

# Extreme Risk Protection Order

## *An important tool in the gun violence and suicide prevention “toolkit”*

With the support of CFCU and Colorado Ceasefire, the Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO) became law in Colorado in 2020. Colorado’s ERPO law allows family members and law enforcement to petition the courts for temporary removal of firearms from individuals who are at risk to themselves and/or others. ERPOs help to reduce the daily loss of life due to all forms of firearm violence, including gun suicide, but the law is not widely understood.

### **HOW CFCU CONGREGATIONS CAN HELP**

To raise awareness, Colorado Ceasefire has created a slideshow for interested groups. The slideshow is part of a one-hour presentation suitable for Adult Education events, either online or in-person. The presentation explains how ERPOs work, addresses myths and misunderstandings, and includes time for Q&A.

CFCU encourages congregations to help “spread the word” about ERPO by scheduling an ERPO presentation for your congregation. This is also a good way to expand support for gun violence prevention efforts and recruit volunteers in your congregation.

#### **Assistance Provided**

- Help scheduling a presentation
- Draft marketing flyer that can be customized to your event
- Handouts

#### **Role of Congregation**

- Designated contact person for coordination purposes
- Space, equipment and set-up for showing slideshow
- Marketing of event to congregational members

For additional information or to schedule an ERPO presentation, please contact Susie Pappas, [susiepappas@hotmail.com](mailto:susiepappas@hotmail.com) or 319/321-1978.