

CFHI Collaborative Series:

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Gun Safety: Be SMART for Kids and Families

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Discussion Guide

1. What are some ways to approach parents/caregivers regarding gun safety? Discuss methods of managing an emotional conversation.
2. A discussion surrounding gun safety can be difficult to initiate. What are some ways to establish the topic of gun safety as general safety conversation?
3. How would you handle a parent/caregiver's unwillingness to discuss or listen to gun safety information?
4. If you had prior knowledge that a child in the home was at risk for engaging in self-harm, would this change your approach with the family? If so, how?
5. A component of the Be SMART framework is to model responsible behavior. Discuss various ways adults can model responsible firearm behavior.
6. How can you creatively convey the Be SMART acronym to your audience?
7. Be familiar with gun injury/violence statistics. Would statistical information regarding gun injury/violence be important to your audience?
8. In addition to the methods discussed during this series, what are other ways to prevent firearm misuse?