Findings from the NVDRS
Great Lakes State Convening

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BACKGROUND
Safe States Alliance, with the support from The Joyce Foundation, convened states from the Great Lakes region to identify resource needs as states continue to implement the National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS), a program administered by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC).

NVDRS is a state-based surveillance system that links information from multiple sources to create a more complete picture of the circumstances surrounding violent deaths. One of the hallmarks of the system is that it does not require the collection of any new data; it simply supports centralization of data already collected when a violent death occurs. As such, community partnerships with data providers are central to the program’s success. The goal is to build the evidence base required to inform the design and implementation of state-based violence prevention programs.

FINDINGS
Public health officials charged with the implementation and oversight of their NVDRS program identified the following funding needs that must be addressed to support the implementation of a robust NVDRS program.

These findings correlate with two program measures developed by NCIPC.

Data Dissemination
- Expand NVDRS workforce
- Support state-specific data visualization dashboard

Data Completeness
- Provide incentives for data partners to participate in the program
- Support state-specific centralized information software program
- Strengthen support for decentralized states

FUNDING REQUEST
Allocate $50 million by FY 2027 to support the implementation of a robust NVDRS program.