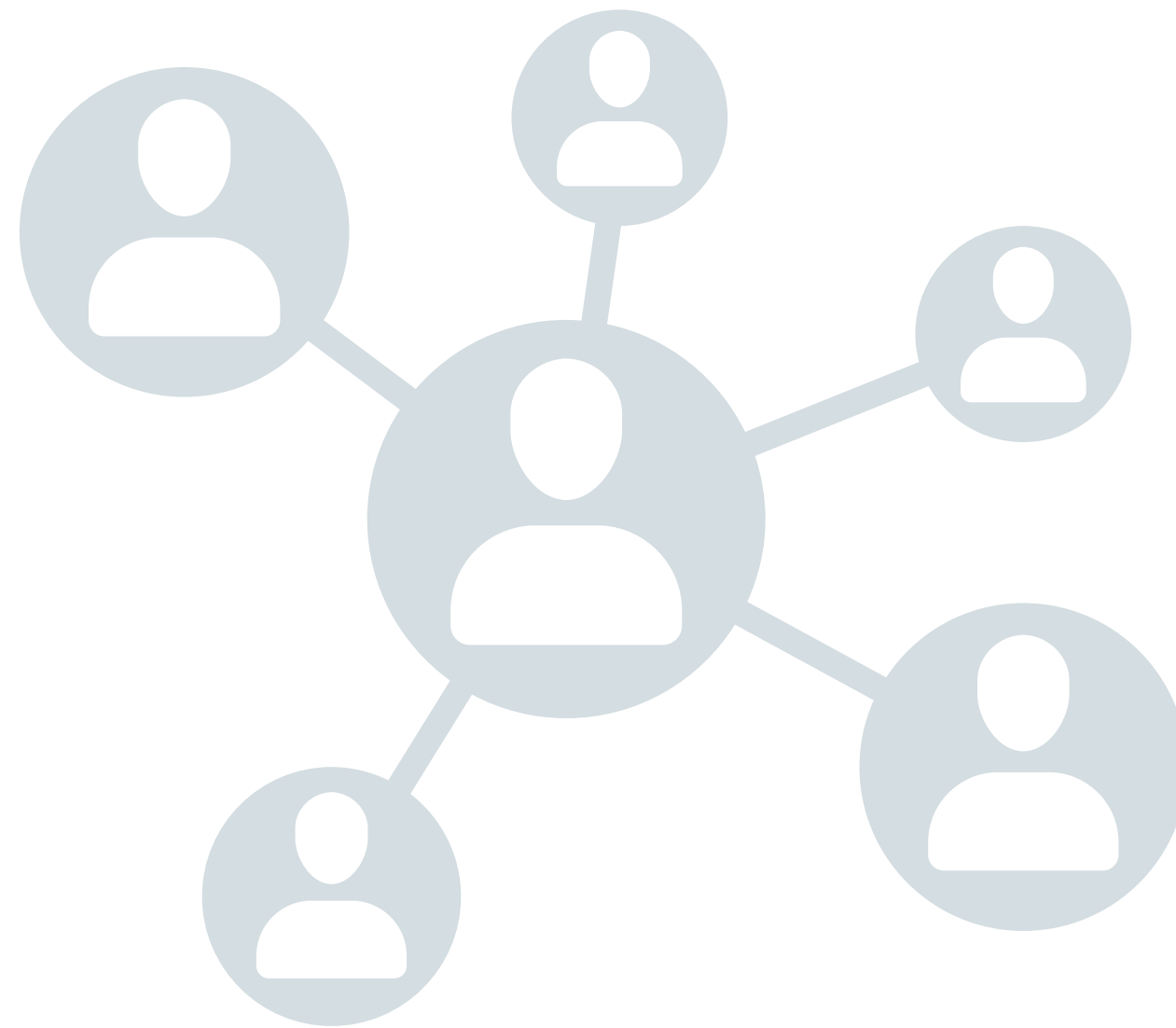


DURHAM COUNTY GUN SAFETY TEAM



Public Health

HISTORY

In 1999, the Durham County Gun Safety Team was established through a resolution from the Durham County Board of Health to address the issue of children being injured or dying from firearms

RESOLUTION

Durham County Board of Health
Resolution Regarding Gun Safety.

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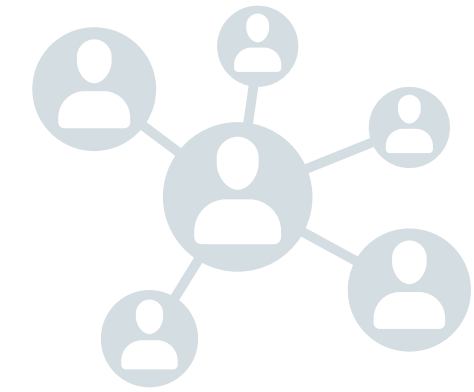


MISSION STATEMENT

"To reduce death/injury related to firearms through broad based and preventive strategies to promote a safe (violence free) environment for our children."



TEAM MEMBERS



Alliance for Behavioral Health
Bull City United*
Criminal Justice Resource Center*
Durham Family Connects
District Attorney's Office
Duke Children's Primary Care*
Duke Health*
Duke Trauma Services*
Durham VA Health Care System*
Durham City Council
Durham City Police Department
Durham Fire Department

Durham County Department of Public Health*
Durham County Department of Social Services DHS, CPS*
Durham County Sheriff's Office*
Durham Housing Authority*
Durham Public Schools*
Durham Teen Center
Gifford's Courage to Fight Gun Violence
Lincoln Community Health Center
North Carolinians Against Gun Violence*
Project Build (Gang Reduction)*
Religious Coalition for a Nonviolent Durham*
Safe Kids
Stop Soldier Suicide



SAFE STORAGE



Asking Saves Kids



Distribution of Gun Locks



FIREARMS IN THE HOME

- Firearms are the leading cause of death in children and teens
- One in three homes in the United States has at least one firearm
- 4.6 million children live in a home where a firearm is unlocked and loaded



The question is, is there a gun in the home where my child visits?



ASKING SAVES KIDS

END FAMILY FIRE

This initiative encourages parents to ask about firearms in the places that their children visit to make sure they are properly stored – locked, unloaded with ammunition stored separately

American Academy of Pediatrics



Brady Campaign



Public Health

HEALTHCARE PROVIDER PROGRAM



Based on the Durham County
Gun Safety Team-Duke Health
Model

Healthcare providers ask patients and families about storage of firearms in the home as part of the preventative safety assessment

- Education: Asking Saves Kids
- Intervention: Free Gun Locks



Public Health

To date roughly 20 health clinics in 7 counties are providing this service

COMMUNITY EVENTS

To-date we have given away over 25,000 gunlocks and spoken to thousands of people about safe storage and Asking Saves Lives

Venues Include:

- Corporate and Public Health Fairs
- Schools (fairs, activities, PTA's)
- Civic Organizations
- Health Care Clinics
- Religious & Faith Based Communities
- Child Care Centers
- Neighborhood Events



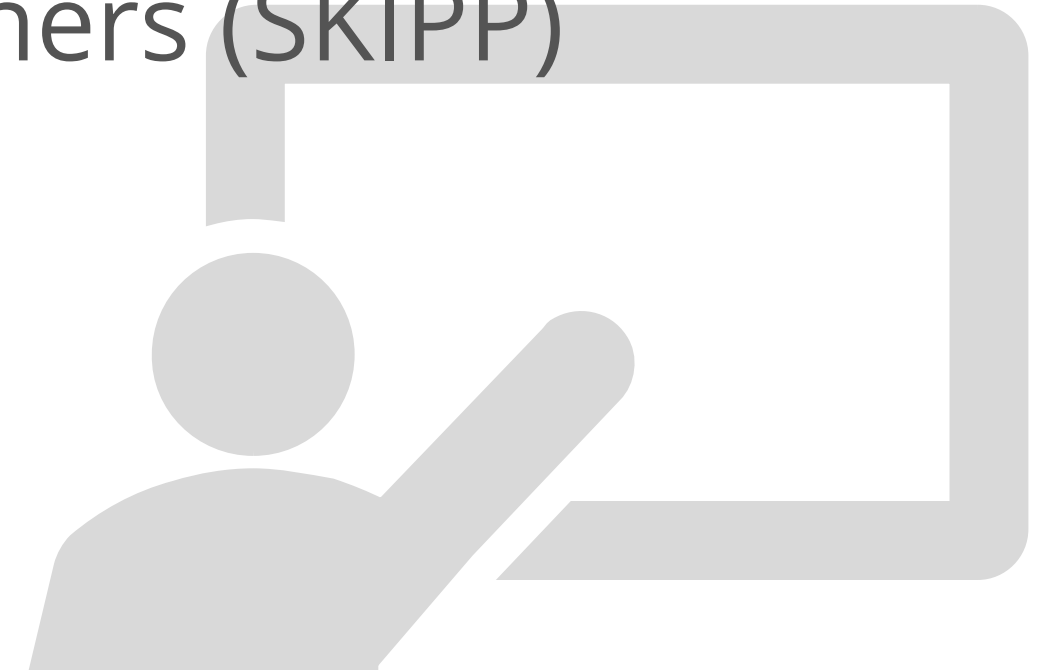
RECENT ACTIVITIES

Durham County Gun Safety Team

Skills & Knowledge for Injury Prevention Partners (SKIPP)

Fall 2018-Spring 2019

UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health



Goals:

- Create an implementation guide that could be replicated in any county
- Start an Orange County GST based on this model



2021 Comprehensive Suicide Prevention Grant Recipient

Awarded \$200,000 grant

North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services

Division of Public Health

Chronic Disease and Injury Section / Injury and Violence Prevention Branch

GST Deliverables

- Develop a curriculum for virtual and in-person trainings for (minimum of 5) counties to establish their own Gun Safety Team based on the Durham model

* As of November 2022, we will have completed the first of our 5-series workshop with 7 counties participating in the training and 10 more on the waitlist for the 2023 winter session

- Hire part-time position working with DCoDPH and the GST to coordinate suicide prevention and awareness program



Next Steps

- Continue to expand the GST
- Offer GST trainings to interested counties through FY 2024
- Update the GST Guide in conjunction with our funders
- Produce at least one campaign around gun safety in Durham



DCoDPH Staffing

- Donna Rosser, Health Education Specialist
- Javonna Rozario, CSP Coordinator
- Willa Robinson Allen, Program Manager
 - Health Promotion (Chronic Disease) & Injury Prevention

