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**<https://www.vera.org/blog/compelling-conversation-about-gun-violence-and-mental-health>**

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Today's *New York Times* ["Room for Debate"](#) online forum focuses on guns, safety, and mental health.

Among the eight distinguished contributors is [Jim Parsons](#), director of Vera's [Substance Use and Mental Health Program](#).

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