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The Counselors for Social Justice leadership team express our most sincere condolences to the families deeply affected by the recent gun violence. We stand in solidarity with the families, friends, and the communities of those who have lost loved ones.

We have witnessed an unprecedented increase in gun violence over the past few weeks. Motivation to collectively change the narrative is often limited when those impacted by violence are part of a minoritized community. Everyone should feel that their life has value, is nourished, and honored.

Our country continues to evade the most urgent question: When will we move beyond political discourse and center on *action* required to prevent other human beings from the tragedy of gun related violence?

Counselors for Social Justice condemns horrific acts of gun-related violence. We call on congress to **ACT!**

Resources

- American School Counselor Association - *Helping Students After A School Shooting*
<https://www.schoolcounselor.org/Publications-Research/Publications/Free-ASCA-Resources/After-a-School-Shooting>
- PBS Kids - *Helping Children with Tragic Events in the News*
<https://www.pbs.org/parents/thrive/helping-children-with-tragic-events-in-the-news>
- Huebner, D. (2019). *Something Bad Happened: A Kid's Guide to Coping With Events in the News*. A book for kids ages 6 to 12. <https://www.amazon.com>
- National Association of School Psychologists
Talking to Children About Violence: Tips for Parents and Teachers
<https://www.nasponline.org>
- Gewirtz, A. (2020). *When the World Feels Like a Scary Place* An excellent guide for parents and educators that is filled with conversation scripts and tips on helping kids feel calm in an anxious world. <https://www.amazon.com/When-World-Feels-Scary-Place/dp/1523508310>
- American Psychological Association - *Gun Violence: Prediction, Prevention, and Policy*
<https://www.apa.org>
- National Institute of Justice-*Gun Violence*
<https://nij.ojp.gov/topics/crime/violent-crime/gun-violence>

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