

# NCIPN Regional Injury Prevention Network Meeting

Wednesday, January 15, 2025

## Welcome and Introductions

There were 31 participants on the call.

## Safe States Updates

Shelli Stephens-Stidham, Safe States Alliance, reported the 2025 Safe States Annual Conference will be held in Atlanta, GA on September 9-11. The theme of the conference, "Rising Up and Branching Out," emphasizes the importance of resilience and innovation in tackling injury and violence prevention. It invites participants to explore new strategies, share best practices, and collaborate across disciplines to create a safer future for all. Safe States is now accepting proposals through February 7. The full guidelines, details on formats, and instructions for submitting proposals are available at <https://www.safestates.org/page/2025ACPProposalCall>. Questions can be directed to [SpeakerHelp@safestates.org](mailto:SpeakerHelp@safestates.org).

The 2025 NCIPN in-person meeting will be held on April 10 in New York City following the 2025 SAVIR Annual Conference. The meeting is open to any additional members/representatives in the region. Safe States has funding to provide travel costs for one person from each state in the network to attend the meeting. Individuals interested in attending the meeting on April 10 should complete the registration form at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NCIPN2025NYC> by Wednesday, June 22.

The 2025 Safe States Advocacy Day will be held March 20, 2025, in Washington, DC. NCIPN members interested in participating in Advocacy Day activities need to register at [https://www.safestates.org/event/IVPN\\_AdvDay2025](https://www.safestates.org/event/IVPN_AdvDay2025) by March 7.

Safe States Alliance is hosting an Injury & Violence Prevention (IVP) Communications Open Forum on January 30 and February 3. This opportunity is open to both members and non-members of Safe States to provide input on the communications needs of the injury and violence prevention field. To register to for the Communications Open Forum on either January 30 or February 3, please complete the Survey Monkey form at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/IVPCommsForumRegistration>. If those dates or times are not convenient, individuals may fill out the questionnaire at the following link instead. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/IVPCommsQuestionnaire>

## Funding Opportunities

Jolayemi Ahamiojie, NCIPN Chair, Rhode Island Department of Health, shared the following links for fall prevention funding.

Reducing Falls Among Adults with Behavioral Health and Chronic Conditions – <https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/355836>

Expanding Strategies for Community Evidence-Based Falls Prevention Programming –  
<https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/355843>

## Legislative Updates

Before the holidays, Congress narrowly passed a continuing resolution (CR) that funds the government at current levels through March 14, 2025. Numerous disagreements between both parties led to many provisions being scrapped, including pharmacy benefit manager (PBM) reform and several program reauthorizations. The CR provides flat funding for all Injury Center programs and IVP programs at other agencies.

Safe States will continue its efforts to protect the CDC Injury Center from any effort to reduce its budget as Congress works to finalize its FY25 appropriations package. Safe States has developed a set of strategies to educate policymakers about the public health utility of Injury Center programs that feature a communication campaign while facilitating points of engagement with IVP partners. This, along with meetings with our Congressional Champions and a robust in-person November IVPN meeting, complements our larger work in defending the Injury Center. The upcoming Advocacy Day and Spring in-person IVPN meeting are also part of this strategy and will be key components in advancing the Injury Center.

Once an FY25 package is signed into law, Congress will immediately begin FY26 deliberations. Safe States continues to communicate with its champions about potential FY26 considerations and strategies to prioritize injury and violence prevention.

## State and Partner Updates

### *Connecticut*

Robin Tousey-Ayers, Connecticut Department of Health, reported they kicked off a Falls Free CT Coalition in September 2024. There are approximately 150 members participating with the Coalition, which meets quarterly. They are working on obtaining National Council on Aging certification as an official state coalition. They are sponsoring a Safe Steps to Safety training in March.

Amy Watkins, Connecticut Children's, reported they are hosting a Hospital Violence Intervention and Violence Prevention Summit in Hartford on February 5-6.

### *Maine*

Sheila Nelson, Maine CDC, reported during the last legislative session, there was a proposal to create a new injury and violence prevention office. They are looking to take a broader perspective on the work that they do. They are planning for the Beyond the Basics and Suicide Prevention Conference that is scheduled for March, and they are actively administering the Maine Integrated Youth Health Survey. She shared the following link: [https://www.maine.gov/miyhs/sites/default/files/2024-01/MIYHS%20LGBTQ%2B%20Factsheet\\_FINAL\\_Approved\\_28Sep23.pdf](https://www.maine.gov/miyhs/sites/default/files/2024-01/MIYHS%20LGBTQ%2B%20Factsheet_FINAL_Approved_28Sep23.pdf).

### *Massachusetts*

Julia Lane, Massachusetts Department of Health, reported they convened a coalition meeting with the Massachusetts Prevent Injuries Now Network. They also convened a Massachusetts Traffic Safety Coalition meeting in December, which featured a presentation by a state police lieutenant on impaired driving and the challenges that that's currently presenting to law enforcement.

Julia said they presented to the State Child Fatality Review Team on unintentional motor vehicle traffic related fatalities and non-fatal injuries, as well as the mechanisms for those deaths and injuries in children ages 0-17 years. They are also sharing data with internal and external partners on analysis using the Massachusetts Crash Related Injury Surveillance System data on alcohol and drug use in hospitalized drivers and non-motorists. They analyzed data for injured drivers identified as speeding, driver and crash characteristics, findings of responsibility for speeding, and future at fault crashes, which was disseminated to external partners and funders.

Veronica Topp, Stepping Strong Center, shared the Center hosted a virtual panel discussion on intimate partner violence on January 22.

#### *New Hampshire*

Angie Leduc, Injury Prevention Center at Dartmouth Health, reported they are working closely with the New Hampshire Injury Prevention Program at the State Health Department to update the New Hampshire Data Wisdom Portal, which is available at <https://wisdom.dhhs.nh.gov/wisdom/>. She said they plan to update that platform on a regular basis as a space for both the data and programs. Angie said they hope that the interactive website will allow for more timely information and more access to the people that are in the state working on those issues.

She said the Injury Prevention Center gearing up for late winter and early spring programming. They are continuing initiatives around child passenger safety and teen driver safety. She said they have upcoming work on falls prevention with the in New Hampshire Falls Task Force.

They've seen an increase in needs around our firearm safety education and programming, as well as potential legislation that be introduced. They plan to launch their Safe and Active grants in the Spring, which provides New Hampshire communities with helmets and bikes and pedestrian safety education and information. Before summer starts, they will launch the Life Jacket Loaner Station Program.

Angie said she would like to connect with other NCIPN members who work in a hospital/trauma setting. Please email Angie at [angie.m.raymond.leduc@hitchcock.org](mailto:angie.m.raymond.leduc@hitchcock.org).

## *New Jersey*

Bretta Jacquemin, New Jersey Department of Health, reported they are working on disseminating data on New Jersey Violent Death Reporting System and fatal drug overdose dashboards.

## *New York*

DiLenny Roca, Columbia Center for Injury Science and Prevention, Injury Free Coalition for Kids, and Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital, reported that there 421 activities overall for National Injury Prevention Day NIPD. Forty states and 121 cities participated in NIPD.

DiLenny has been working with pediatric residents at Morgan Stanley Children's on car passenger safety, Stop the Bleed, and hands-on CPR training.

She reminded NCIPN members about the SAVIR Conference scheduled for April 7-9 in New York City at the Academy of Medicine. Early registration for the SAVIR Conference is open through January 31. <https://savir.joynconference.com/v2/> DiLenny added there are opportunities to be part of the SAVVIR Board of Directors and to submit nominations for awards (<https://thesavir.org/savir-opens-call-for-nominations/>).

Michael Bauer, New York State Department of Health, reported they are working on a falls funding proposal to working on the Falls funding proposal to continue their fall prevention for adults initiatives. They are also working on the New York State Department Health Prevention Agenda, which is the blueprint for locals, both local health departments, local hospitals, and community based organizations.

Brittany Pysadee, New York State Department of Health, reported they are collaborating with the Bureau of Emergency Medical Service and Trauma Systems to develop a micro mobility safety tip card to focus on E-bikes and scooters. Additionally, they are updating their Child Passenger Safety web page, which will include a tab for family service providers. They are also updating their car seat tip card to accommodate the languages represented in New York. They are also updating their survey questions around Adverse Childhood Experiences.

Joyce Pressley, Columbia Center for Injury Science and Prevention, reported they are continuing to work on several projects with the New York State Department of Health.

JC Guzman, New York State Department of Health, shared the following link for the recently published manuscript on "Using a Safe System Framework to Examine the Roadway Mortality Increase Pre-COVID-19 and in the COVID-19 Era in New York State."

<https://www.mdpi.com/1660-4601/22/1/61>

## *Rhode Island*

Jolayemi Ahamiojie, Rhode Island Department of Health, they are working with their Child Death Review Team to work on providing training on important issues for all of the fatality review teams in addition to the Medical Examiner's Office. They are also working with the Department of Children, Youth & Families and their Family Home Visiting Program to see what the barriers

around child passenger seat technician training are, and to see what can be done to increase the number of persons trained.

They are also working on their targeted violence and terrorism prevention grant.

### *Vermont*

Julia Sarrasin, Vermont Department of Health, shared the following information via email.

- Community Violence Prevention (CVP) Legislative Report was submitted to the Vermont Legislature on January 15th.
- The Child Fatality Review Team 2024 Report to the Vermont Legislature has been published [Child Fatality Report 2024](#)
- The Vermont Department of Health has released an updated (October 2024) Firearm Injury and Death Data Brief <https://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/document/HSI-Injury-Firearm-2024-update.pdf>

### *Center for Prevention Programs and Partnerships*

Jamey Barbcomb shared the following information in the Chat. For those who are interested, CP3 will be hosting its next virtual Prevention Forum on February 12th from 3:00 - 4:30 which will focus on behavioral threat assessment and management (BTAM) strategies and how BTAM strengthens our nation's prevention abilities across every level of government, the private sector, and in local communities. You can find more information about this opportunity and register at the following link:

<https://www.dhs.gov/prevention-forums>.

### Upcoming NCIPN Meetings

The next NCIPN meeting will be in-person in New York City on April 10. The next virtual meeting will be Wednesday, May 21.

