

## Violence-Proofing Our Kids

An event sponsored by the Campaign to Regulate Handguns of the [Oregon Consumer League](#) which took place on Saturday, January 11, 2003 at the Augustana Lutheran Church in Portland. After introductory remarks by [Jason Reynolds](#), executive Director of the League, the days events consisted of three panel discussions and two Keynote Speeches.

Though the title was violence-proofing, the main form of violence dealt with by everyone was gun violence, specifically hand gun violence. Within this context many other issues were discussed, for example, the role of the media and video games, the National Rifle Association, legislation and home security.

### 1) HEALTH PANEL: Causes and Prevention of Youth Violence.

Ron Bloodworth, Youth Suicide Prevention Coordinator, State of Oregon Department of Human Services.

[Ron Bloodworth](#)

David Bliss, M.D., Pediatric Trauma Surgeon, Legacy Emanuel Medical Center.

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Joanne Fairchild, R.N., Trauma Nurses Talk Tough, Legacy Emanuel Medical Center. In her talk she mentions a program called [Save Our Youth](#)

[Joanne Fairchild](#)

First Keynote Speech-given by Andres Soto, Policy Director, [Trauma Foundation for Violence Prevention](#) at San Francisco General Hospital. He spoke to the theme of the event, "Violence-Proofing Our Kids."

This presentation is about 50 minutes in length, and contains a small amount of interaction with the audience.

[Andres Soto](#)

### 2) COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS PANEL

Ann Kelly, founder, [Hands Are Not For Hurting Project](#), Salem, Oregon.

This is a project using the slogan- I will not use my hands or my words for hurting myself or others."

[Ann Kelly](#)

Nan Waller. Multnomah County Circuit Judge, Chair of [Take the Time](#) steering committee, through [Multnomah County Commission on Children, Families and Community](#), Portland, Oregon

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Heidi Yewman, Northwest ASK spokesperson, Vancouver, Washington

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Kimberly Maney, Juvenile Court Counselor, Multnomah County Speaking for [Save Our Youth](#) program through Multnomah County Department of Juvenile Justice, Portland, Oregon.

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Second Keynote Speech: "The Road Ahead." Eric Gorovitz., M.P.H., Policy Director of the [Educational Fund to Stop Gun Violence](#), national grassroots organization, Berkeley, California.

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### 3) WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

Diana Marieta, Executive Director, [Ceasefire Oregon](#)

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Penny Okamoto, Portland Million Mom March Spokesperson

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The last speaker for the last panel was Rick Seifert, [Northwest Media Literacy Center](#) Following this presentation, the Executive Director of Oregon Consumer League offered some concluding remarks.

[Rick Seifert](#)