Data Reporting and Availability

As states enact and implement extreme risk laws, strategic evaluation is critical. Research will enhance understanding of the laws’ impacts on firearm violence, provide necessary feedback to implementers of the policy to help improve outcomes, help to spot and correct inequitable use of the orders, and ultimately empower legislatures to make more informed policy decisions. States should require reporting of ERPO case data to a centralized state database and should facilitate access to these data for research and policy purposes. Specific data required to be reported to these researcher-accessible databases may include but are not limited to:

Petitioner Information
1. Relationship of petitioner to respondent;
2. Petitioner type (category of eligible petitioner according to state law);
3. Demographic information of petitioner, including age, gender identity, and racial or ethnic identity; and
4. For law enforcement petitioners, the specific department or agency for which the petitioner works or which the petitioner is representing.

Respondent Information
1. Demographic information of respondent, including age, gender identity, and racial or ethnic identity;
2. Whether the respondent is or has been the respondent to another ERPO and/or other protective order; and
3. Whether the respondent has a concurrent criminal case.

Order Information and Circumstances
1. City, county, and date of petition and issuance;
2. Expiration date for petition;
3. Risk profile of respondent:
   a. Risk to self only,
   b. Risk to others only, or
   c. Risk to self and others;
4. Brief synopsis of event that precipitated the order;
5. Petition Outcome:
   a. Temporary ERPO granted or denied and reasons for petition being granted, denied, or renewed,
   b. Full ERPO granted, denied, or renewed and reasons for petition being granted, denied, or renewed,
   c. Case dismissed and reasons for dismissal, or
   d. If the respondent contested the order;
6. Whether the order was served, and if yes, the date of service;
7. Whether the respondent was arrested, hospitalized, or referred for services; and
8. Whether a search warrant was issued.

Firearms Information
1. Number and type of known firearms in respondent’s possession or accessible to respondent;
2. Number and type of firearms recovered, seized, and/or transferred;
3. Number of firearms unaccounted for; and
4. Whether the respondent was compliant with the order to relinquish firearms.

Data Reporting and Availability - the Consortium Recommends:
• States should assure that ERPO case data are entered into a centralized state database and should facilitate access to these data for research and policy purposes.