

Bridging the Divide: 2018 Presentation Submission: Firearms Panel

1. Presentation Title: Firearms and Suicide Prevention: Panel Discussion
2. Panel Organizers:
 - a. Emily Fine, Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment, Office of Suicide Prevention
 - b. Emmy Betz, MD, MPH, Suicide Prevention Commission Representing Hospitals with On-Site Emergency Departments; Associate Professor, Department of Emergency Medicine, University of Colorado School of Medicine; Founding Member of Colorado Firearm Safety Coalition.
3. Panel Presenters:
 - a. Richard Abramson, CEO, Centennial Gun Club; Founding Member of Colorado Firearm Safety Coalition.
 - b. Maranda Miller, BA, CPSII, Prevention Services Program Manager, Centennial Mental Health Center.
 - c. Joseph Simonetti, MD, MPH, Clinical Instructor of Medicine, Division of General Internal Medicine at University of Colorado and Denver VA Medical Center.
 - d. Representative from American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (to be confirmed)
4. We are...(a) bereaved by suicide; (d) someone who supports (peer, friend, family) one who has been affected by suicidal loss or behavior; (e) mental health professional; (f) researcher; (g) suicide prevention advocate
5. Presentation Audience: All (survivors, prevention efforts, clinicians). Any level.
6. N/A This panel presentation has not been presented before.
7. N/A These panelists have not presented together at the BtD Conference before.
8. Educational Objectives:

At the conclusion of the presentation the participants should be able to:

 - a. Define the prevalence of firearm suicides within Colorado, including disparities in rural and frontier counties.
 - b. Explain the goals of the Colorado Gun Shop Project, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's Project 2025, and safe storage options.
 - c. Engage diverse stakeholders in meaningful discussions that reframe prevention messaging to be more inclusive and culturally relevant, regardless of which side of the gun control debate one endorses.

9. Abstract:

In Colorado, 78 percent of firearm deaths are suicides. Nearly half of all suicides involve the use of a firearm. This panel discussion, appropriate for the “Programs that Work” track, will expand participants’ views of emerging strategies in suicide prevention within the realm of firearm safety. Please join us for a robust discussion with this diverse panel of experts, including leading suicide prevention researchers, firearm advocates, mental health and suicide prevention advocates. We will highlight the prevalence of firearm suicides within Colorado, including disparities in rural and frontier counties, Colorado’s Gun Shop Project and American Foundation for Suicide Prevention’s Project 2025. At the conclusion of this panel, participants will be able to engage diverse stakeholders in inclusive and culturally relevant discussions about firearm safety and suicide prevention, regardless of which side of the gun control debate one endorses.