The Injury and Violence Prevention Network (IVPN) requests that Congress appropriate $1.3 billion in FY2023 for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC). This funding request represents the professional judgement of members of the Injury and Violence Prevention Network.

**INVEST IN INJURY & VIOLENCE PREVENTION**

A funding level of $1.3 billion will allow the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control to:

- Expand the evidence-base for injury and violence prevention programs
- Improve tracking of injuries and deaths from violence
- Evaluate the effectiveness of prevention strategies
- Provide states with critical support to implement targeted injury and violence prevention programs

The Injury and Violence Prevention Network is a coalition of more than 75 partner organizations that have joined to strengthen the voice of the injury and violence prevention community in Congress.

The Network works to share information, coordinate efforts, and collaborate on strategies that promote policies aimed at advancing the field of injury and violence prevention.
IVPN MEMBER PRIORITIES INCLUDE:

CORE STATE INJURY PREVENTION PROGRAM (SIPP)

Core SIPP is designed to decrease injury and violence-related morbidity and mortality and increase sustainability of injury prevention programs and practices. States rely on the Core SIPP funding to support the implementation, evaluation, and dissemination of strategies that address the most pressing injury and violence issues in the nation. Core SIPP is the only program of its kind in the U.S. that supports state-based injury and violence prevention programs. Currently, resources are only available to fund 23 states.

NATIONAL VIOLENT DEATH REPORTING SYSTEM (NVDRS)

We appreciate the support Congress has given to CDC to expand the NVDRS nationwide. All 50 states are now able to use state-level data from multiple sources to understand violent deaths in greater detail. To support their efforts, we request additional NVDRS funding to help states recruit data providers, analyze data, and implement scientific research to inform state and federal violent death prevention programs.

FIREARM VIOLENCE RESEARCH

Firearm violence prevention must start with support for federal research into the circumstances that lead to such violence, including suicide. Initial funding provided in FY '21 helped kick start a firearm violence research agenda that had been stymied for decades. The response to NCIPC’s funding announcement was overwhelming and illustrates the need to further our research base in this area.

SUICIDE PREVENTION

Suicides, especially firearm-related suicides, continue to plague communities across the country and, as such, IVPN urges that Congress strengthen suicide prevention resources for states and local communities. With initial FY '21 suicide prevention funds, NCIPC has funded state-based comprehensive suicide prevention programs, emergency department surveillance of nonfatal suicides, and tribal and veteran suicide prevention efforts. However, limited funding is available for these programs and additional support is needed as we build toward a nationwide suicide prevention program.

ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES (ACES)

ACEs are potentially traumatic events that occur in childhood. ACEs can include violence, abuse, and growing up in a family with mental health or substance use problems. ACEs are linked to chronic health problems, mental illness, and substance misuse in adulthood. With initial seed funding from Congress, the NCIPC produced a resource, Preventing Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs): Leveraging the Best Available Evidence, to help states and communities take advantage of the best available evidence to prevent ACEs. NCIPC also funded initial research to build the evidence-base required to design and implement targeted prevention programs. Yet, much more remains to be done to help raise awareness of ACEs and to help children grow up and thrive in a safe and stable environment.

The Safe States Alliance convenes and leads the Injury and Violence Prevention Network. Membership in the Network is open to organizations working to promote and advance public health through injury and violence prevention efforts.