To whom it may concern,

I am a mom of 2 children, 9 & 7 years old.

I've done daycare for 7 years. I've watched kids from all kinds of families. I've talked to kids with permission of parents and asked them what to do if they found a gun. There was always at least 1 child who would pick it up to look at it. Of course we talked about, what could happen. I let the parents know as well to continue their at home education & referred them to Kids Safe.

My heart sank every time a child would say they would pick it up. We teach our kids fire drills, earthquake drills, how to hold and properly use a kitchen knife so they don't cut themselves. Seeing and going through Derek's Kids S.A.F.E class with my son, I know have seen what educating a children can do.

Allowing the opportunity for education classes in schools would help kids understand the importance of not touching firearm and getting a adult. Especially when they may not get that education at home.

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