

Photovoice: The Cost of Firearms Violence

This project, conducted by Engaging Richmond and funded by Urban Institute, explores the physical, financial, and emotional costs of gun violence. Engaging Richmond is a community-university partnership comprised of community researchers and Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) Center on Society and Health staff that was formed to bring a community

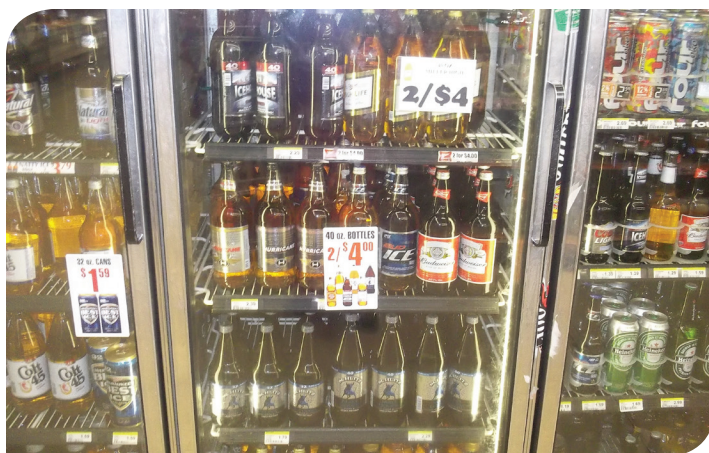
perspective to projects addressing the connections between social factors and health. Members of the Engaging Richmond team conducted thirteen interviews with individuals affected by firearms violence. To create a visual representation of the themes, we used a process called Photovoice. The following themes and images surfaced in the interviews and Photovoice.



"You know parents, they're afraid to let their kids out to play... with this gun violence, parents scared to let them play...kids can't be kids anymore."



"I started carrying guns myself...I was willing to hurt somebody if they tried to hurt me. Nobody was going to do that to me again."



"I really medicated myself. I was into drugs. I kept a lot of things inside...I really never talked to anybody about it."



"I missed out on life...I couldn't work, I couldn't get a job because of the severity of the injury...all it did was make me go deeper into the criminal lifestyle."

ABOUT THE CENTER

The Center on Society and Health is an academic research center that studies the connections between social factors and health.

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