TAKE A BITE OUT OF CRIME

Checklist for violence prevention

Do my family and I

- ☐ understand the dangers of weapons, especially firearms, and how to prevent them?
- ☐ talk about the costs—personal and financial—of violence?
- ☐ think carefully about the kinds of entertainment we watch or hear?
- ☐ know and practice ways to settle disputes without violence?
- ☐ understand and practice basic self-protection strategies?

Do my neighbors and I

- ☐ know each other reasonably well?
- ☐ work together to make our neighborhood safe for children?
- ☐ agree on how and when to step in to prevent kids' quarrels from becoming violent?
- ☐ discuss how we feel about weapons, including firearms, and what rules and standards we agree on?
- ☐ help each other by joining and taking an active role in Neighborhood Watch?
- ☐ know that there are good ways for our children to spend their time and energy after school?
- ☐ identify, discuss, and solve (or get help to solve) troubling conditions in our area?
- ☐ work with police, school officials, civic groups, and others to address larger issues for the community?

Does my community

- ☐ have and enforce sound laws and regulations for secure weapons storage and against weapons violence?
- ☐ provide safe ways for residents to dispose of unwanted weapons?
- ☐ actively provide resources and know-how to help residents learn how to solve problems without violence?
- ☐ provide mentoring and other outreach services to troubled youth and families?
- ☐ enlist young people in addressing violence problems?
- ☐ coordinate community groups to develop comprehensive anti-violence strategies and plans?
- ☐ offer an attractive array of both family-oriented and youth-focused events?
- ☐ have clear standards that reject violence as a presence in the community?

Add your own reminders here!

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