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## Beach City Safe Communities

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## Project Overview

The Beach City Safe Communities Program, which operated from December 2024 through June 2027, implemented services designed to prevent firearm-related injuries in local households, expand public understanding of Gun Violence Restraining Orders (GVROs), and strengthen the city's network of community-based organizations that support Beach City residents. These activities were structured to reach three key target populations: Beach City community members who own firearms, community members at risk of violence, and residents who rely on strong, interconnected local service organizations.

### I. Activities to Decrease Unintentional Firearm Injuries

In order to decrease unintentional firearm injuries within homes in Beach City, Beach City Agency (BCA) engaged directly with community members to distribute firearm-locking devices to residents. BCA staff first procured 5,000 firearm cable locks from our county's approved vendor and maintained inventory of the cable locks through digitized monthly tracking logs. BCA staff then participated in extensive in-person outreach, including attending neighborhood association meetings and setting up information booths at community fairs. At these outreach events, staff identified community members who owned guns, distributed free firearm-locking devices, and provided detailed demonstrations on how to use the cable locks safely and effectively. BCA also conducted outreach through radio advertisements and on Instagram and Facebook social media sites to increase distribution rates; residents reached through radio and social media collected firearm locks at established pick-up locations across the city at libraries and fire stations.

In addition to distribution activities, agency staff conducted semi-structured interviews and household surveys to measure the effectiveness of the program and support the adoption of safe-storage practices. Staff engaged in one-on-one conversations with residents during outreach events, explaining the purpose of firearm locks and sharing practical strategies for ensuring secure storage of firearms and ammunition in homes. Using a pre-identified list of interview questions (see *Appendix Item 1*) and relying on semi-structured interview techniques, staff set out to understand the barriers to safe home gun storage, including whether residents would be more likely to practice safe storage techniques if they had access to free firearm safety equipment. In addition, our Survey Teams conducted randomly selected household surveys (see *Appendix Item 2*) – both in-person and via phone – to provide residents with individualized guidance about safe-storage techniques and document storage practices, with the overall objective of measuring change in safe-storage techniques over time.

To measure the potential impact of our intervention on the community, we additionally coordinated with local hospitals to measure the number of unintentional firearm injuries reported and treated in emergency rooms at monthly intervals across the grant period.

## **II. Activities to Increase Community Awareness of Gun Violence Restraining Orders**

BCA's second set of activities focused on increasing awareness of Gun Violence Restraining Orders (GVROs) among Beach City residents, with a particular emphasis on reaching individuals at heightened risk of violence or experiencing crisis-related instability. BCA staff designed and facilitated a series of community education events that introduced participants to GVRO procedures, legal eligibility, and reduction of harm. Staff organized logistics through venue reservations, presentation development, speaker preparation, and coordination with partner organizations to support participant recruitment. During events, staff led interactive presentations, answered questions, and conducted small-group discussions to ensure that participants understood the information and could apply it to their own lives.

Staff additionally updated and maintained the BCA GVRO Awareness Website by adding interactive content and integrating user-friendly explanations of the GVRO process. Outreach staff engaged directly with at-risk community members by distributing printed educational materials, visiting community centers, attending neighborhood meetings, and responding to resident inquiries. These activities ensured that individuals who may face volatile or dangerous situations have accessible, reliable information about GVROs and how to seek help. Participant awareness was measured using pre- and post-event surveys (see *Appendix Item 3*).

## **III. Activities to Strengthen Collaboration Between Community-Based Organizations (CBOs)**

To strengthen the collaborative network of CBOs serving Beach City residents, BCA staff first initiated and facilitated meetings with local CBOs to identify partnership opportunities and shared service priorities, as well as establish formal agreements through Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs). BCA staff worked with each organization to define referral workflows (see *Appendix Item 4*), clarify communication protocols, and set expectations for inter-agency collaboration. BCA then organized and led a series of inter-agency workshops to build trust and strengthen communication among staff members at partner organizations. These workshops included training sessions, collaborative case discussions, and small-group activities designed to help staff better understand each organization's services, operational approaches, and referral procedures. Staff also conducted regular follow-up communications with partner organizations, maintained records of referrals exchanged, and supported CBOs in navigating collaboration challenges as they arose. BCA collected quarterly surveys to measure perceptions of trust across the network agencies (see *Appendix Item 5*). By consistently engaging with partners, facilitating dialogue, and creating structured opportunities for inter-agency connections, BCA built a more stable, supportive, and interconnected community-service network for residents who rely on coordinated support systems, including individuals experiencing crisis.

Overall, BCA's targeted service delivery successfully engaged community members while establishing a solid basis for the evaluation of the impact of the program on the community.

## Goal Achievements

Beach City Agency's (BCA) *Goal Achievements* below present the key findings for each goal of the Beach City Safe Communities Program. We focus on the most impactful findings from throughout the duration of the grant period.

### I. Goal: Decrease Unintentional Firearm Injuries within Homes in Beach City

| Goal 1:       |                                                        | Decrease unintentional firearm injuries within homes in Beach City                                  |                         |                                                                                                 |
|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Objective a:  |                                                        | Distribute 5,000 free firearm-locking devices to residents                                          |                         |                                                                                                 |
| Objective b:  |                                                        | Identify primary barriers to safe firearm and ammunition storage in Beach City                      |                         |                                                                                                 |
| Objective c:  |                                                        | Reduce the number of households reporting unsecured firearms by 15% and unsecured ammunition by 15% |                         |                                                                                                 |
| Objective d:  |                                                        | Reduce unintentional firearm injuries by 50%                                                        |                         |                                                                                                 |
| Data Elements |                                                        | Data Sources                                                                                        | Frequency of Collection | Target                                                                                          |
| 1.            | # of home gun locks procured                           | Procurement and inventory logs of firearm locks                                                     | At procurement + Weekly | <input type="checkbox"/> Goal<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Objective(s): A            |
| 2.            | # of home gun locks distributed                        | Distribution logs of firearm locks                                                                  | Each outreach event     | <input type="checkbox"/> Goal<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Objective(s): A            |
| 3.            | Frequency of reported barriers to safe gun storage     | Semi-structured interviews                                                                          | Each outreach event     | <input type="checkbox"/> Goal<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Objective(s): B            |
| 4.            | % of households reporting unsecured firearms at home   | Household surveys                                                                                   | Annually                | <input type="checkbox"/> Goal<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Objective(s): C            |
| 5.            | % of households reporting unsecured ammunition at home | Household surveys                                                                                   | Annually                | <input type="checkbox"/> Goal<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Objective(s): C            |
| 6.            | # of emergency room incident reports                   | Emergency room incident reports                                                                     | Monthly                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Goal<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Objective(s): D |

#### **Finding 1: Primary Barrier to Safe Storage is Insufficient Knowledge of Importance of Safe Firearm and Ammunition Storage**

Through semi-structured interviews at outreach events, BCA found that the two primary barriers to implementing safe firearm storage at home were lack of knowledge about the importance of storage of firearms (43%) and of ammunition (27%). Respondents were instructed to choose the one primary barrier that was preventing them from implementing safe

firearm and ammunition storage at home, out of a total of seven options. BCA collected a total of 120 responses (see *Appendix Item 6* for results).

**Finding 2: Households Reporting Unsecured Firearms Decreased by 12%; Ammunition by 8%**

Between December 2024 and June 2027, BCA procured and distributed a total of **5,000 free firearm-locking cable locks** to Beach City residents. Through annual household surveys (total number of respondents = 250), between January 2025 and January 2027, BCA found that the number of households reporting unsecured firearms decreased from 52 to 46 (-12%), and the number of households reporting unsecured ammunition decreased from 76 to 70 (-8%). Surveys were conducted in-person and via phone in January 2025, January 2026, and January 2027 to demonstrate change over time. Only those participants that responded to all three surveys were included in the total number of respondents (n = 250). Only one response was collected per household.

**Finding 3: Beach City's Hospital-Reported Unintentional Firearm Injuries Decreased by 25% Over the Grant Period**

Emergency room incident reports were shared with BCA through a formalized data-sharing agreement and collected monthly. Averages of total monthly self-reported unintentional firearm injuries were calculated between January and June 2025 – at the start of the service period – and again between January and June 2027, at the end of the service period. Between January and June 2025, emergency rooms reported an average of four unintentional firearm injuries per month; during the same period in 2027, an average of three unintentional firearm injuries were reported per month, resulting in a 25% decrease. BCA did not analyze this as a correlational or causal change using statistical analysis.

**2. Goal: Increase Community Awareness of Gun Violence Restraining Orders (GVROs)**

| Goal 2:              |                                | <b>Increase community awareness of GVROs</b>                                |                                |                                                                                      |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Objective a:         |                                | Host four community events with at least 50 participants each               |                                |                                                                                      |
| Objective b:         |                                | At least 75% of event participants demonstrate increased knowledge of GVROs |                                |                                                                                      |
| Objective c:         |                                | Update BCA GVRO Awareness website and increase web traffic by 50%           |                                |                                                                                      |
| <u>Data Elements</u> |                                | <u>Data Sources</u>                                                         | <u>Frequency of Collection</u> | <u>Target</u>                                                                        |
| 1.                   | # of community meetings held   | Agency event logs                                                           | Monthly                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Goal<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Objective(s): A |
| 2.                   | # of attendees at each meeting | Event sign-in sheets                                                        | Each outreach event            | <input type="checkbox"/> Goal<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Objective(s): A |

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|----|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 3. | % of attendees with increased knowledge of GVROs | Pre- and post-event surveys | At beginning and end of each event | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Goal<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Objective(s): B |
| 4. | # of webpage views                               | Website analytics           | Monthly                            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Goal<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Objective(s): C |
| 5. | # of website user clicks                         | Website analytics           | Monthly                            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Goal<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Objective(s): C |

### Finding 1: 82% of Participants Demonstrated Increased Knowledge of GVROs

Over the grant period, BCA hosted **three two-hour community events** that were attended by 43, 65, and 55 participants respectively. Through pre- and post-event participant surveys (see *Appendix Item 3*), BCA found that 82% of survey respondents (n = 450) increased their knowledge of GVROs in some manner, measured by averaging the results of the Quiz portion of the survey and the results of the Perceived Knowledge section of the survey, and comparing pre- and post-event scores across the same participant. Notable highlights include that 50% of respondents increased their understanding of the process to obtain a GVRO and 75% of respondents entered the event knowing nothing about GVROs. Only those participants that responded to both the pre- and post-event surveys were considered in total responses.

### Finding 2: Increased Web Traffic to GVRO Awareness Site by 150%

Since the launch of our updated GVRO Awareness Site in April 2025, website analytic metrics indicate that the click rate within the site increased from 50 clicks per month to 125 clicks per month in June 2027, representing a 150% increase in web traffic to our site. Webpage views of any of our webpages within the site increased over the same period from 75 website views per month in April 2025 to 113 website views in June 2026, also representing a 150% increase.

### 3. Goal: Strengthen the Collaborative Network of CBOs

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| Goal 3:              |                  | Strengthen the collaborative network of CBOs                                  |                                |                                                                                                 |
| Objective a:         |                  | Sign MOUs with 5 CBOs                                                         |                                |                                                                                                 |
| Objective b:         |                  | Host 3 inter-agency meetings, 2 inter-agency trainings, and 1 community event |                                |                                                                                                 |
| Objective c:         |                  | Increase inter-agency referrals across network by 200%                        |                                |                                                                                                 |
| Objective d:         |                  | Increase trust across CBO network staff by 50%                                |                                |                                                                                                 |
| <u>Data Elements</u> |                  | <u>Data Sources</u>                                                           | <u>Frequency of Collection</u> | <u>Target</u>                                                                                   |
| 1.                   | # of MOUs signed | Signed MOUs                                                                   | At time of MOU signing         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Goal<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Objective(s): A |

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|----|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2. | # of meetings with network of CBOs         | Agency event logs                         | Monthly             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Goal<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Objective(s): B |
| 3. | # of attendees at CBO meetings             | Event sign-in sheets                      | Each outreach event | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Goal<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Objective(s): B |
| 4. | # of agency training events                | Agency event logs                         | Monthly             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Goal<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Objective(s): B |
| 5. | # of attendees at training events          | Event sign-in sheets                      | Each outreach event | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Goal<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Objective(s): B |
| 6. | # of inter-agency community events         | Agency event logs                         | Monthly             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Goal<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Objective(s): B |
| 7. | # of community attendees at events         | Event sign-in sheets                      | Each outreach event | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Goal<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Objective(s): B |
| 8. | # of referrals between agencies            | Referral logs of each agency/organization | Monthly             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Goal<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Objective(s): C |
| 9. | % increase in trust among staff in network | Agency staff surveys                      | Quarterly           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Goal<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Objective(s): D |

### **Finding 1: Held 3 Inter-Agency Events with More than 50 Participants Each**

In December 2024, **BCA signed Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) with 5 CBOs** across Beach City that are working toward reducing gun violence. These CBOs include the Community Action Group, Safe Streets Alliance, Neighborhood Peace Coalition, Communities for Violence Prevention, and Beach City Community Hub. Over the grant period, this network of six agencies held three inter-agency events with 52, 57, and 85 participants respectively, in addition to one inter-agency training (40 staff) and one larger community event (310 attendees).

### **Finding 2: Inter-agency Referrals Increased Across Network by 300%**

The number of clients referred between agencies increased from an average of 5 per month in 2025 to an average of 20 per month in 2027, reflecting a 300% increase. This includes referrals between all six agencies in our new network of CBOs.

### **Finding 3: Staff Increased Trust of Network Agencies by an Average of 120%**

Through Likert-scale surveys (see *Appendix Item 5*) provided to all staff at each of the six agencies in December 2024 and again in June 2027, staff reported a substantial improvement in trust toward referring clients to partner agencies, reflected in a 120% increase in overall inter-agency trust score. This increase was calculated by averaging the staff's scores in December and comparing them to the average staff score at the end of the service period. The largest gains were seen in confidence around timely follow-up and the respectful treatment of clients.

## Discussion

Over the grant period, the Beach City Safe Communities Program demonstrated meaningful progress toward reducing firearm-related harm, increasing public understanding of Gun Violence Restraining Orders (GVROs), and strengthening collaborations between local community-based organizations (CBOs) across Beach City.

Distribution of 5,000 free cable locks, along with extensive public outreach and individualized education, helped shift firearm and ammunition storage behaviors among surveyed households. Though reductions in unsecured firearms (12%) and ammunition (8%) fell slightly short of the targeted 15%, these changes still reflect meaningful progress, particularly given that insufficient knowledge emerged as the primary barrier to safe storage. Only 10% of survey respondents had received materials or training from BCA. The 25% decrease in hospital-reported unintentional firearm injuries is encouraging, though the self-reported and non-causal nature of this data warrant cautious interpretation; ultimately, we fell short of our goal of 50% reduction. These results reinforce the urgent importance of education of the risks of not using safe storage practices for both firearms and ammunition (see *Appendix 7* for educational material incorporated into our curriculum).

Through events, outreach, and website improvements, BCA expanded public knowledge of GVROs, with 82% of participants showing measurable increases in understanding, surpassing our initial goal of 75%. The substantial growth in web traffic of 150% – which went beyond our goal of 50% – suggests that residents are actively seeking information about GVROs beyond in-person events. Overall, achieving the originally planned number of community events proved challenging due to understaffing and delayed event planning within our agency. Future initiatives may benefit from our expanded partnerships with local CBOs to bolster recruitment, as we would like to increase the number of participants at these events in the future.

Strengthening collaboration across Beach City's community-based organizations (CBOs) produced some of the most transformative results of the program. The establishment of five MOUs, combined with inter-agency workshops and trainings, created a more coordinated referral network that resulted in a 300% increase in inter-agency referrals. Most notably, staff trust across the network increased by an average of 120%, reflecting major improvements in perceived reliability, communication, and confidence in partner agencies' client care. Sustaining this level of collaboration will require continued investment as partnerships evolve.

While the program achieved significant progress, several limitations highlight opportunities for future improvement. Self-reported data carry inherent reliability challenges. Recruiting and retaining participants across survey waves also presented obstacles, especially in GVRO education efforts. Additionally, although inter-agency trust increased dramatically, maintaining momentum will require continued investment, strong partnerships, and flexible strategies that respond to evolving community needs.

## Grantee Highlight

One of the most powerful outcomes of the Beach City Safe Communities Program can be illustrated through the experience of a local resident who participated in multiple components of the project. For confidentiality, this individual is referred to only as a Beach City resident. His story illustrates how accessible education, practical tools, and strong community partnerships can, taken together, create meaningful change for someone facing real safety concerns.

This resident first engaged with the program at a neighborhood outreach event, where BCA staff demonstrated safe-storage techniques and provided a free cable lock. Before receiving guidance, the resident shared uncertainty about the risks of unsecured ammunition and admitted to storing a household firearm without a locking device. After speaking one-on-one with staff and receiving hands-on instruction, he implemented safe-storage practices quickly at home. In later follow-up conversations, the resident reported feeling more confident in protecting both his home and his family, expressing that the cable lock and education “made safety feel doable, not overwhelming.”

Months later, during a period of escalating conflict involving a family member, the same resident sought additional support through the program’s GVRO resources. He described feeling unsure of where to begin or whether taking action was even possible. In response, BCA staff provided direct assistance by answering his questions, helping him understand eligibility, and walking him through the steps he might take to pursue a GVRO if needed. The GVRO Awareness Website reinforced this guidance by offering clear explanations of how the process works, who qualifies, and what to do if someone close to him becomes a danger to themselves or others. After attending a community information session hosted by BCA, the resident shared that he finally “knew what questions to ask, who to talk to, and that help was actually available.” With staff support and accessible educational tools, he felt empowered to seek guidance from local partners and navigate the crisis more safely.

The resident’s journey was further supported by Beach City’s strengthened community-based organization network. Through the new referral pathways developed by BCA and partner agencies, the resident was connected to additional local services, including counseling support and conflict-resolution resources. Staff across agencies noted that the coordinated response allowed the resident to receive timely assistance without having to repeat their concerns to multiple organizations.

This story reflects the core strengths of the Beach City Safe Communities Program: accessible safety tools, clear education, and a collaborative network capable of responding to residents’ needs with compassion and coordination. While anonymized, this resident’s experience highlights the real-world impact of the program and demonstrates how sustained outreach and partnership can help individuals navigate moments of uncertainty, prevent harm, and access the support they need to keep themselves and their households safe.

## Appendix

### 1. Semi-Structured Interview Questions

The following semi-structured interview questions were used by staff at community outreach events to measure participants' perceptions of barriers to safe gun storage.

1. Can you describe your current approach to storing firearms in your home?
2. How confident do you feel in your knowledge of safe firearm storage practices?
3. How confident do you feel in your knowledge of safe ammunition storage practices?
4. What is the number one barrier you feel that you face to use safe storage practices at home?
5. What concerns, if any, do you have about accessing a firearm quickly during an emergency?
6. Have you previously received guidance on where to find safe-storage equipment or resources?
7. Do cost concerns or lack of space at home factor into your decision about using safe storage techniques?
8. What would help you feel more supported or better informed about safe firearm and ammunition storage?

### 2. Household Surveys

The following surveys were implemented in-person and via phone via random selection throughout Beach City. Once a household was randomly selected in January 2025, they received an initial survey and were then sent the same survey annually in January 2026 and January 2027. Results were compiled and analyzed to measure change over time in the number of households reporting unsecured firearms and ammunition at home.

1. Does your household currently have one or more firearms? (Yes/No)  
If No, skip to Question 7
2. Is at least one firearm in your home stored unlocked (not secured with a locking device or locked container)? (Yes/No)
3. Do you currently use any of the following firearm-locking devices? (Choose all that apply)
  - Cable lock
  - Lock box
  - Gun safe
  - Trigger lock
  - Other (please specify)

None

4. Does your household currently have ammunition stored at home? (Yes/No)
5. Is any ammunition in your home stored unsecured (not locked)? (Yes/No)
6. Is any ammunition in your home not stored separately from your firearm? (Yes/No)
7. How familiar do you feel with recommended safe storage practices for firearms and ammunition? (Choose one)
  - Very familiar
  - Somewhat familiar
  - Not familiar
8. Have you received any information or materials about safe firearm storage from Beach City Agency? (Yes/No)
9. What would help you or your household adopt or maintain safe storage practices in the future? (Open-ended)

### 3. Pre- and Post-Event Surveys of Participant Knowledge of GVROs

The following survey was distributed to event participants at the beginning of each event and again at the end of each event. Participants were tracked for consistency using their first name and last initial. The purpose of the survey is to measure change in knowledge of GVROs.

Beach City Safe Communities Program

GVRO Knowledge Survey

Please write your first name and last initial so we can match your pre- and post-event surveys.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

#### *Part 1: Quiz (Objective Knowledge)*

Please select the best answer for each question.

Who can request a Gun Violence Restraining Order (GVRO)?

- ☐ Only law enforcement
- ☐ Only family/household members
- ☐ Family/household members and law enforcement
- ☐ Anyone in the community

What is the purpose of a GVRO?

- ☐ To punish individuals who own firearms
- ☐ To temporarily remove firearms from someone who may pose a danger

- ☐ To permanently ban someone from owning firearms
- ☐ To settle neighbor disputes

How long does an emergency (short-term) GVRO typically last?

- ☐ 1 to 2 days
- ☐ 21 days
- ☐ 6 months
- ☐ 1 year

A long-term GVRO can last up to:

- ☐ 3 months
- ☐ 6 months
- ☐ 1 year
- ☐ 5 years

Which of the following actions is required once a GVRO is issued?

- ☐ The restrained person must attend counseling
- ☐ The restrained person must surrender firearms to law enforcement or a licensed dealer
- ☐ Nothing; no action is required
- ☐ The restrained person must move out of their residence

*Part 2: Perceived Knowledge (Self-Assessment)*

Please select the option that best represents how confident you feel about each statement.

I understand the basic purpose of a GVRO.

- ☐ Strongly Disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Strongly Agree

I would know where to find information or assistance if I believed someone needed a GVRO.

- ☐ Strongly Disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Neutral

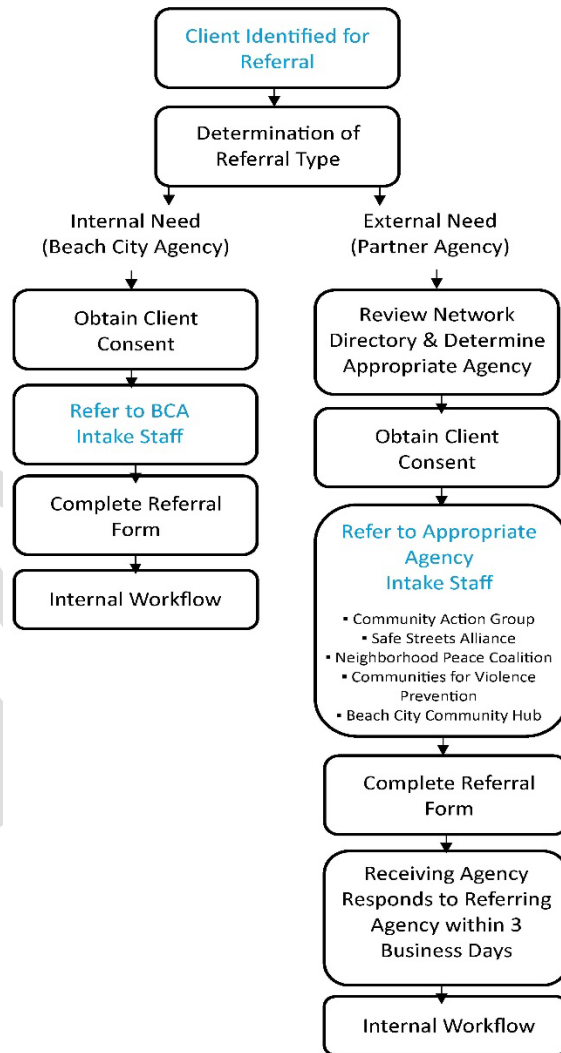
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Strongly Agree

I feel confident in my ability to understand and use GVRO resources if needed.

- ☐ Strongly Disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Strongly Agree

#### 4. CBO Network Referral Flowchart

The following is the flowchart used to refer clients between CBOs within our CBO network.



## 5. Pre- and Post-Surveys of Staff Perceptions of Trust

The following Likert-scale surveys were provided to staff at each of the six agencies in December 2024 and again in June 2027.

### *Survey: Staff Trust in Cross-Agency Referral*

Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with each statement.

Scale: 1 = Strongly Disagree, 2 = Disagree, 3 = Neutral, 4 = Agree, 5 = Strongly Agree

1. I trust partner agencies to provide high-quality services to clients I refer.
2. I believe the agencies I refer to follow up with clients in a timely manner.
3. I feel confident that partner agencies communicate clearly about referral outcomes.
4. I trust that clients will be treated with respect by the agencies I refer them to.
5. I believe cross-agency collaboration is strong and reliable.
6. I am confident that referrals result in positive outcomes for clients.
7. I feel partner agencies value the referrals our organization sends.
8. Overall, I trust the referral process between agencies in our network.

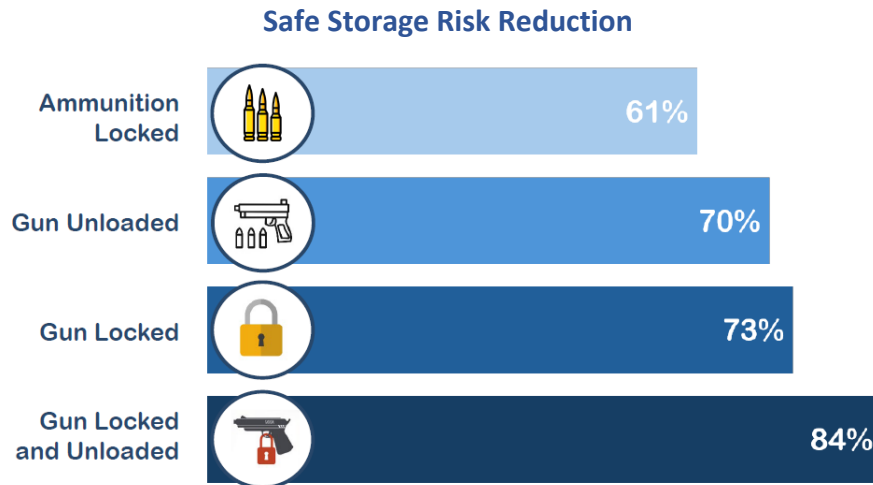
## 6. Frequency Table of Reported Barriers to Safe Firearm and Ammunition Storage

The following frequency table documents the results of semi-structured interviews on identified barriers to safe firearm and ammunition storage (see *Appendix Item 1* above for interview questions). Respondents were instructed to choose only one primary barrier each.

| Barrier Identified                                              | Frequency | Percent of Total Respondents<br>(N = 120) |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------------|
| Insufficient knowledge of safe firearm storage                  | 52        | 43%                                       |
| Insufficient knowledge of safe ammunition storage               | 32        | 27%                                       |
| Perception of lack of accessibility of firearms in an emergency | 20        | 17%                                       |
| Lack of knowledge of where to find safe storage                 | 8         | 7%                                        |
| Lack of funds to purchase safe storage                          | 4         | 3%                                        |
| Lack of storage space at home                                   | 3         | 3%                                        |
| Distrust of government guidance                                 | 1         | 1%                                        |

## 7. Evidence-Based Educational Graphic

The following graphic is featured in BCA's educational materials to support the evidence base of our curriculum.



**Data source:** Grossman DC, Mueller BA, Riedy C, et al. Gun Storage Practices and Risk of Youth Suicide and Unintentional Firearm Injuries. *JAMA*. 2005;293(6):707–714. doi:10.1001/jama.293.6.707