Gun Violence in San Diego

MANA de San Diego addresses the critical issue of gun violence and its disproportionate impact on Latinas within our community. By understanding the unique vulnerabilities faced by Latinas, including higher rates of gun violence and domestic violence involving firearms, MANA's Advocacy Committee seeks to raise awareness and encourage community engagement to create safer environments.

Gun Violence Reduction Program (GVRP)

The Gun Violence Reduction Program (GVRP) is a San Diego County initiative launched in 2024 to address and reduce gun violence through prevention, intervention, and healing strategies. Guided by a 17-action work plan, the program focuses on community collaboration and data-driven efforts to tackle issues such as suicide, domestic violence, and community-based gun violence. A key component is the Community Partnership Council, comprising local stakeholders who provide guidance on violence prevention and trauma-informed practices.

Why It Matters to Latinas in San Diego

- Latinx communities, including Latinas, experience higher rates of gun violence compared to their white counterparts. Nationally, Latinas are more than twice as likely to die by gun homicide and four times more likely to be wounded by an assault with a gun than white women.
- In California, 42% of domestic violence-related homicides involve firearms. Given that 91% of Latina victims were murdered by someone they knew, with nearly half dying by firearms, addressing domestic violence is crucial.
- Latinx youth are particularly at risk, with firearm homicide being a leading cause of death among children and teens aged 1-17 in California.

How You Can Get Involved

- Join the Conversation: Participate in community forums and listening sessions hosted by the GVRP to share your experiences and insights.
- Stay Informed: Visit the GVRP website to learn more about the program's initiatives and access resources.
- Support Prevention Efforts: Advocate for policies and programs that address the root causes of gun violence, including mental health services, education, and economic opportunities.