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ASPPH Statement on the Release of *Gun Violence Prevention: An Academic Public Health Framework*

In the summer of 2022, in response to recent mass shootings in the US, the Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health (ASPPH) renewed its commitment to work to end gun violence and today, we are releasing our ***Gun Violence Prevention: An Academic Public Health Framework*** report reconfirming our commitment.

Recognizing the urgency of gun violence and the opportunity to act, ASPPH established a Gun Violence Prevention Task Force, which includes expert representatives from 13 of our members. The Task Force spent the last six months reviewing existing literature, identifying needs and gaps, and developing recommendations for strategies informed by evidence that have now become our new framework report.

The framework can be used by our more than 140 members, other Schools and Programs of Public Health (SPPHs), and by ASPPH to enhance impact across the broader stakeholder community and guide academic public health institutions as they engage in the issue of firearm violence prevention. ASPPH intends this report to contribute to the growing movement that attempts to address gun violence and to support our members in advancing solutions to this national crisis.

ASPPH will now begin work with its members on the implementation phase of this initiative. The final report, ***Gun Violence Prevention: An Academic Public Health Framework***, and other relevant resources can be found on our **[Gun Violence Prevention webpage](#)**.

The report will be updated regularly as the conversation on gun violence evolves, and ASPPH will formally reassess its progress in this area in three years.

We are confident that a public health approach to the firearm violence problem that elevates strategies rooted in empirical evidence and invests in the next generation of leaders for long-term change can contribute to the evolving national movement that focuses on addressing gun violence.

The Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health (ASPPH) is a 501c3 membership organization in Washington, DC. ASPPH's mission is to strengthen the capacity of our member schools and programs by advancing leadership, excellence, and collaboration for academic public health. Our members are CEPH-accredited schools and programs of public health as well as schools and programs in applicant status for CEPH-accreditation.

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