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“Let’s not get on the anti-gun or pro-gun bandwagon, let’s get on the anti-suicide bandwagon.” Ralph Demicco

State: New Hampshire

Limiting access to guns can help save the lives of people who are at risk of suicide. And who better to take on this suicide prevention effort than the gun community, asserts Cathy Barber of Harvard’s Means Matter Campaign. Ralph Demicco, a former gun shop owner agrees, “I’ve experienced an awful lot of incidents where friends, customers, and acquaintances have taken their lives with firearms, so it’s a very striking issue to me.” Barber and Demicco joined together with gun owners and public health professionals to form the Gun Shop Project, forging an unlikely but highly successful partnership with the mission of reducing a suicidal person’s access to guns.

Settings: Communities
Strategies: Reduce Access to Means

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