



# PARTNERSHIPS FOR PROMOTING SCHOOL SAFETY



## ABOUT END COMMUNITY VIOLENCE NOW & SCHOOL SAFETY

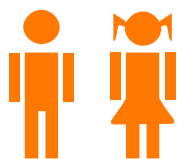
End Community Violence Now (ECVN) was founded in partnership with state government, philanthropy, and healthcare to support the violence-reduction ecosystem through coordination and sustainability efforts. We unite communities, philanthropic organizations, healthcare systems, and government agencies to address the urgent issue of community gun violence. Our mission is to foster collaboration and innovation, creating sustainable solutions that promote safety and well-being.

Firearms are the leading cause of death for children and teens in the US. <sup>1</sup>



**#1 CAUSE**

Nationally, there were 2,526 gun deaths in 2022 among 1- to 17-year-olds. <sup>2</sup>



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In Wilmington in 2025, youth made up 18% of shooting incidents and 13% of shooting victims. <sup>3</sup>



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In 2022, Delaware schools had eight gun incidents, which was more than double any year over the previous five years. <sup>4</sup>



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## PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- Develop a school-based public safety strategy and programs
- Facilitate connections to community violence intervention groups, services, and leaders
- Provide best practices for school-based gun violence prevention
- Help align school policies with public health approaches to violence prevention
- Facilitate connections to culturally relevant and age appropriate prevention resources and materials

### Sources:

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