

NEWS

INTRODUCING
AFFIRM AT THE
ASPEN INSTITUTE
(AAI)

While many have heard the exciting news, the board of directors of AFFIRM voted to become a program of the Aspen Institute over the summer. As a result, [AFFIRM at The Aspen Institute — as we're now known — has become an official program of the Institute's Health, Medicine & Society \(HMS\) Program.](#) Firearm injury transcends class, race, geography, and political affiliation. AFFIRM at the Aspen Institute brings together the best ideas for preventing firearm injury into one hub, workshops them to solicit diverse perspectives and reach consensus, and supports implementing effective strategies.

"AFFIRM has made tremendous strides since our founding in 2017, but as this issue continues to dominate the headlines, we know it is time to take our work to the next level. The common ethos of the Aspen Institute and AFFIRM will allow us to amplify our message and programs that provide immediate interventions and solutions to addressing this public health crisis," Christopher Barsotti, MD, FACEP, FAEM, and Co-Founder and Director of AFFIRM at The Aspen Institute

PROGRAMS

NEW YEAR, NEW PROGRAMS.

Our programs explain the connection between health and firearms, and as we enter the new year, we're thrilled to announce new programs of AFFIRM at the Aspen Institute. Though our non-partisan coalition of medical, public health, law enforcement, and firearm industry experts with a proven track record of collaboration, consensus-building, and innovation - these programs will deliver breakthrough solutions that are evidence-based, inclusive, empowering, and tailored to the unique needs of all communities.

- **Resolve** unites firearm safety training with the knowledge of health factors regarding firearm use to create a complete 360° solution. We train everyone to be part of the solution while restoring a sense of safety and well-being in society.
- Through **Reframe**, we develop a community-specific curriculum, bridge communication barriers by leading productive, agency-driven conversations, and equip communities with the blueprint to sustain these efforts through community-led action groups.
- With **Rethink**, we're creating alternate multimedia channels that educate clinicians and individuals in an engaging and non-political manner.
- **Research** remains a priority to further our evidence base and inform our programs.



Resolve
Health Education Standards



Reframe
Tailored Community Engagement and Empowerment



Rethink
Meaningful Health Reporting on Firearm Injuries in the U.S.



Research
Growing our Evidence Base

We invite you to join us as we craft and deploy our programming to our patients, their families, and our communities.

INDUSTRY

SHOT SHOW 2022



The AFFIRM team is broadening our network of firearm stakeholders in the public health approach. Programs of AFFIRM at Aspen unify the knowledge and traditions of responsible gun ownership with health expertise to develop practical, evidence-based methods to increase safety and decrease the risk of firearm misuse at every opportunity - across our health systems and throughout society.

AFFIRM at the Aspen Institute works meaningfully with firearm stakeholder groups and builds a vital bridge between the medical and firearm industries. To grow our network of firearm industry collaborators, [AAI is participating in the NSSF's "Shot Show," the nation's largest firearm industry trade show in January 2022.](#)

PRESS

CDC DIRECTOR RECOGNIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF INCLUSIVITY.



CDC Director, Dr. Rochelle Walensky with AAI Founder and Director, Emergency Physician, and 4-H Youth Rifle Instructor, Dr. Christopher Barsotti

After decades of near-silence from the CDC, the agency's director is speaking up about gun violence and visited Dr. Christopher Barsotti at his local 4-H Shooting Sports Club, where he serves as a youth rifle instructor. Dr. Walensky is asking for the help of the firearm industry, saying, **"Come to the table. Join us in the conversation. I want you to teach me what you've done to make your gun safe, and then I want you to teach everybody else."**

In her interview with CNN and Dr. Barsotti, Dr. Walensky expressed the urgency of this crisis, saying, **"Something has to be done about this. Now is the time - it's pedal to the metal time. [Watch the full interview here.](#)"**

SUPPORT

GIVING TUESDAY 2022



This Giving Tuesday, we know that you have your choice of charities to support, but we hope that you'll consider AFFIRM at the Aspen Institute on this international day of giving. Now, more than ever, your gift to AFFIRM at the Aspen Institute helps us fight this crisis head-on. Your gift today helps to create a safer tomorrow for generations to come. Stand with us as we #StandAFFIRM.

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