

# FY25 SAFE STATES

## TRAINING RECAP



The Safe States Alliance is a national non-profit organization and professional association composed of over 800 injury and violence prevention (IVP) professionals and students from various public health settings across the country dedicated to strengthening the practice of injury and violence prevention.

To support this mission, Safe States is committed to providing timely and valuable technical assistance and training in injury and violence prevention each year. Below is a compilation of the recorded trainings conducted during our fiscal year 2025, which runs from October 1, 2024, to September 30, 2025.

### Grand Rounds:

- The Injury and Violence Prevention (IVP) Grand Rounds is an annual 4-part series of virtual and in-person sessions presented through a CDC-funded initiative aimed at growing pathways for the injury and violence prevention workforce. It is co-hosted by Safe States Alliance and the Society for the Advancement of Violence and Injury Research (SAVIR).
- Not all sessions are/were recorded.

### Inspire & Ignite Series:

- The Ignite and Inspire training series pairs a pre-recorded session featuring a subject matter expert with a 45-minute discussion among peers on a particular topic of interest.
- The Ignite conversation sessions are not recorded and are not included in this training recap.

### For Student & Early Career Professionals:

- The Student & Early Career Professionals Special Interest Group (SECP SIG) conducts brainstorming sessions and develops timely training annually to support the expanding IVP field. This initiative is facilitated by Safe States Staff.

### Other:

- To meet the needs of the field, Safe States creates essential training and resources upon request, in addition to our standard training plan. This can include anything from descriptions of new Safe States resources to comprehensive training series on specific topics.

### Informed Resource Hub:

This hub provides a collection of free, online resources to inform injury and violence prevention (IVP) efforts across a variety of settings and topics. The resources include reports, issue briefs, online trainings, and more.



## GRAND ROUNDS

### IVP Grant Rounds: Emerging Trends in Overdose



Watch the webinar “Emerging Trends in Overdose Prevention: Unlocking the Power of Data,” where experts discussed how data-driven insights are transforming overdose prevention efforts across multiple sectors. Attendees gained insights into multi-faceted approaches such as leveraging state data dashboards, implementing evidence-based strategies, honoring community expertise, and empowering local decision-making to create holistic and sustainable solutions in overdose prevention. The panel explored professional pathways, including public health (epidemiology, prevention, and health education), behavioral and mental health treatment, policy, and community-based organizations. Whether you’re an experienced professional or new to the field, this webinar offers valuable perspectives on building impactful careers and strategies in overdose prevention.



## INSPIRE & IGNITE

### Leveraging AI to Streamline Your Work Processes: AI Solutions for Injury and Violence Prevention Professionals



Check out the Inspire Learning video session with speaker Peter Saenz, M.S., and Doctoral Student, and gain a foundational understanding of various AI tools and technologies that can support core public health functions. Learn about how AI can help improve communication, optimize organizational performance, and generate novel insights to drive decision-making. Leave this video with essential insights and practical tools readily available to improve your day-to-day operations.



### Advocating for Policy and Funding Solutions for Injury and Violence Prevention



This Inspire Learning video focuses on policy work aimed at protecting and strengthening injury and violence prevention (IVP) infrastructure. Recent findings from the Safe States IVP Infrastructure Survey revealed that respondents engage in policy and advocacy work in addition to their primary roles. Still, only a few said they could apply the skill of educating policymakers. In the first section, Paul Bonta, MA, Director of Government Relations at Safe States Alliance, shares insights on what to expect from the new presidential administration. In the second section, Dr. Shannon Guillot-Wright discusses the difference between educating and lobbying in advocacy, along with successful strategies for policy engagement aimed at increasing funding to state and local IVP infrastructure.



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## **Tools for Addressing Burnout: Fostering Resilient and Trauma-Informed Workplaces**



This Inspire Learning video focuses on fostering resiliency and well-being within injury and violence prevention (IVP) organizations. Findings from the Safe States IVP Infrastructure Survey indicated that over 60% of respondents reported having feelings of burnout within the past year. Factors that contributed to burnout, according to the survey, were increased workload, the emotional burden of the work, public sentiment or political context, decreased funding, fewer staff, and hiring challenges. This series offers tools for preventing or mitigating burnout and supporting role sustainability. In the first section, Ann DuPre Rogers, LCSW, with Resources for Resilience, discusses evidence-based tools for responding to stress. In the second section, Katharine Manning with Blackbird DC, presents on creating a trauma-informed workplace during difficult or uncertain times.



## **Finding and Writing Non-Federal Grants**



Watch this Inspire Learning video, where Kevin Rix Jr., PhD, MPH, shares resources for finding grants and offers guidance to help your organization determine which grants to pursue. This session is designed to help injury and violence prevention organizations navigate the uncertainty of the federal funding landscape and explore alternative funding opportunities.



## **Indigenous Social Determinants of Health**



This Inspire Learning video, presented by Dr. Myra Parker and Erin Marziale, MPH, aims to expand the injury and violence prevention workforce's understanding of Indigenous knowledge. American Indian/Alaska Native peoples' epistemologies do not regularly inform US public health or equity research and policymaking. This has been true of the frameworks for the social determinants of health. From 2018 to 2024, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the National Network of Public Health Institutes, and Seven Directions, an Indigenous public health institute, collaborated on the Indigenous Social Determinants of Health Project, which proposed constructs for Indigenous healing, health, and wellness.



## **Mapping Out Injury and Violence Prevention**



This Inspire Learning video takes you through the Mapping Out Injury and Violence Prevention tool, published by Safe States Alliance. The goal of this tool is to help students and public health professionals strengthen their understanding of the injury and violence prevention landscape. In this recorded video, Eva Bland, MA walks you through the tool and how to apply it to understand injury and violence prevention in your area.



## **No Money, No Problem: Considerations from NC-Violent Death Reporting System on Data Use, Partnerships & Projects**



In this Inspire Learning video, hear from the North Carolina Department of Health about creative strategies and lessons learned from leveraging existing data, cultivating partnerships, and driving community-centered projects—without additional funding. Limited funding doesn't have to mean limited impact. Epidemiologist Scott K. Proescholdbell, MPH presents on innovative ways to use National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS) data. Attendees will gain insight into maximizing the value of the violent death reporting system data at both the state and national levels to support prevention efforts.



## **Using the WI-Violent Death Reporting System to Support Veteran Suicide Prevention**



This Inspire Learning video explores how to leverage National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS) data to advance veteran suicide prevention efforts. Speaker Lindsay Emer, PhD, talks about the process of building a team and relationships with law enforcement to support WI-VDRS data collection, the work her team is doing to better understand veteran suicides in Wisconsin, and a data dashboard they launched on veteran suicide in the state.



## **FOR STUDENTS & EARLY CAREER PROFESSIONALS**

### **Student & Early Career Professionals Showcase: Projects, Paths & Perspectives of Early Career Leaders in Injury and Violence Prevention**



Watch this recording to gain career insight and inspiration from four early-career professionals in injury and violence prevention (IVP) practice and research. Learn about: 1. Exciting highlights from current projects – and why they want you to know about them, 2. How to find and navigate opportunities for collaboration between IVP practice and research 3. How their career paths led them to the IVP field, and 4. Real-life advice on finding mentorship – what it can look like, and what's been most helpful to navigating their jobs and careers.



## OTHER

### **How to Write a Proposal for the Safe States Annual Conference**



Watch this webinar to gain insight into how to write a proposal. Whether you are a first-time submitter or looking to refine your previous submissions, this session will provide valuable insights and actionable strategies to apply to Annual Conference proposals.



### **Results & Insights from the Safe States IVP Program Infrastructure & Workforce Development Survey**



Watch this webinar to learn about results from the Safe States 2024 Injury & Violence Prevention Program Infrastructure and Workforce Development Survey conducted with Safe States members and partners. The survey data provides a point-in-time snapshot of the IVP workforce, its programmatic infrastructure and organizational environment, and the perspectives of individual IVP professionals on key issues. The webinar presents findings and useful insights on:

- The IVP workforce – its demographics, roles, work environment, current and future professional development needs, challenges, and opportunities;
- IVP program capacity – funding, staffing and succession planning, resources needed, infrastructure challenges, threats and opportunities; and
- How IVP practitioners and programs can use the data to inform their professional development, program capacity, and advocacy.



### **Career Planning Amidst Uncertainty**



Watch the Safe States' Student & Early Career Professionals Special Interest Group (SECP SIG) hosted Career Planning Amidst Uncertainty series. Through four videos, this series provides ideas, strategies, and resources to injury and violence prevention (IVP) students and early career professionals who are graduating and wondering what's next, for those facing a job change or loss, and even those considering returning to school for a graduate degree.



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