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Color ME Aware – Awareness Days
Wednesday April 27, 2022
Gun and Gang Violence

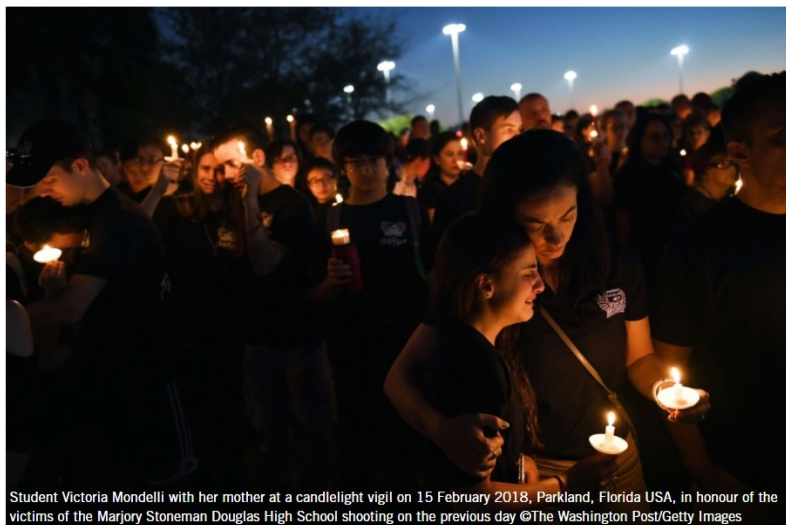
Find additional Gang information in the Victim Impact Curriculum.

Look for chapter 7 in the Facilitator Manual part 1, and the Participant Manual chapter 7.

13% of all homicides in the US are attributed to gang violence.

More than **500** people **DIE** every day from gun violence.

1 violent crime occurs every **25.3 seconds**



Student Victoria Mondelli with her mother at a candlelight vigil on 15 February 2018, Parkland, Florida USA, in honour of the victims of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting on the previous day ©The Washington Post/Getty Images

Family Fire is a shooting involving an improperly stored or misused gun in the home that results in death or injury.

In 2017, 9 children and teens were killed with guns each day in America. 1 every 2 hours and 34 minutes

Between 2013 and June 2018, there were 316 incidents of gunfire on school grounds in the USA.

About 2000 homicides a year are gang related.

In 2019, VA had 1025 gun deaths. 1/3 were Homicides. 2/3 or 65%, were Suicides.



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Awareness Activity Ideas:

Tran Family Activity: Participants focus on the effects of a gang crime on a specific victim and his family, rather than thinking about gang crime in a general sense. Page 78 of Victim Impact facilitator manual.

Guns and Kids Topic group: How do you talk to young people (your children, nieces, and nephews) about firearms? Guns and gangs in the news? When they have a shooting or gun at school, or a friend dies from “Family Fire?” Explore what you as a bystander can do to teach them about safety. (See resource links)

Long Term Impact: Demonstrate that for most violent crime victims, the offense has a life-long impact. Review the activity found on page 80 of the Victim Impact facilitators manual. Discuss the questions and how the victim might address each example over the course of years following the crime.

Gang Specialist: Have someone from the Gang Specialist team, or your institutional investigator come and speak to your unit about Gun and Gang Violence in Virginia.

Funeral Preparations: Have participants prepare funeral arrangements for themselves, assuming they died as a result of gun violence. Use the handouts with Chapter 12 Victim Impact resource guide, or have a representative speak to the group about planning for a funeral.

Get creative and come up with additional awareness activities at your site.



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