rate per 100K

Source: CDC WISQARS

KEY PROGRAM ELEMENTS CHECKLIST

- ✓ Focus on High-Risk People and Places
- ✓ Implement Evidence-Based Strategies
- ✓ Provide Robust State-Level Coordination
- ✓ Conduct Regular Program Evaluations
- ✓ Commit to Long-Term, Stable Funding
- ✓ Facilitate Community Input and Engagement

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