

# The Newtown Action Alliance

Newtown Action Alliance (NAA) was formed after the horrific, senseless mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut on December 14, 2012, to advocate for cultural and legislative changes to reduce gun violence in our nation. Our vision is to live in a kinder, safer, more tolerant nation with common sense gun laws and policies that will save lives.

#### Who is Newtown Action Alliance?

We are a Newtown-based national grassroots advocacy group that includes volunteer moms, dads, grandparents, students, clergy, physicians, teachers, and families of victims and survivors of gun violence from cities and towns across the nation.

#### What Newtown Action Alliance Does

- 1. Transform tragic consequences of gun violence into meaningful actions to keep our children and families safe in the communities where we live and work.
- 2. Prevent other communities from being impacted by mass shootings, everyday gun violence, and gun suicides.
- 3. Reduce the more than 100,000 annual gun deaths and injuries in our nation.
- 4. Provide a voice to the growing number of families of victims and survivors directly impacted by gun violence.
- 5. Build bridges between suburban, rural and urban victims and communities that have, and continue to be, impacted by gun violence.
- 6. #OutShoutTheGunLobby by uniting the gun violence prevention movement to create a powerful, influential voice to confront and counter the gun industry's hold on elected officials..
- 7. Push for comprehensive gun violence prevention policies and strategies to help to end all forms of gun violence in America.

### Newtown Action Alliance Policy Priorities

Close the dangerous loopholes in our background check system (supported by more than 97% of Americans).

Ban military-style semi-automatic assault weapons & high capacity magazines (supported by 67% of Americans).

Newtown Action Alliance Policy Priorities continued:

Repeal the 2005 Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act (PLCAA), to eliminate the special legal protection that shields the firearms manufacturers and dealers from being held liable when crimes have been committed with their products.

Push for Center of Disease Control funding for a public health crisis approach to reducing gun violence via aggressive research on gun violence prevention.

Support Extreme Risk Protection Orders to temporarily remove guns from people in crisis.

# **Bringing About Change**

NAA continues to push for passing common sense gun safety legislation at the local, state and federal levels. Congress has shamefully failed to take action after the Sandy Hook tragedy, however numerous state legislatures passed gun safety laws and in Washington, California and Nevada voters passed various sensible gun safety measures via ballot initiatives.

The gun lobby has worked to block legislation at all levels, however, it has seen numerous losses at the state level. Due to recent election outcome, the gun lobby has been emboldened to loosen state and federal gun safety laws.

Newtown Action Alliance continues to work tirelessly to build a strong alliance to block the gun lobby efforts to arm anyone everywhere. Like many communities, Newtown knows firsthand that more guns do not make our communities safer.

# Keeping Gun Violence in the National Dialogue

The Newtown Action Alliance contributed to The 2014 Kelly Report on Gun Violence in America, released June 25, 2014, public health/academic communities on the nation's gun violence epidemic. It offers comprehensive legislative and policy solutions to the crisis.

# Meetings with Congress

Since January 2013, Newtown Action Alliance have made numerous targeted and group trips to Washington D.C. with families of victims of gun violence and gun safety advocates from numerous suburban/rural/urban towns and cities to meet with congress to demand action on gun violence prevention.

#### What can you do?

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