



NCCADV Statement on Recent Mass Shootings

Today, the North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence (“NCCADV”) joins the people in El Paso, Dayton, Gilroy, and the rest of our nation and world, in sadness, shock, and outrage over the three mass shootings which have claimed at least 32 lives in the last week.

There are direct connections between these events and the work we do at NCCADV. Large-scale studies have concluded that in 54% of mass shootings in our nation between 2009 and 2017 the perpetrator was also a perpetrator of domestic violence; and in the same time frame, 86% of the 224 children killed in mass shootings were killed by a domestic violence perpetrator.¹ And although it’s too soon to draw many conclusions about this week’s shooters, we are deeply troubled by emerging indications that the El Paso shooting was motivated by racial bias and hatred toward immigrant communities.

As a staff, NCCADV grieves the losses in these three communities with and for the family members, children, partners, friends, teachers, colleagues and neighbors of those who were killed.

As a member of a larger network of agencies and individuals who work for peace and safety in North Carolina, NCCADV is committed to working to eliminate all forms of violence and oppression in our state.

And as an advocate for better law and policy to prevent these types of incidents, NCCADV will continue fighting for gun control and other laws and regulations that could prevent this kind of senseless loss of life in the future.

¹ Everytown for Gun Safety, *Mass Shootings in the United States, 2009-2017*, <https://everytownresearch.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/MassShootings-Research-Report-121018A-2.pdf>