

Firearm Safety Community Outreach and Education Program

Volunteer Training

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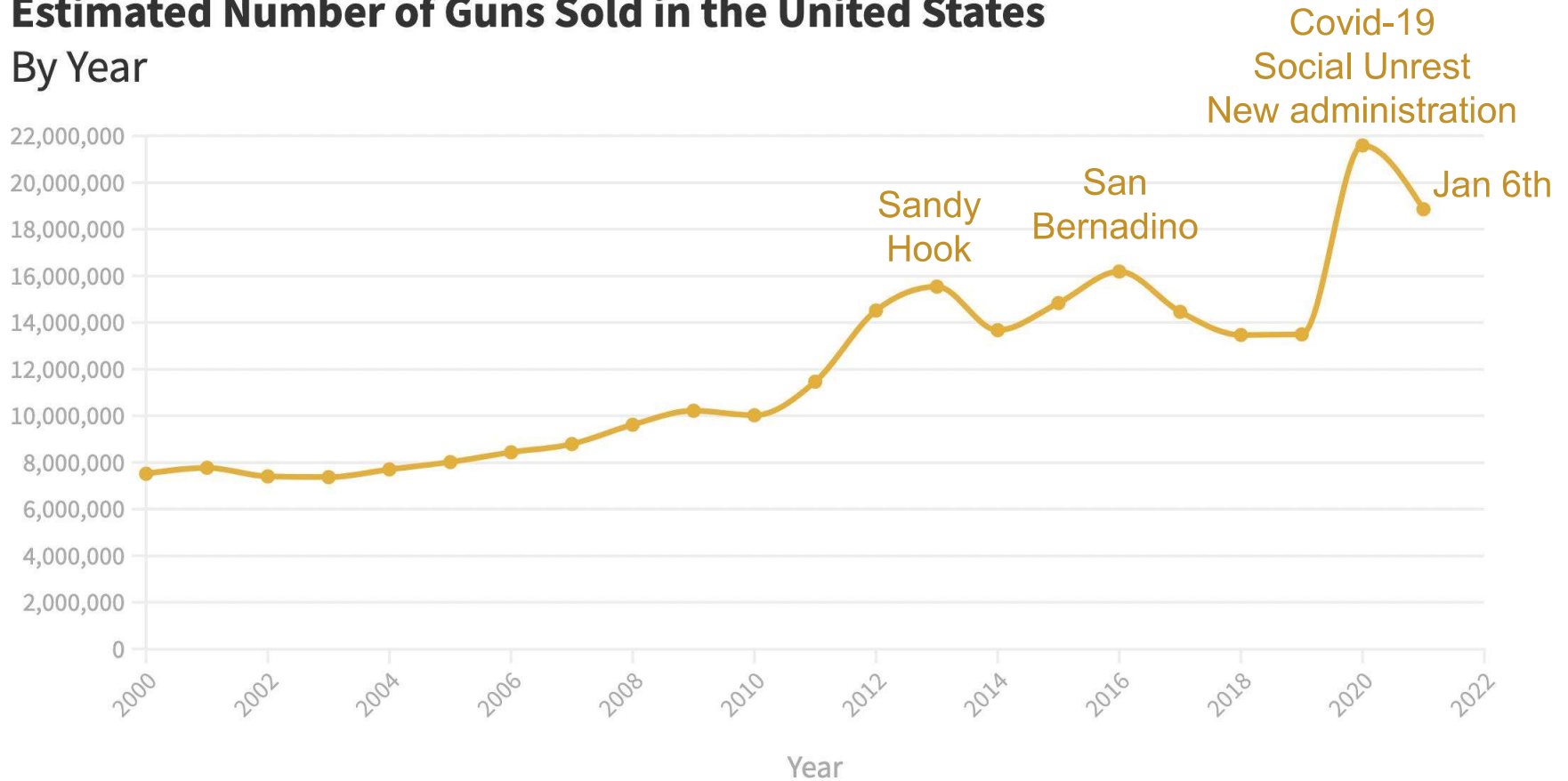
OVERVIEW: THIS IS OUR LANE



- **Why is safer storage so important?**
- **Why health care providers?**
- **How do we do it?**
- **Tips and pearls**

GUNS SALES SET RECORDS 2020-2022

**Estimated Number of Guns Sold in the United States
By Year**



<https://www.brookings.edu>

[NICS Firearm Checks: Month/Year by State/Type](#)

INCREASE GUN SALES AND CHILDREN

30 million children live in homes with firearms



46% owners practice safer firearm storage



4.6 million children live with loaded, unlocked firearm



DANGERS OF UNSECURED FIREARMS



Teen Suicide: 4 – 10 x higher



82% use family member's gun
90% completion rate



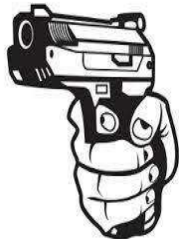
Unintentional firearm death / injury: 4 x higher



90% occur inside homes
2.5 yo can pull trigger



Violent crime: 380,000 lost / stolen per year

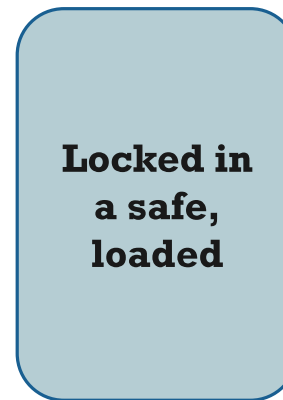
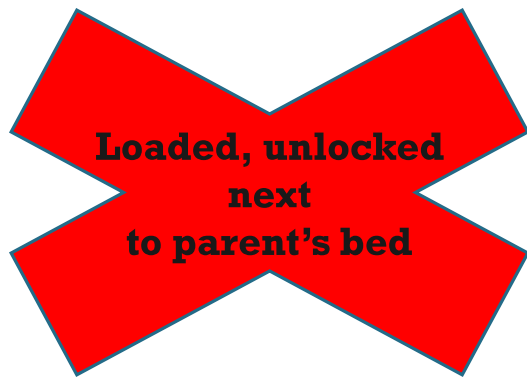


Sold away from legal market
No safety precautions
Used in majority of violent crimes

HARM REDUCTION APPROACH

“Good, Better, Best”

Least Safe ← → Most Safe



STORAGE DEVICES



Trigger lock

- + Inexpensive
- Weapon can be loaded



Cable Lock

- + Inexpensive
- + Weapon must be unloaded



Safe

- + Most secure
- Expensive
- Weapon can be loaded

HOW DO WE DO IT?

Not enough to teach the kids!

¾ know where guns kept in home

41% can't tell real vs fake gun

Educating kids doesn't change **behavior** around guns



HCP counseling parents IS effective...

Parents trust pediatricians advice on gun safety

Intervention in 124 peds practices → 21% increase in SFS

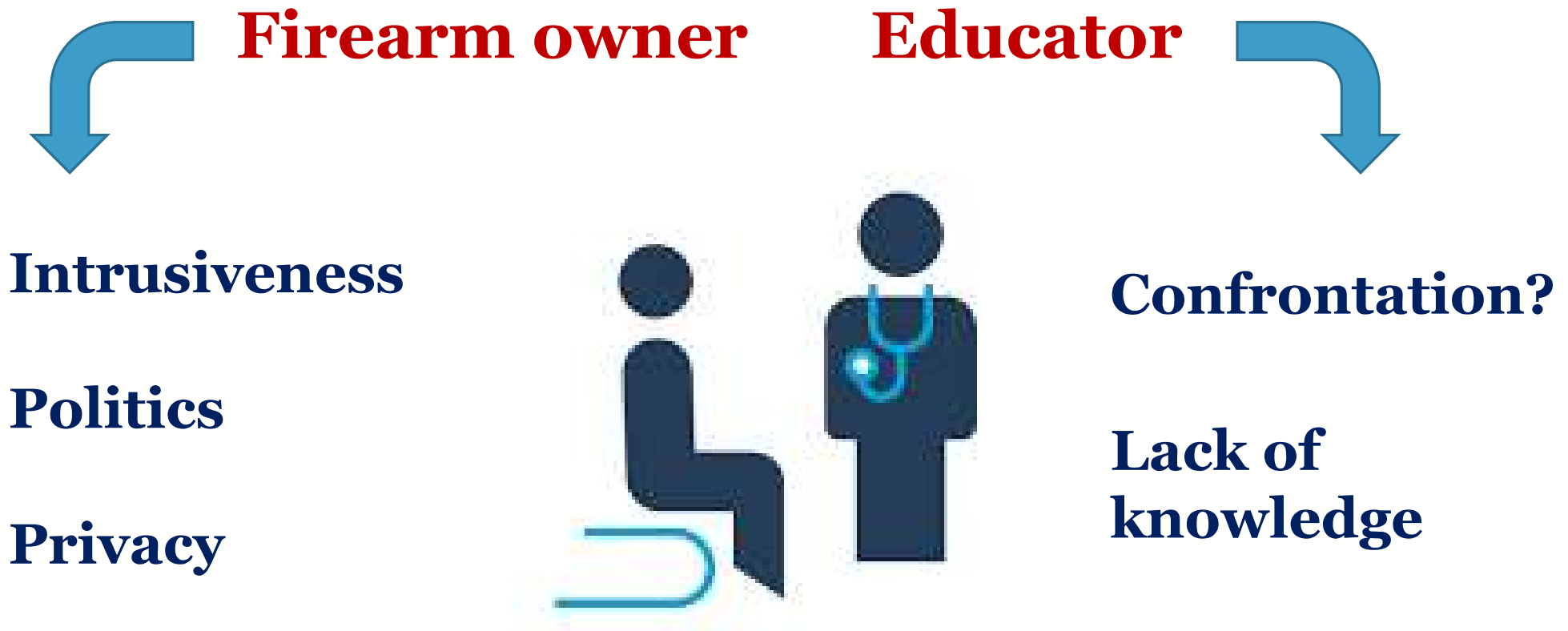
Distributing **locking device critical ingredient**

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BARRIERS



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GUIDELINES FOR DISCUSSION

Keep in context of **safety**

- Gun safety, not gun control

Remain collaborative, **nonjudgmental**

- We share same goals!

Speak from what **we know**

- Experts in child behavior, development

Educate ourselves

- Local laws, gun culture

Distribute **device**

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GUN

SAFETY

Tips from CHOP experts

CHILDREN ARE SAFEST IN A HOME WITHOUT A GUN.

If you have a gun in your home, keep children safe by following this advice:

- Store all guns unloaded, locked and out of sight.
- Store all bullets separately and keep them locked and out of sight.

There are many options to store your gun safely. Keep keys and combination codes hidden and secure.



Cable lock



Gun safe

TALK ABOUT GUN SAFETY WITH YOUR CHILDREN, FAMILY AND MEMBERS OF YOUR COMMUNITY.

- If your child sees a gun tell them to not touch it, move away from the area and tell a grown up immediately.
- Ask family members and friends about guns in their homes and how they keep their guns safe and out of reach before your child goes to visit.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Guns are the leading cause of injury-related deaths for kids ages 1-17 in the U.S.¹
- Playing with a gun is the most common cause of accidental gun deaths among children.²
- Three out of four kids ages 5-14 know where guns are kept in the home.³
- A 3-year-old is strong enough to pull the trigger of a handgun.⁴
- Most cases of childhood suicide involve a family member's unlocked gun.⁵
- Children may not know the difference between a toy gun and a real gun.

For more information on keeping kids safe around guns, please visit chop.edu/gun-violence-facts.

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Learn how to use gun locks and lock boxes: Use the camera or QR code reader on your phone to scan this code to watch an instructional video.

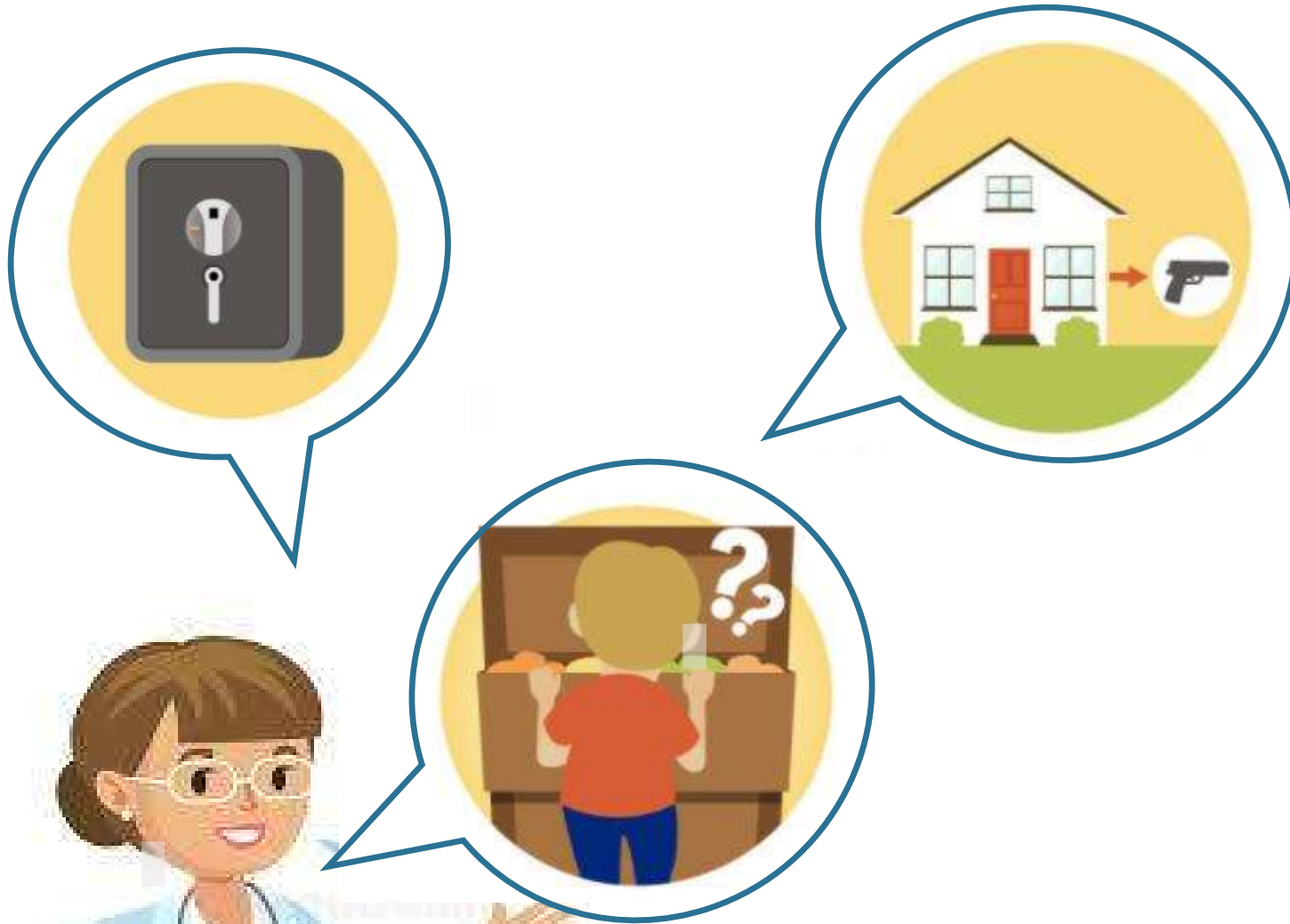


VIDEO RESOURCE: HOW TO USE A CABLE LOCK



Sheriff Jewell Williams
Philadelphia Sheriff

SAFE STORAGE COUNSELING



tips and pearls

‘What’s all this for?’

We’re from
Children’s
Hospital of
Philadelphia, and
we’re here to talk
about the
importance of
storing guns safely

Do you have
any questions
about safe
firearm
storage?

We have gun
cable locks,
how many
would you
like?

“I need ready access!”

Some people
FEEL safer with
firearms -- but in
reality, when
intruders see
weapons, that’s
often when they
reach for theirs

How about a
biometric safe?

Firearm
training!

Or locking it
during the day,
when kids are
awake and less
chance of
intruder?

“But I teach my kids to stay away from firearms”

Kids are so
curious – I know
my own kids
sometimes go
searching just to
see what they’ll
find

I have patients
who’ve found
firearms they
thought were
toys

Even a 3yo
can pull the
trigger

It’s so
crushing
about the
5yo who shot
his cousin

“I would know if my child was depressed ”

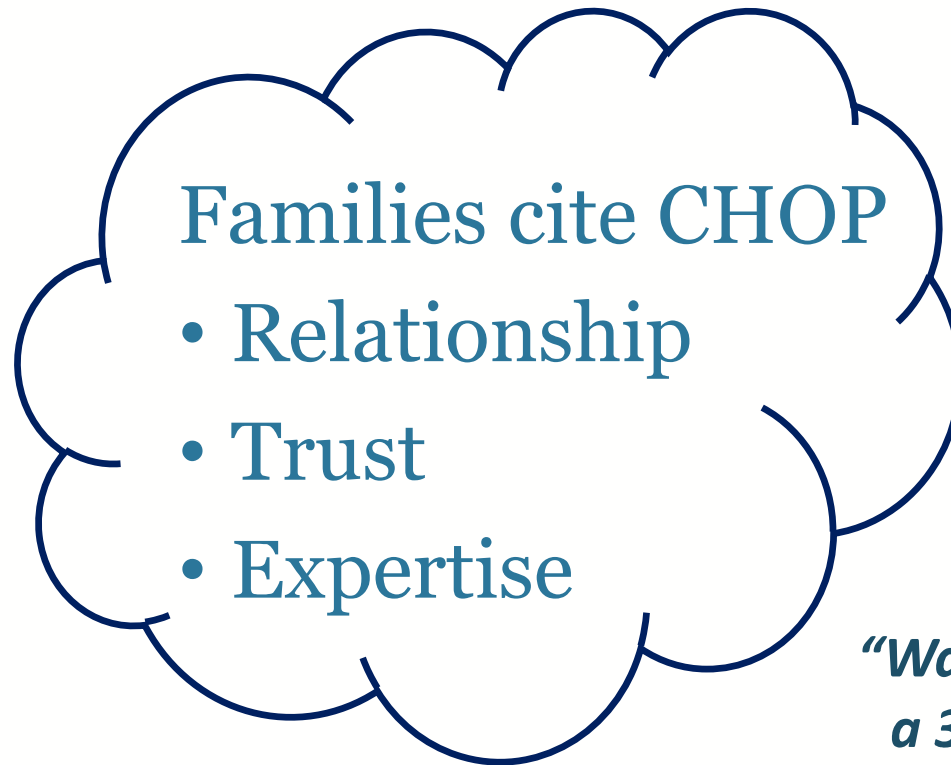
Suicide can be so impulsive, especially for teens. People often become suicidal in the moment, because of a thing that happened

Nine times out of ten, if they can access a firearm, they'll succeed

This isn't always the kind of depression we can see

FAMILIES ARE RECEPTIVE!

"I was always introduced to safety issues ... from our pediatrician."



"All my kids go to CHOP, this is great that you're out here doing this"

"I have a 18m old son and I want him to be safe. Thank you so much... everyone should practice safe gun storage!"

"Was surprised to learn a 3 year old is strong enough to pull a trigger. Very informative and scary."

**CHOP's Gun Safety Community Outreach & Education Program
Volunteer Information and Evaluation Form**

Thank you for volunteering with CHOP's Community Gun Safety Program! It is important that the Office of Community Impact and the Center for Violence Prevention receive your feedback as well as a record of the supplies distributed. **We value your contribution!**

Names of CHOP Volunteers:

Name and Date of Event:

Total count of gun locks at beginning of event: _____

Total count of gun locks at end of event: _____

What worked well? Please include reflections on your own experience as well as participant response:

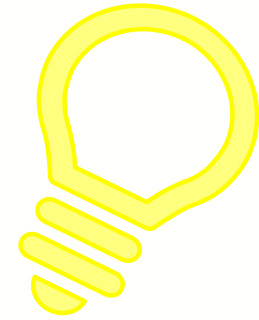
What challenges did you face? Include any logistical issues, challenging interactions with participants, etc:

Please reflect on the training you received. Did you feel prepared? Any content or material you would like to see added?

Other suggestions for future gun safety events:

Please make sure this form stays in the cart when it's returned to the Office of Community Impact.

Thank you for participating! Please contact the Office of Community Impact with any questions: communityvolunteering@chop.edu.



**Please
complete
the
feedback
form!**



WANT TO LEARN MORE? AAP VIDEOS: *SAFER STORING FIREARMS PREVENTS HARM*

Full training, approximately 50-60 minutes
via [this link](#)

Shorter option, these three videos:

- [Learning to ASK](#)
- [Keeping Teens Safer](#)
- [Range of Solutions](#)



*Courtesy of Rinad Beidas PhD