The Core State Injury Prevention Program (Core Program), supported by CDC’s National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, is an important tool to support states in addressing injuries and violence and its impact on individuals and communities. The Core Program is an important source of funding and has been essential in assisting states in developing innovative programs to address injury and violence prevention. The Core Program has given states the chance to look across injury topics and address prevention in a more comprehensive and systematic way.

**Arizona Increases Access to Child Passenger Safety Technicians in Tribal Communities**

American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) children 0 to 12 years old have the highest rates of mortality from traffic-related incidents of all racial/ethnic groups in the United States. Though AI/AN child safety and booster seat use rates vary greatly, AI/AN use rates are much lower than those of other racial groups.

The Arizona Core Program fostered a strong partnership with the Indian Health Service and provides car seat technician training to the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. Twenty new car seat technicians were trained to administer the Children are Priceless Passengers (CAPP) class, conduct car seat inspections, and educate the public on the proper use of child safety seats to reduce infant and toddler deaths.

The newly certified car seat instructors have held seven car seat compliance checkpoints trainings and 20 curbside checkpoints in which 247 car seats were inspected for their tribal communities.

Currently, the CAPP Program has expanded to nine locations throughout the state and has been recognized both nationally and statewide as a model community partnership program.
Wisconsin’s Plan to Reduce Suicide

The suicide rate in Wisconsin increased by 40% from 2000-2017. In response, the Prevent Suicide Wisconsin initiative, supported by the Core Program, released its *Suicide in Wisconsin: Impact and Response Report*.

The report provided a comprehensive data summary of individuals and communities most impacted by suicide and described a comprehensive prevention plan for addressing suicide in the state. The four strategies included in the plan are:

1. Increasing and enhancing protective factors
2. Increasing access to care for at-risk populations
3. Implementing best practices for prevention in health care
4. Improving surveillance of suicide and evaluation of prevention programs.

The report is being used by local health departments and partners from multiple sectors to inform a coordinated approach to suicide prevention in the state across programmatic and policy initiatives.

Mapping Problem Hot Spots Makes Colorado Schools Safer

One in five Colorado high school students report being bullied at school, and almost one in 10 have been physically hurt by a dating partner, according to Colorado’s Youth Risk Behavioral Surveillance System. Five percent of high school students report they have missed school because they felt unsafe at or on the way to school. Colorado youth who identify as female, gay, bisexual, questioning, or transgender experience more violence than their peers.

Colorado high school students and community members collaborated with Colorado’s Core Program and eight community Rape Prevention and Education programs to implement the Shifting Boundaries.

Building Component in schools and communities across Colorado to create safer spaces and build connections. The collaborators identified safe and unsafe spaces in eight high school buildings, mapped the unsafe areas, and recommended community-level strategies to improve safety in those environments.

Colorado’s Core Program is collecting outcome data to evaluate the impacts of the mapping and follow up strategies. Outcomes of interest include decreased cultural norms that support aggression as measured by the percentage of students reporting they carry a weapon to school; increased connection and commitment to school; and number of grantees reporting increased number of connections with community partners participating in the process (for increased community support and connectedness).