STARTING POINT

Your Guide to Safe States Membership

Our mission is to strengthen the practice of injury & violence prevention.
Welcome to Safe States!

Members of the Safe States Alliance have unparalleled opportunities to discover, connect, empower, and grow as leaders in public health.

You’re now apart of a growing network of over 600 injury and violence prevention (IVP) professionals who represent:

- State health departments
- Local health departments
- Tribal health organizations
- Hospital and healthcare organizations
- Academic institutions
- Federal agencies
- Private and non-profit organizations

Connect with Staff and Other Members

Use our member directory to find peers by name, location, organization, or position type.

Can’t find what you’re looking for? Reach out to Safe States staff for assistance. In addition to connecting you with other members, staff can assist with identifying helpful resources, brainstorming program-related questions, and addressing other technical assistance needs.

If you’re ever unsure who to pose a question or request to, send your inquiry to info@safestates.org and someone from the Safe States Alliance will assist.
Stay Informed

Safe States aims to keep you informed of all the latest events, resources, and opportunities related to injury and violence prevention (IVP). Here’s what you can expect to see and have access to:

Email Communications

INsight
INsight is our monthly newsletter alerting you to what’s going on in the field. You’ll hear thoughts from our President, governmental updates from our Washington insider, Safe States news and updates, and highlights from partners.

Advocacy Alerts
Things move fast in the policy world, and Safe States wants you to have the information and tools you need to jump into action when the time is right. Our advocacy alerts notify you when time-sensitive actions are needed to protect and strengthen injury and violence prevention efforts.

Announcements
Webinars, professional development opportunities, newly released tools, and other timely updates come your way through periodic emails.

Website
Safe States shares partner news, upcoming events, and other announcements, as well as, tools, publications, and trainings in real time on our website. Check it out under “Connect” at www.safestates.org! Here you can get INformed through Safe States searchable resource hub and go INdepth on timely IVP topics and trends with Safe States podcast.

INformed
With Safe States searchable resource hub for building resilient and safe communities, you can access free online resources from Safe States and their partners to inform your thinking about IVP topics and social issues.

INdepth
From the basics of IVP to tough topics like anti-racism and health equity, Safe States’ IVP INdepth podcast features IVP professionals engaging in lively, in-depth conversations on issues that matter to the field. Be sure to subscribe on your favorite platform to ensure you never miss an episode.
Access Your Benefits
www.safestates.org

- Learn more about Safe States and access the staff and Executive Committee directories
- Log in to access member-only content
- Search and access over 100 self-study trainings on the Training Center, find tools to support your work, and opportunities to grow with Safe States programs
- Exchange ideas and resources with peers through our online community
- Locate topic- and state-specific reports and publications relevant to your work
- Strengthen your advocacy skills with our policy tools and resources
- Connect with members through our directory, join a Special Interest Group, and access IVP news and events
- Learn about Safe States in this special video overview
- Access the benefits of membership and refer others to join Safe States
- Register for upcoming Safe States events
- See what’s happening on social media
- Access the latest IVP news and resources from partners
- Find out the latest in the rotational banner

www.safestates.org
Welcome to the Safe States Training Center

The Safe States Training Center is a resource for accessing trainings and other learning opportunities that can raise awareness, increase knowledge and build skills for preventing injury and violence. These opportunities include those offered by Safe States Alliance, as well as other diverse organizations and agencies at national, state, tribal, and local levels.

**Use the Safe States Training Center to:**
- Explore the Training Center's searchable database of:
  - Injury and violence topics
  - Cross-cutting topics (e.g., evaluation, surveillance, communication)
  - Online and in-person formats
  - Core competencies addressed in each training
  - Continuing education credits
- Learn more about core competencies
- Take a self-assessment based on core competencies
- Find out how to earn continuing education credits (available for Safe States members)
- Access additional workforce development resources
- Develop an individualized training plan with the IVP Orientation Toolkit

A trained, high-caliber workforce contributes to the overall strength of injury and violence prevention research, interventions, and the field as a whole. Injury and violence prevention workforce development is necessary to enlarge the pool of skilled and competent professionals, build capacity for injury and violence prevention, and draw talented professionals to this field.

**Get Started with the Safe States Training Center**
- Browse all available trainings and refine your search using filters
- Search by keyword, topic area, credit available, format, and competency covered
- Have your training or workforce development opportunity added to the searchable database

**Get started by creating a learning profile to track your progress**
- Complete the online training evaluation to receive CEU credit
- Learn about the core competencies for public health and IVP
- Find definitions to IVP terms used throughout the trainings
- Individuals and managers can access resources to focus development of core competencies
- Check out other workforce development resources from Safe States and partners
- Complete an online assessment to determine your strengths and weaknesses in IVP

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Join a Special Interest Group

**Special Interest Groups** (SIGs) are forums open to Safe States members who share similar interests or specialties in the field of injury and violence prevention (IVP). Open only to Safe States members, SIGs provide you with an opportunity to exchange ideas and stay informed about current developments in the field.

To join a SIG, click on the link and email the Chair or Safe States staff and share your interest.

**Current SIGs**

**Hospital Injury Prevention**
The purpose of this SIG is to provide a forum for Safe States members with experience in hospital trauma to express ideas, learn of best practices, and contribute to expert discussions with peers and colleagues. It is also a great way to stay informed about current developments and build a network of professional contacts in this field.

**Partner & Sexual Violence**
The Partner & Sexual Violence SIG provides a forum for Safe States members to discuss and share program strategies, resources and policy initiatives aimed at reducing Partner and Sexual Violence. Through the PSV SIG, members can engage and connect with colleagues in violence prevention to stay informed about current developments and build a network of professional contacts in this field.

**State Designated Representatives**
The State Designated Representative SIG provides an organized forum where the State Designated Representatives can: (1) share their professional activities and studies through meetings, publications, training and other organized activities; (2) advise the Executive Committee on matters pertaining to state health department IVP programs; (3) organize technical programs for state IVP program directors; (4) collect and disseminate information concerning state IVP programs; and (5) represent Safe States through national activities, either as a group or through one of its members, at the request of the Executive Committee of Safe States staff.

Don’t see a topic of interest? Any member can start a SIG by joining with other members interested in a similar topic. Contact Safe States staff to help you get started.
Take part in the Mentorship Program

Safe States offers an ongoing mentorship program for students and injury and violence prevention (IVP) professionals to help with career and professional development. Pairs are matched based on their interests and needs. Mentors participating in the program have an opportunity to share their experience in working in the IVP field and provide guidance to mentees in their studies and career. Mentees benefit from personalized engagement around leadership, professional development, navigating IVP careers, and emerging issues in IVP.

Engage in the Online Community

Safe States’ INtouch is an online collaborative community built by and for IVP professionals to connect with their peers. There are a variety of “communities” to participate in - allowing quick and easy sharing of resources, hosting real-time discussions, and providing opportunities to connect with other professionals across the country on topics of interest.

Each community provides members with a discussion board, resource library, event sharing, and a member directory, making it easy for you to get informed and stay connected. And best of all, you manage when, where, and how you receive alerts and messages.
Join a Committee

Safe States has five committees and one work group that make use of members’ professional expertise while providing leadership opportunities within Safe States and to the injury and violence prevention field. Safe States recognizes the importance of diversity on these committees, and the personal commitment and contribution of time.

With the exception of the Executive Committee, all members are eligible and encouraged to join any of the other five committees on a rolling basis by emailing the committee chair or Safe States staff. The Anti-Racism and Health Equity Work Group invites new participants annually each fall.

The Executive Committee provides leadership and direction for programs, committees, activities and events. Representatives are member-elected, and elections occur in the spring/summer of each year. All members are encouraged to nominate and/or run for a position on the Executive Committee as positions are opened annually. If holding a position is not right for you at the time, be sure to cast your vote for others.

Current Committees & Work Groups

The Anti-Racism and Health Equity Work Group
- Engages in open discussions on a variety of cross-cutting topics to build awareness and dialogue internally and externally
- Makes recommendations for strategic opportunities to incorporate an equity framework in IVP program and policy activities
- Identifies opportunities for collaboration across a variety of agencies, organizations, and institutions committed to equitable systems change

The Annual Conference Planning Committee:
- Develops the theme of the Annual Conference
- Plans the schedule and activities for the Annual Conference, including both educational and social
- Reviews and selects abstract submissions for the Annual Conference
The **Concept Development Committee:**
- Research and discuss emerging IVP topics
- Develops and prioritizes ideas for potential Safe States projects and concepts for public and private funders

The **Finance/Audit Committee:**
- Monitors compliance with established financial policies and procedures
- Monitors expenditures and recommends budget revisions for the Executive Committee
- Coordinates annual independent audits
- Reviews and updates the reserves policy
- Develops recommendations for reinvesting investment income in line with the investment policy

The **Membership Development Committee:**
- Facilitates membership orientation sessions
- Plans and facilitates social functions for the Annual Conference
- Supports a membership dues strategy
- Engages members to serve on committees and workgroups and develops opportunities for leadership development
- Assists with identification and development of new resources and tools that respond to member and overall IVP field needs

The **Policy Committee:**
- Develops the annual policy agenda for the Safe States Alliance
- Develops and recommends policy and position statements to address injury and violence-related issues
- Plans an annual “Hill Day” for members to visit Capitol Hill and educate Congress about injury and violence prevention activities, challenges, and successes
Get Involved

JOIN a Committee or Special Interest Group
ATTEND a webinar or live event
CONNECT with peers and other IVP professionals

We are here for you and always happy to help!

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