

From: Reimels, Elizabeth (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/DVP)
Sent: Wed, 1 Sep 2021 18:53:01 +0000
To: DVP Policy Requests (CDC)
Cc: Menon, Akshara N. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/DVP); Kaigler, Alexis (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/DVP)
Subject: CLOSED - FW: Correction Needed: CDC's Firearm Violence Prevention fact sheet.

CLOSED – please file this request as closed in the in-box and record it in the tracker. Thanks.

Sincerely,

Beth

From: Reimels, Elizabeth (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/DVP)
Sent: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 2:52 PM
To: Lee, Kinzie (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) < >
Cc: Hulkower, Rachel (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) < >; Menon, Akshara N. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/DVP) < >
Subject: FW: Correction Needed: CDC's Firearm Violence Prevention fact sheet.

Kinzie,

The White House sent a response similar to the one Deb shared below and offered that Deb would be open to having a call with Mr. Hughes. Let me know if you want to send a response back to Ms. Murray, or if you want to hold off. If you decide to send a response to Ms. Murphy we suggest the response below. Please let me know if you need anything else from me. Thanks! -Beth

Dear Ms. Murray,

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From: Podolsky, Melissa (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) < >
Sent: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 10:33 AM
To: Reimels, Elizabeth (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/DVP) < >
Cc: Lee, Kinzie (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) < >; Hulkower, Rachel (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) < >
Subject: RE: Correction Needed: CDC's Firearm Violence Prevention fact sheet.

Hi – Here's what Deb responded with:

Hi Lee

We appreciate this feedback. We've reviewed the materials and CDC's fact sheet notes that estimates of defensive gun use vary depending on the data source, questions asked, populations studied, timeframes, and other factors related to the design of studies. Estimates from the Gun Violence Archive represent another data source and estimates based on that source will also vary from other estimates, especially from population-based surveys that gather information that may not ever be reported to official sources like law enforcement. The methodology used to capture defensive gun violence by the Gun Violence Archive represents a very small subset of people who have used guns defensively, and does not include individuals who might have used guns defensively, but not reported this use to law enforcement. e.g. a person who comes to the front porch with a gun to deter a stranger from trespassing on his/her property and then doesn't think anything of it when the stranger leaves the property. With the # of studies and estimates used for this range in the fact sheet an update is not warranted at this time.

Happy to talk through this with you before you send on
Deb

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From: Reimels, Elizabeth (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/DVP) < >
Sent: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 8:49 AM
To: Podolsky, Melissa (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) < >
Cc: Lee, Kinzie (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) < >; Hulkower, Rachel (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD)

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Melissa,

Please see the request below, which Deb also received via White House channels. If that response has already gone to the WH could you please share it Peggy Rice from OA, and the final with us so that we can craft a response to this constituent and Peggy can follow-up with Durbin's Office?

Beth

From: Lee, Kinzie (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) < >
Sent: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 8:15 AM
To: Reimels, Elizabeth (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/DVP) < >
Subject: RE: Correction Needed: CDC's Firearm Violence Prevention fact sheet.

Hi Beth, do you have a minute to talk about how we might want to engage with this?

This came my way as a partner request, but it really looks like a media request.

• *Kinzie*

From: Po Murray < >
Sent: Wednesday, September 1, 2021 8:03 AM
To: Lee, Kinzie (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) < >; Devin Hughes < >
Subject: Correction Needed: CDC's Firearm Violence Prevention fact sheet.

Hi Kinzie,

Senator Durbin's office gave me your contact information. Devin Hughes from GVPedia and I wanted to connect with you to see if you could help us correct the misinformation on the CDC's firearm violence prevention fact sheet.

Is there a time next week you can meet with us via Zoom to discuss?

Thanks so much.

Best Regards,

Po Murray

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