Safe States Alliance
Annual Report 2016
The Safe States Alliance thrives thanks to the dedication and passion of leadership, volunteers, members, and staff. Throughout 2016, our association made great strides to advance our mission of strengthening the practice of injury and violence prevention. We invite you to review our past year’s successes and join us in 2017 as we continue our collective journey to prevent injuries and violence.

Welcome from Safe States Leadership

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2016 President

Amber N. Williams
Executive Director

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At the end of 2016, the Safe States Alliance had a total of 520 members from a variety of organizational backgrounds. Safe States conducted its thirty-ninth and fortieth State Technical Assessment Team (STAT) visits in 2016 to the North Dakota Department of Health – Division of Injury Prevention and Control and the Minnesota Department of Health - Injury & Violence Prevention Unit. Team members included representatives from state and local IVP programs, as well as national agencies. States received consensus-based recommendations for program improvement following an on-site assessment and program review.

The National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS) is a unique surveillance system that links data from vital statistics, medical examiners and coroners, law enforcement, crime labs, and other sources to provide a more complete understanding of violent deaths in the United States. Safe State supported the NVDRS in 2016 through:

- Convening the NVDRS Reverse Site Visit;
- The NVDRS Surveillance Academy;
- Developing the 2016 Special Report: Deaths from Suicide - A Look at 18 States; and
- Expanding the NVDRS Stories from the Frontlines with support from the Joyce Foundation.

Safe States convened its eight and ninth Injury Surveillance Workgroups (ISW) in 2016, with national experts developing consensus-based recommendations that will be published in FY2017. ISW8, Surveillance of Pedestrian Risks and Injuries, was supported with funding provided by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. ISW9, The Transition from ICD-9-CM to ICD-10-CM: Guidance for Analysis and Reporting of Injuries by Mechanism and Intent, was supported with funding provided by CDC’s National Center for Injury Prevention and Control. Reports from both workgroups will be finalized and disseminated in early 2017.

SIGs are forums for Safe States Alliance members sharing similar interests or specialties in the field of injury and violence prevention to exchange ideas and stay informed about current developments. In 2016, 51 percent of members participated in at least one of seven SIGs:

- Active Transportation/Built Environment
- Disaster Epidemiology
- Hospital IP
- Local IP
- National Violent Death Reporting System
- Partner/Sexual Violence Prevention
- State Designated Representatives

Safe States completed its five-year evaluation of the CDC Core Violence and Injury Prevention Program (Core VIPP), which involved assessing the merit, value, and worth of Core VIPP. According to grantees, the base component of Core VIPP helped their agencies to greatly enhance their injury and violence prevention efforts and the program achieved “high success” based on evaluation findings from over the first four years of the program.

In addition, Safe States partnered with the American Public Health Association to host the third Injury & Violence Prevention Program and Policy Evaluation Institute. Nine multi-sector teams from eight states were selected to participate in the four-month institute. Safe States and APHA are finalizing an impact evaluation of the program.

Safe States also completed an evaluation of the NHTSA-funded, Pedestrian Injury Prevention Action Team Program, which engaged multidisciplinary, public health-led teams from California, Kentucky, Oregon, and Rhode Island to implement pedestrian injury prevention interventions in 12 communities. The program helped participating communities enhance their ability to build infrastructure, implement and evaluate strategies, engage partners, communicate with stakeholders, and provide training and technical assistance.
Education & Advocacy

2016 Annual Meeting

From April 11 - 14, 2016, over 230 injury and violence prevention experts from across the country convened in Albuquerque, NM to attend the 2016 Annual Meeting. This year’s meeting centered around the theme, “Lift Off! Elevating a Culture of Safety,” and it featured general sessions, panels, workshops, concurrent sessions, poster presentations, and a dynamic plenary address.

Awards

To honor members for their contributions to Safe States and the field of injury and violence prevention, the Safe States Alliance recognized the following individuals:

- **Community-Based Prevention Program Initiative Award**: Cheryl Wittke, Executive Director, Safe Communities Madison-Dane County
- **State Prevention Program Initiative Award**: Violence and Injury Prevention—Mental Health Promotion Branch, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment
- **Ellen R. Schmidt Award**: Carol Thornton, Past-President, Safe States Alliance
- **Innovative Initiative Award**: The North Carolina Overdose Prevention Project
- **Partner of the Year Award**: Teri Covington, Director, National Center for Fatality Reviews
- **President’s Award**: The University of Iowa Injury Prevention Research Center
- **Rising Star Award**:
  - Ashley Newmyer, Epidemiology Surveillance Coordinator, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services -AND-
  - Jeffrey Hill, Project Coordinator, Rhode Island Department of Health

Web-Based Trainings

Throughout the year, Safe States offered nine webinars to enhance workforce proficiency in all Core Competencies for Injury and Violence Prevention. The most popular webinars of 2016 were:

- Cure Violence & the Movement to Treat Violence as a Health Problem Webinar
- Injury and Violence Prevention: Gaining Momentum in 2016

These webinars joined over 70 others in the newly launched Training Center, an online clearinghouse for self-study trainings and injury and violence prevention skill-building. There were over 3600 visits to the Training Center and 784 requests for Continuing Education Units in 2016.

Safe States produced three new self-studies in 2016:

- Managing Complexity in Public Health: An Approach to Adaptive & Collaborative Learning
- Understanding Your Role in Injury & Violence Prevention Policy
- NVDRS Surveillance Academy 101

IVPN & Hill Day

Safe States Alliance continues to convene and facilitate a national group of organizations that care about injury and violence prevention. This coalition, known as the Injury and Violence Prevention Network (IVPN), includes more than 50 organizations nationwide and meets at least monthly to share information, coordinate and collaborate on joint policy and advocacy strategies. In 2016, Safe States:

- Partnered with the National Violence Prevention Network and added a second Safe States Executive Committee Hill Day to increase Safe States’ Congressional outreach to 157 visits in 2016
- Supported the Injury and Violence Prevention Network through monthly calls, an in-person meeting with CDC Injury Center leaders, as well as group meetings with Administration and Hill staff
- Co-coordinated a Congressional briefing:
  - It Works! Preventing Injuries and Violence on September 7, 2016 with the IVPN and Representative Gwen Moore (D-WI).
- Obtained House and Senate sponsorship for “Dear Colleague” letters to invest in a national Core Violence and Injury Prevention Program.

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Safe States is committed to responsible financial management. The Safe States Executive Committee and staff work together to ensure all financial matters are addressed with care, and financial decisions are handled with integrity and are made in the best interests of the organization.

The Safe States accounting policies, adopted by the Executive Committee, focus on:
- Safeguarding Safe States’ assets;
- Ensuring accurate record-keeping and maintenance of Safe States’ financial activities;
- Providing a framework of operating standards and behavioral expectations; and
- Ensuring compliance with federal, state, and local legal and reporting requirements.

For 2016, revenues amounted to $1,361,892 and net assets at year-end totaled $327,033. Safe States received an unqualified opinion from its independent auditors, Brooks, McGinnis & Company, LLC, indicating that the organization’s financial statements comply with accepted accounting procedures. Safe States continues to focus on expanding its reserves, while also balancing a commitment to membership services and funding requirements.

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Grants, $1,157,132
Conference Registration, $134,671
Membership Dues, $39,419
Investment and Other Income, $30,670

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