Standards to Advance Injury and Violence Prevention in Local Health Departments: Practical Applications

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Possible Applications for LHD Injury Standards

- Internal assessment on effectiveness of injury prevention efforts
- Framework to guide the development of annual contracts and implementation of any multi-year Injury Prevention Strategic Plan
- Advocacy tool for injury prevention within a LHD and with outside community partners
- Assist with preparing application for public health accreditation and assessing injury efforts related to the twelve domains
- Develop a tool to evaluate a local health department Injury Program or injury efforts, similar to the Safe States Alliance State Technical Assessment Team (STAT) visits with the State Injury Standards

Background of LHD Injury Efforts Assessment Initiative

June 6 - shared draft of LHD Injury Standards with Injury Work Group of the Utah Local Association of Community Health Educators (ULACHES)

July 27 - presented LHD Injury Standards to ULACHES

August 9 - Utah County Health agreed to explore a local injury prevention assessment with Salt Lake Valley Health

October 11 - developed guide to outline initiative to involved staff, partners, and other LHDs
Scope of Initiative

Local health department injury prevention efforts will be reviewed for the following:

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*2010 census estimates

Agencies combined represent two largest LHDs in Utah and serve approximately 56% of Utah's population.

Goals:

- Examine injury prevention within a LHD
- Examine community partnerships
- Provide feedback on performance related to injury prevention efforts

Contents of Local Injury Prevention Assessment Team Program Guide

The guide was created following the concept of the Team Member Guide to STAT developed by the Safe States Alliance.

Contents:
- Team Selection
- Interviews
- Prior to Visit
- After the Visit
- Visit Logistics
- Reports
- Visit Agenda
Differences from STAT Guide

- Length of visits
- Size of assessment teams
- Linked with SWOT (i.e. strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, & threats) analysis
- Measured against LHD Injury Standards
- Cost

Tentative Scheduled Visits

- Week of Dec. 12-15: Utah County team to visit with Salt Lake Valley partners
- Weeks of Jan. 13-24: Salt Lake Valley team to visit with Utah County partners

NOTE: Anticipate guide will be available to share with other LHDs by end of January following any final revisions.

Use of Standards With Strategic Plans

- Helps to answer the following:
  - As a LHD are we conducting or facilitating efforts that allow for best chance of success?
  - Are we the right organization to do the activities?
  - How do we capitalize on current partnerships for the future?
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