Using Regional Networks to Enhance and Monitor Injury Prevention Programs

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Why Do We Need Injury Prevention Programs?

Preventable injuries are the #1 killer of kids in the U.S.

Every year, 8,500 families lose a child because of a preventable injury. When a child dies, the lives of families are changed forever.

It’s a serious problem around the world.

Globally, a child dies from a preventable injury every 30 seconds. Too many families don’t have access to the information and resources they need to keep their kids safe from tragedies such as drownings, car crashes, fires and falls.

Millions more children are injured every day.

In the United States nearly 9 million children are treated for injuries in emergency departments every year.
Enhancing
Injury Prevention Programs Decrease Death and Preventable Injury

- Coalitions
- Advocate
- Monitoring Program progression
- Improving existing resources
- Call attention to the problem
- Provide educational materials and safety devices to families in need
What is Your Goal?

Why is always the hardest question.

- Awareness
- Collaboration
- Develop a new program
- Policy
- Obtain funding
SMART OBJECTIVES

- **Specific** - What is the specific task?
- **Measurable** - What are the standards or parameters?
- **Achievable** - Is the task feasible?
- **Realistic** - Are sufficient resources available?
- **Time-Bound** - What are the start and end dates?

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Who comprises your Regional Network?

- Trauma and non-trauma hospitals
- Law Enforcement
- Faith-based Communities
- Schools, Colleges, Universities
- Media
- Organizations that care about your cause - ATS, AAST, STN, Thinkfirst etc..
- THE PEOPLE (more than stakeholders)
- ATS, AAST, STN, Thinkfirst etc.
NETWORK EVALUATION

Beneficial to your Program?

Goals?

Commit in Writing?

Value (s)

GIVE &

TAKE
## Enhancing Your Program

### Courses

**Injury Prevention Course (ATS)**

**Johns Hopkins Injury Prevention Summer Institute**

### Organizations

- American Trauma Society
- Society of Trauma Nurses (STN) – IP SIG
- ThinkFirst
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- DOH
- Safe States
- National, regional and local organizations
MONITORING
Injury Data

- Define the current surveillance
  - Trauma Registry
    - ICECI and ICD
  - State Data
  - NTDB
  - CDC WISQUARS
  - NVDRS
- Assess Injury risk (Pre and Post program)
  - Evaluation data
- Develop interventions
- Determine the impact of your program
Getting Started

- Do I have a regional network? Regional efforts can often lead to international efforts

- Formation of The District of Columbia’s Injury Prevention Coordinators Collaborative (DC-TIPCC)

- Founding Member
“Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision. The ability to direct individual accomplishments toward organizational objectives. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results.” —Andrew Carnegie
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