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Rather than imposing restrictions that may disproportionately affect marginalized communities, programs that promote responsible gun ownership can be effective:

- * Community-Led Firearm Safety Training: Supporting initiatives that provide free or low-cost firearm safety training to community members, emphasizing safe handling, storage, and conflict resolution
- * Mental Health First Aid: Offering training programs that help gun owners recognize signs of mental health crises and provide appropriate support or intervention.
- * Voluntary Gun Safety Programs: Encouraging the development of voluntary programs that provide gun locks, safes, or other safety devices to gun owners, particularly in high-risk households.
- * Education on Domestic Violence and Firearms: Implementing programs that educate gun owners about the risks of firearms in domestic violence situations and provide resources for safe storage or temporary relinquishment.

By adopting a holistic approach that combines evidence-based interventions, community engagement, and a focus on addressing systemic inequalities, we can work towards reducing gun violence while protecting the rights of marginalized communities.