

THE UVALDE REPORT

A PATH FORWARD FOR A COMMUNITY—AND NATION—STRUGGLING TO HEAL

One year after 21 lives were needlessly taken in Uvalde, survivors, families, and community members are still trying to rebuild—but there’s many ways in which their needs are not being met. We spoke with dozens of members of the Uvalde community, listening as they expressed a desire to have their voices heard in the midst of a tumultuous process that often left them feeling overwhelmed and unseen.

Our primary goal with this project was to understand the ongoing needs of Uvalde community members following the shooting and to identify the resources, services, and other types of support necessary to help them recover. Through this process, we also determined specific policy reforms that may help to both avoid future tragedies and provide improved support to victims of all types of gun violence.



RECOMMENDATIONS

The tragedy at Robb Elementary underscores the dire need for reforms at the local, state, and national levels. After speaking with Uvalde residents and national experts, we outlined the following recommendations to improve support for the community and help it heal:

- 1 Pass, Implement, and Improve Gun Safety Laws**
- 2 Expand Community-Based Services for Youth and Young Adults**
- 3 Develop Long-Term Mental Health Services**
- 4 Address Structural Racism**
- 5 Reform Victim Compensation Systems**
- 6 Create Trauma-Informed Schools**

Our report, which included visits and interviews conducted in both English and Spanish, identified the many strengths the community has and the challenges it faces.

STRENGTHS

- Strong sense of community
- Commitment to advocacy
- Use of nontraditional healing approaches

CHALLENGES

- History of racism and socioeconomic division
- Insufficient trust and transparency in government systems
- Lack of mental health services
- Obstacles to financial assistance for families
- Lack of youth-specific programming and facilities

“The pain runs deep in Uvalde... We’re talking about decades of pain, racism, and separation—*this is not just about May 24th, this is a catalyst.*”

— Brenda Faulkner, Uvalde Children’s Bereavement Center

To the residents of Uvalde, we are incredibly grateful to you for welcoming us into your community during an incredibly challenging time and for sharing your experiences and grief with our team. **We grieve alongside you, and sincerely hope this report will be a useful resource to support you in your ongoing journey of healing.**

