**Indivisible Durango Gun Safety Committee**

The Indivisible Durango Gun Safety Committee has combined with the Moms Demand Action-Durango group, part of the national Everytown for Gun Safety/Moms Demand Action/Mayors Against Illegal Guns coalition. Co-facilitators of the ID Gun Safety Committee are Carol Cure and Jean Walter.  New Durango lead for Moms Demand Action is Robin Halloran, an educator with the 9R School District. The BeSMART program lead is Sarah Goodpastor, M.D.

**Key 2018 Accomplishments for ID Gun Safety/Moms Demand Action-Durango:**

* Added 135 members during 2018 for a total membership of 201 members
* 2018 MARCH FOR OUR LIVES, planned in conjunction with Durango High School students, drew about 1,300 participants here in Durango (largest non-Denver turnout in Colorado)
* Applied for and obtained a $5,000 grant from Everytown for Gun Safety to help with expenses of the March and future activities related to gun safety; incorporated a 501(c)(4) to hold funds
* 2018 WEAR ORANGE RALLY – 2nd Annual Rally at Buckley Park where members of the community are invited to come together to honor victims and survivors of gun violence and work for a safer future for our community
* Obtained City of Durango Proclamation of Durango Gun Violence Awareness Days in June
* Canvassing in October and November for Moms Demand Action Gun Sense Candidates
* Writing Letters to Editors on gun safety issues
* Contacting legislators via CTA’s to urge passage of gun sense legislation such as Red Flag laws
* Collaboration with San Juan Basin Public Health Department on Suicide Prevention Issues
* PRIDE Festival presence & tabling
* BeSMART for Kids presentations to local PTA’s and community organizations

**Plans for 2019 and Beyond:**

* MARCH FOR OUR LIVES – March 23
* WEAR ORANGE 2019 – June 7-9
* PRIDE Festival – June 23
* Continue to coordinate activities with local and national groups
* Continue educating the community about BeSMART for Kids

S – Secure guns in homes and vehicles

M – Model responsible behavior

A – Ask about unsecured guns in other homes

R – Recognize the risks of teen suicide

T – Tell your peers to Be SMART

Every year about 300 kids aged 17 and under gain access to a gun and unintentionally shoot themselves or someone else, and nearly 500 more die by suicide with a gun. Many of these deaths are entirely preventable with safe and responsible gun storage. We can help to keep our kids safer by introducing these 5 easy steps to as many parents, educators and community groups as possible. Anyone interested in becoming part of the ID Gun Safety/Moms Demand Action group or in having Sarah Goodpastor or another BeSMART leader speak to your group, or if you’d like to be trained to become a BeSMART presenter, please contact Carol Cure or email her at carolcure@gmail.com.year, nearly 300 children age 17 and under gain access to nearly 500 more die by suicide with a gun. Many of these deaths are entirely preventable with responsible gun storage. We know we can keep our kids safer by introducing these five easy steps to parenting and everyday life: