



TOOLS FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION: UNDERSTANDING MICHIGAN'S EXTREME RISK PROTECTION LAW

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WEBINAR SUMMARY

Extreme Risk Protection Orders (ERPOs), also known as red flag orders, are civil court orders designed to prevent firearm injury and death by temporarily restricting access to firearms for those who are at risk of harming themselves or others. In Michigan, the ERPO law allows healthcare providers (including licensed mental health professionals) to file an ERPO petition. In this webinar, learn more about the role ERPOs can play in firearm injury prevention, what the ERPO petition process looks like for healthcare providers, and how ERPOs can fit into a clinician's suicide prevention and risk screening toolkit.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Dr. Laura Seewald, MD is a Clinical Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine and a Research Assistant Professor with the Institute for Firearm Injury Prevention at the University of Michigan. She is also an emergency medicine physician at Hurley Medical Center in Flint, Michigan. Dr. Seewald's research focuses on clinical interventions that address the relationship between binge drinking and violence behaviors, including firearm behaviors, among minoritized populations through programs in the emergency department setting. She also works with the Michigan Firearm Law Implementation Program to educate clinicians on Extreme Risk Protection Orders (ERPOs) and help healthcare systems implement ERPOs into their clinical workflows.