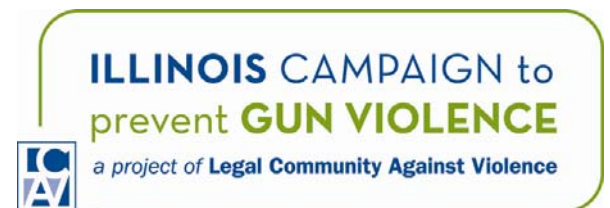


Gun Violence, Youth, and Public Policy in Illinois

Summer 2009



What is ICPGV ?

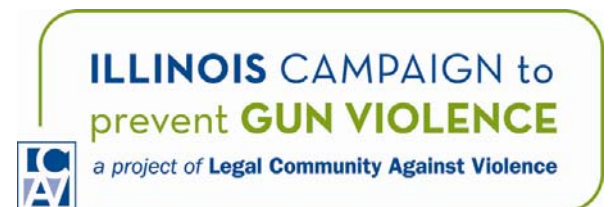
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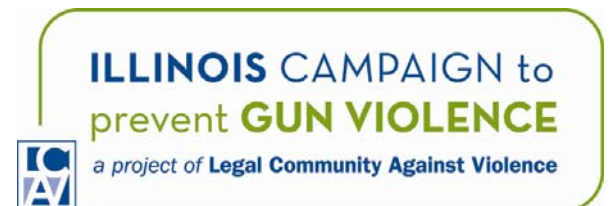
ICPGV is . . .

- A public education campaign to promote meaningful gun policy reform in Illinois
- The goal of ICPGV is to achieve effective statewide policies to reduce gun violence



ICPGV works with . . .

- Doctors and other medical professionals
- Religious organizations
- Victims
- Local and state elected officials
- Law enforcement leaders
- Advocacy groups
- Youth



*What roles do youth play in the
debate about gun violence and
public policy?*

1. Youth are Victims of Gun Violence

This school year, at least 36 Chicago Public School students have been killed, most from gun violence

- **“Youth killings reach crisis level in Chicago”**
-- National Public Radio, May 27, 2009
- **“Two teens critically injured in Far South Side shooting”**
-- WBBM Newsradio 780, May 11, 2009
- **“South Side teen chased, beaten, shot, and burned – and no one knows why”**
-- Chicago Tribune, May 6, 2009
- **“Chicago drive-by shooting kills 18-year-old girl”**
-- Chicago Tribune, April 23, 2009
- **“14-year-old fatally shot while playing basketball”**
-- Chicago Tribune, April 18, 2009
- **“15-year-old boy fatally shot near his home”**
-- Chicago Sun-Times, April 8, 2009
- **“Boy, 9, shot while riding a bicycle through Little Village”**
-- Chicago Sun-Times, March 27, 2009



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Last school year, 26 Chicago Public School students were killed, most to gun violence

- **“Teen is shot and killed in Logan Square”**
-- Chicago Tribune, June 10, 2008
- **“Proviso East student slain after boyfriend exchanges words with strangers”**
-- Chicago Tribune, June 3, 2008
- **“Gage Park High senior is 20th CPS student killed this school year”**
-- Chicago Tribune, March 17, 2008
- **“Body found in garbage identified as Chicago teen”**
-- Chicago Tribune, March 14, 2008
- **“CPS student dies after shooting”**
-- ABC 7 News, March 13, 2008
- **“Community is outraged after 16th CPS death this school year”**
-- NBC 5, March 10, 2008
- **“3 kids die, 5 hurt in rash of shootings”**
-- Chicago Tribune, March 4, 2008



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The reality of guns for Chicago youth

- From 2002 to 2006, 687 Chicago youth were killed by guns.
- Handguns were used in 92% of the shootings where Chicago youth were killed.
- One in every three youth ages 12 - 19 knows someone who has been shot.

2. *Youth are Gun Users*

It's easy for youth to get guns

- In a 2007 survey of youth nationwide, 33% answered they could get a handgun if they really wanted to.
- 28% of youth know a teenager who has threatened to shoot someone.
- In 2007, 5% of Chicago high school students said that they carried a gun in the last 30 days.

The result: youth are killing youth

- **“Teen is charged in Fenger student’s death”**
-- Chicago Tribune, June 3, 2008
- **“2 teens charged in slaying of Simeon student”**
-- Chicago Tribune, March 31, 2008
- **“15-year-old charged in fatal shooting of Crane student”**
-- Chicago Sun Times, March 9, 2008
- **“Peoria teenager charged in fatal shooting of his best friend”**
-- Chicago Tribune, March 15, 2008
- **“Teen indicted for bringing gun to school”**
-- CBS 2 Chicago, February 5, 2008



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How the Gun Industry Sees Youth

Shooting Fun

For The Whole Family

BY CLAIR REEF

When it comes to family recreation, shooting has it all over golf and other weekend sports. When dad heads for the links or mom hits the tennis court, sons and daughters are likely to be dropped off at the mall. Instead of having fun with their parents, the children are left to fend for themselves. That's a lousy deal. Instead of building a family bond, it opens the door to mischief and youthful rebellion.

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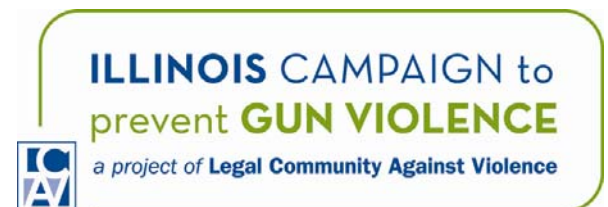
3. Youth Have an Important Voice in the Public Policy Debate

2007 Teen Gun Survey

- 58% of youth don't think that the government understands the reality of gun violence for teenagers.
- More than half of youth surveyed (56%) don't think the government cares if they are victims of gun violence.
- Two-thirds of young people think that the government officials don't care about gun violence until it affects them personally.

Make yourselves heard

- **“CPS students rally for tougher gun laws”**
-- WBBM Newsradio 780, March 18, 2009
- **“Teens head to Springfield to rally for gun control”**
-- CBS 2 Chicago, March 18, 2009
- **“College kids help fight city’s gun violence”**
-- ABC 7 Chicago, March 16, 2009
- **“Students petition for tougher gun laws”**
-- CBS 2 Chicago, May 18, 2008
- **“Petitioners ask for closure of gun loopholes”**
-- WGN Radio News/Talk 720, May 18, 2008
- **“Students urge lawmakers to pass stricter gun laws”**
-- CLTV Chicagoland’s Television, May 18, 2008



Check out our website: www.icpgv.org

The screenshot shows a Windows Internet Explorer browser window displaying the website for the Illinois Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence (ICPGV). The browser's address bar shows the URL <http://www.icpgv.org/>. The website's header includes the logo "ILLINOIS CAMPAIGN to prevent GUN VIOLENCE" and a navigation menu with links for "FACTS AND STATISTICS", "POLICY OPTIONS", "POLLING DATA", and "MEDIA CENTER".

On the left side of the page, there is a sidebar with the following sections:

- ABOUT ICPGV
- WHAT'S NEW
- RESOURCE LINKS
- FOR YOUTH
- GET INVOLVED
- CONTACT US
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The main content area features a large green map of Illinois. To the left of the map, the text reads:

The Illinois Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence (ICPGV), a project of Legal Community Against Violence (LCAV), is a research-based public education campaign to promote meaningful gun policy reform in Illinois. Working with a [statewide advisory group](#) representing law enforcement, the medical and public health communities, faith-based organizations, local and state policymakers, victims and advocacy groups, ICPGV will inform the public and the media on the facts about gun violence and prevention policies.

The goal of ICPGV is to achieve effective policies to reduce gun violence. The campaign's 2008 policy agenda includes:

- Banning Large Capacity Ammunition Magazines (**priority**)
- Requiring Background Checks on Private Handgun Transfers (**priority**)
- Requiring Gun Owners to Report Lost or Stolen Firearms
- Requiring Safe Storage of Firearms in Homes with Children Under 18
- Licensing Handgun Dealers
- Banning Assault Weapons and 50 Caliber Sniper Rifles
- Restricting Bulk Handgun Sales to Deter Illegal Trafficking
- Mental Health Background Checks – SB 940 signed into law January 2008

Below the list, it says: "Go to the [Policy Options](#) section for fact sheets and more information about the corresponding legislation."

At the bottom of the main content area, it says: "Click [here](#) for printable one-page fact sheet on [TRPV](#)."

The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the Start button and several open applications, including "Inbox - Microsoft O...", "Illinois Campaign to...", "6-13 update nv.doc...", "Youth", and "Microsoft PowerPoin...". The system tray on the right shows the Internet icon, a 100% zoom level, and the date and time "10:01 AM".