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Welcome

Welcome to the first newsletter issue for the 2005-2010 funding cycle of the Indian Health Service (IHS) Tribal Injury Prevention Cooperative Agreements Program (TIPCAP). The newsletter is designed to update Tribal and IHS injury prevention (IP) program staff about TIPCAP activities, success stories, challenges, and lessons learned from around the country. Newsletters also include information about: training opportunities; funding opportunities; and technical assistance/resources. Recipients of this newsletter include TIPCAP Coordinators, Project Officers, and other IHS/Tribal IP practitioners working in Indian Country.

Initiated in 1997 to build the capacity of American Indian/Alaska Native Tribes and Tribal Organizations to address their injury problems, TIPCAP is in its third funding cycle. Twelve sites were funded from 1997-2000 and 31 from 2000/2003-2005. Currently, 22 Tribes/Tribal Organizations are funded (13 Part I-Basic sites and 9 Part I-Advanced sites), as follows:

Part I-Basic Sites

1. Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation, AK
2. Choctaw, OK
3. Indian Health Council, CA
4. Kiowa, OK
5. Norton Sound Health Corporation, AK
6. Oneida Tribe of Wisconsin, WI
7. Osage, OK
8. Quechan Indian Tribe, CA
9. San Felipe Pueblo, NM
10. Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate, SD
11. Standing Rock Sioux, ND
12. Toiyabe Indian Health Project, CA
13. White Mountain Apache, AZ

Part I-Advanced Sites

1. Caddo, OK
2. California Rural Indian Health Board, CA
3. Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, MN
4. Hardrock Chapter, AZ
5. Jemez Pueblo, NM
6. Kaw, OK
7. Navajo Nation Highway Safety Program, AZ
8. Northern Native American Health Alliance, WI
9. SouthEast Alaska Regional Health Consortium, AK

We encourage all readers to submit newsletter articles because we look forward to sharing your stories. In addition, please forward the PDF-version of the newsletter to your colleagues and collaborators.

Note from Nancy Bill

Nancy Bill, MPH, CHES, IHS Injury Prevention Manager

Welcome to all the TIPCAP sites! As we move forward into the second year of TIPCAP, I would like to extend my appreciation to all the sites for your great contributions to injury prevention! The tribal injury prevention programs are very important and unique. I hope you will share your successes and challenges with all of us by means of the newsletter. The goal of TIPCAP is to foster tribal capacity in injury prevention. This also includes encouraging communication among the sites as a support network. To facilitate communication from HQ, I will be hosting group conference calls to assist in issues on grants operations, reporting, etc. The next call will be held in February 2007. If you have suggestions, recommendations or questions regarding TIPCAP, please feel free to contact me by phone 301-443-0105 or email nancy.bill@ihs.gov I welcome your input.

Also, there has been a staffing change at IHS Headquarters. Norma Jean Dunne is no longer the contact person for the IP Cooperative Agreements Program. Until a new person is identified, please direct your contracting questions to Lois Hodge (301-443-5204).

External T.A. Contractor Awarded

The IHS Headquarters (HQ) IP Program awarded the University of North Carolina (UNC) a one-year contract (October 2006-September 2007) to provide monitoring, training, and technical assistance services to the 22 TIPCAP sites. IHS and UNC staff are pleased to have the opportunity to build on UNC's 10 years of previous work with IHS/Tribes to assist Tribal IP programs in meeting their project goals and objectives. UNC Team members **Robert J. Letourneau**, MPH, and **Carolyn E. Crump**, PhD, will be primarily responsible for the following six activities: project **newsletter** (n=3); **conference calls** with coordinators and POs (three rounds); one-day **site visits** (to Part I-Basic sites only); a **training workshop** in March 2007; on-going **technical assistance**; and **evaluation** services to IHS (HQ) staff.

Training Workshop

The 2nd annual TIPCAP Training Workshop for this funding cycle will be held in Chicago, IL **March 27-28, 2007**, immediately after NHTSA's annual *Lifesavers* Conference, which is being held March 25-27 (http://www.lifesaversconference.org/)

As described in an email sent in early November, UNC is forming a 'workshop advisory committee' to help guide the process of planning the workshop agenda. Committee members will: 1) participate in 1-2 conference calls (~1 hr each) to discuss/plan the agenda; 2) review/provide feedback on a brief workshop planning survey (to be administered using the on-line survey tool called surveymonkey.com); 3) review/provide feedback on draft agendas developed prior to the workshop; and 4) provide facilitation assistance (as needed) at the workshop in Chicago. If you would like to participate on this committee, please contact Robert Letourneau at UNC by December 8, 2006.

TIPCAP Coordinators and program staff are strongly encouraged to attend the *Lifesavers* conference, as it provides excellent networking opportunities. Presenting posters at *Lifesavers* also gives an excellent chance for TIPCAP sites to showcase IP activities occurring in Indian Country. Coordinators are encouraged to submit poster abstracts to the *Lifesavers* organizers. To find instructions and an application form for submitting abstracts go to: http://www.lifesaversconference.org/posters.html.

Abstracts are due by **January 26, 2007**. In general, abstracts typically include the following sections: background; methods; results; and conclusions. The UNC Team and Project Officers are available to assist in the development of abstracts.

Lifesavers and the TIPCAP training workshop will both be held at the **Chicago Hilton** (312-922-4400). The hotel has a block of rooms set aside under the name 'Lifesavers Conference 2007' (or code LSV-2007) at $169/night rate. While the current federal per diem lodging rate for Chicago is $138/night, we have learned that most hotels near the Hilton are higher (even the Hampton Inn is $200). To obtain the rate of $169, you will have to pay a deposit for one night's stay (at the time of the reservation), however, the reservation can be cancelled or changed (and you will be refunded) if done at least three days in advance. **Make your reservations as soon as possible!!**

National Tribal Steering Committee for IP

In 2000, the IHS National Tribal Steering Committee (TSC) for Injury Prevention was established by then program manager Richard Smith III. The committee, comprised of one representative and one alternate representative from the 12 IHS Service Areas, has three main objectives:

1. Raise the awareness of and support for injury prevention activities in American Indian and Alaska Native communities;
2. Enhance the ability of Tribes to address injury problems in their communities;
3. Provide advice and guidance to the IHS Injury Prevention Program.

The TCS has a four-person management team (elected to three-year terms), including a chair, vice-chair, secretary, and treasurer. Committee members, appointed to five-year terms, participate in conference calls once per month and meet for face-to-face discussions 2-3 times per year. Chairpersons, who serve two-year terms, have included **Lawrence Garnanez** (Navajo, 2000-2002); **Helen Andon** (Alaska, 2002-2004) and **Dennis Renville** (Aberdeen, 2004-2006, *photo right*).

TIPCAP Coordinators and Project Officers are encouraged to stay involved and in contact with your TSC representatives (see table next page). If you are from an Area listed with a current committee member vacancy, please contact Dennis Renville at drenville@uttc.edu or 701-255-3285 (x1374).

Look for updates on Tribal Steering Committee for Injury Prevention activities/events in future newsletters.

IHS Area	Representative/Alternate Rep
Aberdeen	Dennis Renville, TSC Chair Mona Zuffante (Alternate)
Alaska	Anita Bailor, TSC Secretary Kathy O'Gara (Alternate)
Bemidji	Jennifer Falck, TSC Vice-Chair *Vacant* (Alternate)
Albuquerque	Leola Eriacho-Leekety *Vacant* (Alternate)
Billings	Adrian Spotted Bird, Jr. *Vacant* (Alternate)
California	*Vacant* (Representative) Barbara Hart (Alternate)
Nashville	Eldon Espling *Vacant* (Alternate)
Navajo	Angie Maloney Beverly Becenti-Pigman (Alternate)
Oklahoma	Bonnie Stephenson *Vacant* (Alternate)
Portland	Luella Azule Clarice Hudson (Alternate)
Phoenix	Christine Reede *Vacant* (Alternate)
Tucson	Michelle Begay, TSC Treasurer *Vacant* (Alternate)

Site Visit Summaries

Since beginning their one-year contract in early October, UNC Team members have had the opportunity to visit the following four TIPCAP sites: 1) **Toiyabe, CA**; 2) **San Felipe, NM**; 3) **Indian Health Council, CA**; and 4) **Quechan, CA**. A summary and photos from each visit is provided below.

On October 16-17, 2006, UNC conducted their first site visit to the **Toiyabe Indian Health Project** in Bishop, CA. Accompanied by IHS Reno District IP Specialist and Project Officer **Holly Billie**, Robert and Carolyn met with Toiyabe IP Coordinator **Margaret Romero** and completed the following: a) reviewed Year I Project objectives/activities; b) conducted a windshield tour of the community; c) discussed and brainstormed ideas for Year II objectives/ activities; and d) attended a Toiyabe IP Coalition meeting.

The Toiyabe Indian Health Project (TIHP) provides medical and dental services, community health, and family services to approximately 4,000 Paiute, Shoshone, and Washoe people from seven federally recognized tribes and two Indian communities on the eastern slope of the Sierra Nevada Mountain Range (Inyo & Mono counties).

Above: Project Officer Holly Billie providing technical assistance to IP Coordinator Margaret Romero, while Toiyabe IP Coalition members Rick Maddux and Amanda Denver, and Robert Letourneau observe.

TIPCAP funding is being used by the Toiyabe IP Program to: 1) establish an independent IP program; 2) plan/conduct bike safety/fall prevention activities among children, youth and elders; 3) broaden Toiyabe's capacity to gather and summarize community injury/fatality data; and 4) plan and conduct child passenger safety educational and child safety seat distribution activities with Head Start children and parents through implementation of the IHS Ride Safe Program.

On October 18, 2006, UNC Team members also conducted their first site visit to the **San Felipe Pueblo** in New Mexico. Accompanied by IHS Area IP Specialist/ Project Officer **Jerry Lee** and Environmental Health Technician Anthony Candelaria, they met with San Felipe Injury Prevention Coordinator **Helen Garcia-Sisneros. Maria Benton**, IP Coordinator from the **Jemez Pueblo** (a Part I-Advanced site), and San Felipe Health & Wellness Director Mark Siemon also participated during the afternoon portion of the visit.

During the visit, participants: a) reviewed Year I Project objectives/activities; b) conducted a windshield tour of the community; c) identified community locations at which future seatbelt use observational surveys could be conducted (i.e., at intersections on the Pueblo where vehicles come to a complete or near stop); d) discussed ideas for Year II objectives/ activities; and e) reviewed TA materials provided for summarizing evaluation data and writing progress reports.

TIPCAP funding is being used by the San Felipe IP Program to: 1) staff and train a full-time IP Coordinator; 2) develop an injury database to identify the most common injury types/specific causes; 3)

develop an IP Team/Coalition (revised to form an IP Advisory group); 4) implement evidence-based IP interventions to decrease the incidence of unintentional injuries among Pueblo residents; 5) increase rates of primary prevention activities such as seatbelt/CPS use; and 6) work with Tribal Administration and partners to ensure continued funding for the IPP.

Above: San Felipe Pueblo IP Coordinator, Helen Garcia-Sisneros, receives advice during the site visit from Jemez Pueblo IP Coordinator, Maria Benton.

On November 13, 2006, UNC Team members conducted their first site visit to the **Indian Health Council (IHC)** in California. They met with IHC IP Coordinator **Arturo Calvo** and Community Health Services Director, Martina Portillo. Through two health centers, IHC provides on-site and outreach services and programs to the nine North San Diego County, CA Reservations and nine communities in its target service area, extending >1,800 sq. miles.

Site visit participants completed the following: a) observed a child safety seat training session; b) reviewed Year I and discussed ideas for Year II project objectives/activities; c) conducted a windshield tour of several reservations; and d) reviewed TA materials provided for conducting observational seatbelt and child safety seat use surveys, summarizing evaluation data, and writing progress reports.

The overall goal of the five-year IHC IP Program is to increase motor vehicle/transportation safety as part of a coordinated Injury Prevention Plan, building upon existing IHC services/programs. Arturo is also currently participating in the IHS IP Program Development Fellowship, where he is summarizing crash data on roads on IHC reservations in order to develop a plan for increased enforcement of primary traffic safety laws in California.

Above: IHC IP Coordinator Arturo Calvo installs a child safety seat for a Tribal member attending a child safety seat training session at the IHC Community Health Services.

On November 14, 2006, UNC Team members conducted their first site visit to the **Quechan Indian Tribe** in Winterhaven, CA/Yuma, AZ. Accompanied by IHS Project Officer **Rob Morones**, District EH Officer Vince Garcia, and Service Unit EH Officer Mike Reed, they met with Quechan IP Coordinator **Lisa Aguerro.**

The overall goal of the five-year Quechan Injury Prevention Program (QIPP) is to establish the first centralized injury prevention program on the Fort Yuma Reservation, and reduce the total amount of intentional and unintentional injuries among Tribal members. In Year I, the QIPP aimed to expand current/ongoing IP activities and form an IP Coalition. In Years II-V, the IPP plans to identify additional injury trends, and identify/implement additional IP activities that will reduce injury rates among Tribal members.

Above: Quechan IP Coordinator Lisa Aguerro demonstrates the steps involved with providing child safety seat training sessions for Quechan Tribal members obtaining free child safety seats through the IP Program.

During the visit, participants: a) reviewed Year I and discussed ideas for Year II project objectives/activities; b) discussed formative evaluation focus groups to be

conducted to plan/inform upcoming elder home safety program activities; c) conducted a windshield tour of the community; and d) reviewed TA materials provided for conducting observational seatbelt and child safety seat use surveys, summarizing evaluation data, and writing progress reports. The group also discussed Lisa's IHS IP Program Development Fellowship Project, which seeks to form an IP Coalition at the Tribe. The IP Coalition will be formed in conjunction with a Tribe-mandated Tribal Safety Committee.

Notes from the Field

Navajo Nation Highway Safety Program

Submitted by: Lawrence Garnanez, Director
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The Navajo Nation Department of Highway Safety IP Project has met with success during its first year of continued funding (2005-2006). Here are some of our highlights:

- Trained and educated 610 adult high risk DWI offenders referred from the Navajo Judicial District Courts Department.
- Successfully aired four free Public Service Announcements (PSAs) through KTNN Navajo radio station. The PSAs addressed a number of injury prevention topics, including: using safety belts and child restraints; driving within the speed limit; avoiding driving while under the influence of alcohol or drugs; avoiding placing children in the cargo area of pick-up trucks; and children using helmets when riding bicycles or ATVs.
- Conducted 54 Child Passenger Safety clinics/inspections in conjunction with Navajo Police officers, IHS IP Service Units and trained volunteer CPS Certified Technicians.
- Provided training, at our fitting station office, in the correct installation of safety seats for 12 parents.
- Served 141 parents (correctly reinstalling 40 child safety seats/distributing 98 new child safety seats) to 50 children at the Taos, NM Head Start.
- Conducted observational restraint use surveys showing 78% seatbelt, 40% child safety seat, and 93% Navajo Tribal vehicle operator use rates.
- Finally, I will serve as the new Chairperson for the newly organized *Dine' Nation Anti-Meth Coalition*, which is sponsored by Navajo Division of Public Safety and co-sponsored by the Arizona Governor's office.

When asked to describe a key 'lesson learned', Lawrence notes that it is important to keep track of when the radio station will air PSAs. In some cases, KTNN has changed the airing of IP PSAs to times when the audience is calling in for questions and expecting discussion about the subjects. Lawrence also notes that it has also been important to have PSAs approved by the executive director of Division of Public Safety.

Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa

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October 23-27 was National Red Ribbon Week, which recognizes "Living Drug Free." During this week, the Ojibwe School Chapter of Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) collaborated with the Ojibwe School Parents' Council to host a Community Night event and every day of the week, students participated in several activities conducted by SADD members to increase awareness of destructive decisions, including:

- *Monday:* FDL Law Enforcement conducted sobriety tests with Fatal Vision goggles to explain the effects of alcohol and drugs on the vision and body.
- *Tuesday:* "Color My World Drug Free" provided education on drugs and their effects on the body.
- *Wednesday:* SADD students educated their peers on depression, self-esteem, destructive decisions, and skipping school, which has become a growing issue for the Fond du Lac Ojibwe School. During this campaign, students distributed Dum Dum suckers with a tag line, "Don't be a Dum Dum; Don't Skip School; Don't Do Drugs."
- *Thursday:* students participated in Wear Red Day to commemorate Red Ribbon Week. Students presented to the community about who the Fond du Lac Reservation Ojibwe School SADD members are, what they do, and their important work being positive role models in the community.
- *Friday:* anti-bullying stickers ("Be a Roll Model, Don't Bully") were made and handed out with a tootsie roll.

For the Community Night event, the students also made 25 red lanterns to commemorate the 25 years SADD has been in existence. The Ojibwe School SADD chapter was formed in 2000. In 2006, the chapter increased from one group (ages 9-12) to three groups, including students in grades 5-12. With a large group of 22 members and growing, the Fond du Lac SADD members are positive role models for younger students and their peers. These students were publicly recognized with awards of outstanding community leadership at the Parent Community Night event.

Because each student was responsible for creating and staffing a SADD table at the Community Night event, they learned important lessons and skills regarding preparation, responsibility, and achievement. The SADD students also learned that 'achievement is in the eye of the beholder' because while it is not necessarily 'cool' to be in SADD, all of their hard work paid off and all of the Red Ribbon Activities were successful!

Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma's IP Program Highlights

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The Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma's Injury Prevention Program has been working diligently to promote injury prevention awareness and develop a safety campaign designed to reduce the impact of motor vehicle crashes in Years I-II of TIPCAP funding. To increase visibility/awareness of IP issues, I began writing a monthly Injury Prevention Column for a local newspaper, the *Anadarko Daily News,* starting in March 2006. Recently, another local newspaper, the *Carnegie Herald*, has ALSO begun publishing this column. To get this monthly IP column, all I had to do was ask!

In addition, the Caddo County Interagency Coalition (of which I am a member) was named the 'Number One Coalition' in the state of Oklahoma by the OK Commission on Children and Youth. The Coalition includes representatives from a variety of local organizations (including colleges, vocational centers, Head Start Centers, IP networks, local law enforcement, health departments, and home health agencies) and is a collaborative establishment trying to reach out to the troubled areas in our communities.

The Kiowa IPP is also pleased to announce the launching of a new Safety Campaign: *"Buckle Up Oklahoma! Saving the Next Generation,"* targeting Native communities of Oklahoma, and emphasizing the need to protect our future generations.

The Buckle Up Oklahoma! Campaign includes the purchase of three, 10'x30', illuminated billboards, located as follows: 1) on the Oklahoma Turnpike Hwy I-44, on which approximately 20,000-30,000 vehicles pass by daily and will be visible to travelers coming from Texas into Oklahoma (Lawton/Ft. Sill area); 2) in the town of Anadarko, where there is a very high population of Native Americans from different tribes; and 3) at I-35 and Hwy-9, off of one of the major connecting turnpikes in Oklahoma and next to one of the largest casinos in the U.S., near the Chickasaw Tribe. In addition, I will be airing PSAs on local television, cable, and radio stations.

This safety campaign will officially be announced during the third week of November 2006 in newspapers in Oklahoma City, Anadarko, and Lawton. This campaign is being developed strictly by the Kiowa IP Program, and the billboards will be posted for one year. By the end of this time, I will hopefully be able to find others interested in assisting in funding projects such as this. When planning this activity, I did not realize the extensive costs involved with billboards, but with solid budgeting and promotion, I feel that you can find people who are willing to help out with a "good message." What could be better than saving lives? We hope that the Kiowa's efforts in the state of Oklahoma will spur new efforts for injury prevention among Tribes. I have kept in close contact with the Oklahoma Highway Safety Office, as well as the Regional Law Enforcement agencies to monitor numbers, and I plan to conduct occupant restraint observational surveys before and after the campaign.

SouthEast Alaska Regional Health Consortium (SEARHC) IP Program Update

Submitted by Amiee LeBlanc Gloe, IP Coordinator
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The SEARHC Injury Prevention Coordinator position is newly staffed as of October 1, 2006. As the new coordinator, I am responsible for planning and facilitating team meetings and community injury prevention activities for the 10 coastal communities in Southeast Alaska served by our IP Program. Prior to my arrival, our program has had success in several ways.
In July 2006, a regional ASIST (Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training) was provided to SEARHC IP coalition members, with representatives from six of our 10 communities in attendance.

Our project continues to receive frequent requests for car seat/booster seat checks and thankfully, we recently received 2006-2007 competitive mini-grant funding ($15,000) from the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium for our car seat program, which will provide approximately 250 car seats and one training for our communities.

The "Kids Don't Float" (KDF) personal floatation device (PFD) loaner program continues to be popular. Boxes containing free PFDs for loan to children have been installed in all of our harbor communities. Even if a community is unable to have a KDF box or board, all 10 communities are able to participate by having PFDs available through offices or in clean garbage cans placed at boat launches.

Many of our communities are involved in our "Be Safe, Be Seen" pedestrian safety project that focuses on applying iron-on reflective patches to clothing. This year, the program has been implemented in four preschools and at two elementary schools in Sitka, AK, at many community events, and at wellness fairs. The community of Petersburg alone applied reflective adhesives to over 200 jackets in a single day! With

daylight hours dwindling and pedestrians finding themselves in the dark during commuting times, the reflective patches are crucial for keeping our children visible and safe. When sending home permission slips, be prepared not to get them all back. When working in smaller communities, have school staff call parents of youth who are interested in participating; 99% of the time they will say yes and that they just "forgot" to return the signed slips.

Lessons learned throughout the first year of our funding have been that no matter how hard you try to schedule a training/workshop to accommodate everyone; it won't and that's OK.

Progress Reporting

This is a reminder that Year II TIPCAP quarterly progress reports are to be submitted to IHS HQ as follows:

Reports	Timeframe Covered	Due Date
First Quarter	9/1/06-11/30/06	12/31/06
Second Quarter	12/1/06-2/28/07	3/31/07
Third Quarter	3/1/07-5/31/07	6/30/07
Fourth Quarter	6/1/07-8/31/07	11/30/07

Coordinators are encouraged to start your reports early, adding information to your report as you go. UNC is available to provide your site a progress reporting template tailored to your goals and objectives. Please contact Robert Letourneau at UNC if you would like this resource. Also, if possible, please add Robert (address on last page of newsletter) to your regular reporting distribution list.

Training Opportunities/Conferences

10th National Indian Nations Conference: Justice for Victims of Crime, "Hope for All Generations: Weaving a Network of Safety, Justice and Healing"
Hosted by the Tribal Law and Policy Institute
December 7-9, 2006 – Palm Springs, California
The purpose of the 10th National Indian Nations Conference (the largest U.S. DOJ sponsored Indian Nations conference) is to bring together Native American victims and tribal, community, criminal justice, law enforcement, social service, and mental health providers to share their knowledge, experiences and ideas for developing programs that serve the unique needs of crime victims in Indian Country. For more information, visit http://www.tribal-institute.org/ovc/.

11th Annual Injury Free Coalition for Kids Conference: Magnifying the Injury & Obesity Prevention Messages
December 8-10, 2006 -- Ft. Lauderdale, Florida
The conference provides an opportunity to collaboratively address ways to prevent injuries and gain an opportunity to discuss ideas, best practices and challenges. This year's conference is designed to focus on ways that sites across the country can magnify and strengthen efforts to get their injury prevention messages out. For more information, go to: http://www.injuryfree.org/2006conference/.

23rd National Symposium on Child Abuse – "It's All About the Children"
Hosted by the National Children's Advocacy Center -- March 20-23, 2007 -- Huntsville, Alabama
More than 150 state-of-the-art workshops will be offered to professionals working in Law Enforcement, Mental Health and Treatment, Medicine, Child Protective Service, Administration, Law, Prevention and Victim Advocacy (CEUs/CMEs offered). Evening activities will provide networking opportunities. Optional Pre-Conference Workshops ("Internet Crimes Against Children" and "Evidence-Supported Treatment for Abused Children and Their Families: What Works) are available Tuesday, March 20, 2007, for an additional fee of $89.00. For more information, visit http://www.nationalcac.org, or contact Marilyn Grundy at 256-327-3863 or mgrundy@nationalcac.org.

2nd International Meeting on Indigenous Child Health: Solutions, Not Problems
April 20-22, 2007 -- Montreal, Quebec - Canada
Open to all child health providers/researchers who work with AI/AN, First Nations, Inuit, and Metis children/families, the overall goal of the conference will be to focus on model programs, research in indigenous communities, and skills-building. Note: U.S. attendees must have a valid U.S. passport or other official document to enter/re-enter the US. http://www.aap.org/nach/2InternationalMeeting.htm.

Funding Opportunities

Gang Resistance Education and Training Program, Office of Justice Program, Bureau of Justice Assistance;
Funding Opportunity: BJA-2007-1449
Application Deadline: December 14, 2006
The Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) Program is a school-based, law enforcement, officer-instructed classroom curriculum. The program's primary objective is prevention and is intended as an immunization against delinquency, youth violence, and gang membership. G.R.E.A.T. lessons focus on providing life skills to students to help them avoid engaging in delinquent behavior and violence to solve problems. Law enforcement personnel with powers of arrest (police officers, sheriff's deputies, parole or probation officers, school police officers, federal law enforcement officers/agents) are eligible to teach G.R.E.A.T. Eligible applicants include: state/county governments; public/Indian housing

authorities; Native American Tribal govts. (federally recognized); independent/special school districts; public and state controlled institutions of higher education; and city or township governments. Visit: http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/07GREATsol.pdf, or contact the G.R.E.A.T. team at 1-866-859-2687, or 202-616-6500.

Family and Dyadic Focused Interventions to Prevent Intimate Partner Violence, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, CDC-RFA-CE07-002
Application Deadline: February 20, 2007
(Letter of Intent due January 19, 2007)
Research applications are being solicited to develop, implement, and rigorously test the impact of either a family-based or dyad-based primary prevention strategy on the outcome of physical IPV perpetration and identified mediators with populations at risk for IPV. Family-based interventions will target parents and their children with the aim of changing parenting practices and communication strategies to prevent IPV perpetration by the children in future relationships. Dyad-based interventions will address interpersonal processes within relationships and will promote skills-based changes in behavior among couples. Up to two awards will be funded; applicants may request a project period of up to five years and up to $400,000 for the first 12-month budget period. Eligible applicants include: Federally recognized Indian tribal governments; Indian/Native American tribal government (federally recognized); Indian tribal government (non federally recognized); and AI/AN designated organizations. For more, visit: http://www.cdc.gov/od/pgo/funding/CE07-002.htm.

Maximizing Protective Factors for Youth Violence, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, CDC-RFA-CE07-003, Application Deadline: February 28, 2007 (Letter of Intent due January 26)
The purpose of the announcement is to solicit research applications to conduct secondary analyses of existing data to identify potentially modifiable protective factors for youth violence. This research will inform the development of youth violence prevention programs and policies by identifying promising protective factors that reduce the likelihood of violence in the lives of young people. $400,000 will be available in fiscal year 2007 to fund approximately two awards. Eligible applicants include: Federally recognized Indian tribal governments; Indian/Native American tribal government (federally recognized); Indian tribal government (other than federally recognized); and Indian/Native American tribally designated organizations. To view program announcement: http://www.cdc.gov/od/pgo/funding/CE07-003.htm.

National Grant Program to Fund Purchase of Equipment for Fire Departments
First Responder Institute, Application Deadline: Rolling
First Responder Institute, a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to provide assistance to emergency personnel to help them make their communities safer, is accepting grant applications from fire departments across the United States for the purchase of life-saving equipment. U.S. fire departments are eligible to apply for matching grants of up to $2,500. The primary focus of the program is on rural (small) fire departments that do not have a tax base for support. Applications will be processed on a quarterly basis. For additional information or to access the online application, go to: http://www.firstresponder.org/; from this main page, click on "TUMS."

Resources

The following resources are organized by category, including: traffic safety; sports-injury; intentional injuries; water safety; and data. If weblinks provided are incorrect or no longer in use, we suggest you conduct a search on the web using the resource title/name as your search phrase.

Traffic Safety

ATV-Safety Campaign
Neighborhood Safety Network
The Neighborhood Safety Network, a project of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), has launched a campaign to educate riders about the safe use of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs). For more information, go to: http://www.ATVSafety.gov. An ATV safety poster can be printed from the following link: http://www.cpsc.gov/nsn/atv.pdf.

The Science of Safe Driving Among Adolescents
Center for Injury Research & Prevention
The articles in this supplement were first presented as summary reports in September 2005 in Boston, MA as part of an international panel of experts convened for the Youthful Driver Research Initiative. Supplement articles consider: graduated driver licensing laws; young driver behaviors; beginning driver risks in Europe; hazard detection by young drivers; parental management of the learning and early driving experience; social marketing; and cultural competence. To view the supplement, visit: http://ip.bmjjournals.com/content/vol12/suppl_1/.

Driving Skills for Life Program
National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB)
The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) found in 2005 that the standard school driving education course hasn't changed much in 50 years, was designed arbitrarily, and isn't preparing teens for the

road. The Ford Motor Company has financed *Driving Skills for Life*, a free program for teens that prepares them for more than a licensing test. It uses a web site, video, and driving camps to simulate experiences, such as what to do if you start hydroplaning along a wet road. An article highlighting the program can be found at: http://www.detnews.com/apps/pbds.dll/article?AID=/20060820/SCHOOLS/608200320. To learn more visit: http://www.drivingskillsforlife.com/.

2005 Data: Rise in Motorcycle & Pedestrian Deaths
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
According to the new NHTSA annual report on national crash statistics, increases in motorcycle and pedestrian deaths contributed to an overall rise in highway fatalities in 2005, while other fatality trends were improving. To see the NHTSA press release, go to: http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov and click on "Rise in Motorcycle and Pedestrian Deaths Led to Increase in Overall Highway Fatality Rate in 2005" under "latest news." To see the NHTSA 2005 fatality trends, visit: http://www-nrd.nhtsa.dot.gov/pdf/nrd-30/ncsa/ppt/2006/810639.pdf. To see additional state data and data at the county level, go to: http://www-nrd/nhtsa.dot.gov/departments/nrd-30/ncsa/STSI/USA%20WEB%20REPORT.HTM.

Fact Sheet & Trend Report, 2nd Edition
Partners for Child Passenger Safety (PCPS)
State Farm and the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) recently released the second *Partners for Child Passenger Safety (PCPS) Fact and Trend Report*, drawn from the world's largest study of children in auto crashes. Among the findings detailed in this new report: As children age, their risk of injury or death in a motor vehicle crash significantly increases, due to the incorrect use of child restraints. A major problem noted in the report is the practice of moving youngsters from child restraints to adult seat belts too soon, as well as moving children to the front seat prematurely. For more information, please visit the following: http://www.chop.edu/traumalink/download/2006/1053_TraumaLinkReport2006.pdf.

Sports Injury

Heads Up: Concussion in High School Sports
Free Toolkit for High School Coaches
Center for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC)
Concussions are a type of traumatic brain injury (TBI), caused by a blow or jolt to the head that can range from mild to severe and can disrupt the way the brain normally works. More than 300,000 people sustain sports- and recreation-related TBIs every year in the U.S. Coaches, athletic directors and trainers play a key role in helping to prevent concussions and in managing them properly if they occur. The CDC has developed a toolkit for coaches, which contains a video and DVD featuring a young athlete disabled by a concussion, instruction guide, wallet card and clipboard sticker for coaches, posters, fact sheets for parents and athletes, and CD-ROM with downloadable kit materials and additional resources. To order a copy of the toolkit, go to: http://webapp.cdc.gov/IXPRESS/PUBSPROD/NCIPC+BOOK/NCIPC.DML. For more information, go to: http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/tbi/Coaches_Tool_Kit.htm.

Sports-Related Injuries among High School Athletes, 2005-2006 School Year
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
The "High School Sports-Related Injury Surveillance" study (sponsored by a CDC grant) was conducted by the Center for Injury Research and Policy at Columbus Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio. One hundred nationally representative, randomly selected high schools participated in the study. This report summarizes study findings, which indicate that participation in high school sports resulted in an estimated 1.4 million injuries at a rate of 2.4 injuries per 1,000 athlete exposures (i.e., practices or competitions). These exposure-based injury rates can help guide activities aimed at reducing injuries to high school athletes. For more information, please go to: http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5538a1.htm.

Intentional Injury

Community Suicide Prevention Website
Indian Health Service
The Indian Health Service (IHS) has launched a website to provide AI/AN communities with culturally appropriate information about best and promising practices, training opportunities, and other relevant information regarding suicide prevention and intervention. The goal of the website is to provide Native communities with the tools and information to create, or adapt to, their own suicide prevention programs. The website provides detailed information about AI/AN-focused suicide prevention programs, information typically difficult to obtain, due to confidentiality issues. To access the website, go to: http://www.ihs.gov/NonMedicalPrograms/nspn/.

Stop Bullying Now! Campaign
Health Resources and Services Administration
This campaign aims to raise awareness about, and reduce incidences of bullying among teens nationwide. An interactive website for children and adults provides statistics, fact sheets, games and other resources. The online Communications Kit includes posters, brochures, and public service announcements that can be adapted for local use, online resource

guide, and link to a video workshop podcast. Visit: http://stopbullyingnow.hrsa.gov/index.asp?area=main

"Love is Not Abuse" Teen Dating Violence Curriculum

This curriculum is a step-by step guide to teaching high school students about the issue of dating violence. Using literature and poetry, this program provides teachers with the tools to teach about this sensitive subject and is intended to be taught in either Health or English/Language Arts classes. For more: http://www.loveisnotabuse.com/index.html.

Reframing Child Abuse and Neglect: Toolkit

Through advocacy and education efforts, the field of child abuse prevention has increased public awareness of the issue to over 90 percent. In order to capitalize on this awareness, Prevent Child Abuse America, the FrameWorks Institute and the FRIENDS National Resource Center have created a toolkit and CD-ROM on how to increase public understanding of and engagement in child abuse prevention. The toolkit contains practical information, materials and guidelines on how to best implement this research to frame awareness and prevention messages to increase public understanding of child abuse prevention. Visit: http://www.friendsnrc.org/reframing/index1.htm.

Victim Identification Lab Launched by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) and the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC)

OJJDP and NCMEC have partnered to launch the first U.S.-based Victim Identification Lab, designed to generate new leads to aid in the identification of child victims of sexual exploitation. The lab features images that have been sanitized, with the graphic material removed. The Victim Identification Lab will evolve into a permanent secure database where trained law enforcement investigators will be able to remotely examine images. For more information: http://www.missingkids.com/missingkids/servlet/NewsEventServlet?PageId=2644.

Preventing Suicide: Program Activities Guide

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Suicide is a serious public health problem with extensive short- and long-term health consequences. The Preventing Suicide: Program Activities Guide describes CDC's public health activities and research to prevent suicide and suicidal behavior. The guide outlines four categories of activities: monitoring and researching the problem, supporting and enhancing prevention programs, providing prevention resources, and encouraging research and development. Visit http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/dvp/Preventing_Suicide.pdf, for the publication, which may be ordered (free) through the online ordering form, at: http://webapp.cdc.gov/IXPRESS/PUBSPROD/NCIPC+BOOK/NCIPC.DML

Lessons Learned from Safe Kids/Safe Streets

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Programs Juvenile Justice Bulletin (Document #: NCJ 213682)

This bulletin provides results from an evaluation of the Safe Kids/Safe Streets program in six sites throughout the United States. Safe Kids/Safe Streets represents a comprehensive application of collaborative child maltreatment approaches in the field. The experiences of participating sites included in this OJJDP Bulletin offer considerable insights into collaboration building, systems reform, service options, and other strategies. For more information, visit: http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/publications/PubAbstract.asp?pubi=235184.

Injury Data

Traffic Safety Facts (2005)

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

These fact sheets contain statistics on motor vehicle fatalities and injuries based on data from the Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS) and General Estimates System (GES). In 2005, 43,443 people were killed in the estimated 6,159,000 police reported motor vehicle traffic crashes, and 2,699,000 people were injured. Fortunately, much progress has been made in reducing the number of deaths and serious injuries on the nation's highways. In 2005, the fatality rate per 100 million vehicle miles of travel was 1.47 down from 1.73 in 1995. Significant contributions to this lower rate include a national seat belt use rate of 82% and a reduction in the rate of alcohol involvement in fatal crashes - to 39% in 2005 from 42% in 1995. The fact sheets include data summaries on the following subjects: alcohol, bicyclists, children, large trucks, motorcycles, occupant protection, pedestrians, school transportation-related crashes, speeding, state traffic data, and young drivers. For more information, visit: http://www-nrd.nhtsa.dot.gov/departments/nrd-30/ncsa/AvailInf.html#.

Inventory of National Injury Data Systems

National Center for Injury Prevention & Control

The CDC's National Center for Injury Prevention and Control provides a list of 43 different federal data systems operated by 16 difference agencies and 3 private injury registry systems that provide nationwide injury-related data. To view each data system and obtain additional information, visit the following: http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/osp/InventoryInjuryDataSys.htm.

Wisconsin Interactive Statistics on Health (WISH)

Wisconsin Department of Heath and Family Services

WISH is an online system that allows users to generate statistics on a variety of health indicators, including deaths, hospitalizations, and emergency room visits due to injuries. A federal grant allowed the Wisconsin Injury Prevention Program to create a way to look at local data without asking the Department of Health for special data-runs (which cost $40-50/hour). This system was adapted by a number of states, and later expanded to include data needed to track progress toward Healthy People 2010 goals. For more information, go to: http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us/wish/, or contact Randy Glysch at 608-261-687 or glyscrl@dhfs.state.wi.us.

Alabama Child Death Review System

Alabama Department of Public Health

The Alabama Child Death Review System (ACDRS) provides an example of how injury data can be used to guide and motivate prevention activities. ACDRS identifies and reports on the causes and manner of death to those under the age of 18 years in which the death was unexpected and/or unexplained. Aggregated data are used to support and train local child death review teams, initiate and collaborate with state and local injury prevention programs, and support the work of the State Child Death Review Team. For more information, go to: http:/www.adph.org/cdr, or contact Bob Hinds at 334-206-2938 or bhinds@adph.state.al.us.

Promoting E-codes in Minnesota

Minnesota Department of Health

External Cause of Injury Codes (E-codes) are used by health care facilities to record the manner and mechanism of injuries. These codes can provide a valuable picture of the injury problem in a state or community – especially when correlated with information on the medical consequences of injuries. For example, the costs of various types of motor vehicle crashes and injuries can be compared by correlating E–codes with data on treatment, cost, and Medicaid reimbursement. While some states require medical records to be E–coded, the Injury and Violence Prevention Unit (IVPU) of the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) has demonstrated how E–coding can be encouraged without such a requirement. For more information, contact Mark Kinde at 651–281–9832 or mark.kinde@health.state.mn.us.

Leading Causes of Injuries for Children/Adolescents

Association of State & Territorial Health Officials

This fact sheet provides statistics on common injuries among children and adolescents and opportunities for prevention. It includes information on motor vehicle injuries, child/adolescent violence, suicide, recreational injuries, and child maltreatment. Visit: http://www.astho.org/pubs/AdolescentfactsheetfinalAugust2006.pdf.

Child Trends DataBank

The Child Trends DataBank provides a one-stop shop for the latest national trends and research on over 100 key indicators of child and youth well-being, with new indicators added each month. The DataBank is designed to serve journalists; policy makers and service providers; researchers; students; youth advocates, parents; youth, and the public. Child Trends has a comprehensive list of publications including research papers, research briefs, literature reviews, and a growing collection of "what works" interactive tables that identify programs proven by research to be effective in promoting child and youth development. For more information, visit: www.childtrends.org or www.childtrendsdatabank.org/.

Race and Ethnicity in Fatal Motor Vehicle Traffic Crashes 1999 – 2004

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's National Center for Statistics and Analysis has released a report that explores the differences among racial and ethnic groups in the frequency of occurrence of characteristics or behaviors associated with fatalities in motor vehicle traffic crashes. The report also suggests that alcohol has played a major role in the deaths of both drivers and pedestrians. Visit the following: http://www.trb.org/news/blurb_detail.asp?id=6283.

Water Safety

In-Home Water Safety Poster Available

The Neighborhood Safety Network

Cooler weather in most of the country means swimming pools have closed for the season, but parents/caregivers should know that other drowning dangers still exist in and around the home. Though approximately 280 children younger than 5 years old drown in swimming pools each year, approximately 150 additional children also drown at home in bathtubs, hot tubs and spas, buckets, toilets, trash cans, landscape or fish ponds, and decorative fountains. For home drowning prevention tips: http://www.cpsc.gov/CPSCPUB/PUBS/drown.html. The in-home water safety poster may be viewed at: http://www.cpsc.gov/nsn/inhome.pdf (English) or http://www.cpsc.gov/nsn/inhomesp.pdf (Spanish).

Other

Social Marketing to Prevent Falls Among the Elderly

Massachusetts Department of Public Health

In 2005, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health partnered with the Health Communication Program at Emerson College to address elderly falls

(the leading cause of non-fatal injury among senior citizens in Massachusetts). This collaboration produced a social marketing plan for public health officials. For more information, contact Lewis Howe at 617-624-5460 or Lewis.Howe@state.ma.us.

Children's Safety Network
Home Safety Council Expert Network
The Home Safety Council Expert Network invites MCH injury prevention practitioners to join its Expert Network. The Expert Network offers community safety advocates a wide range of home safety materials targeting children/youth and adults, including information about falls, poisoning, and fire/burns. Network members have access to free downloadable, customizable teaching tools. Hard copy educational materials are also available (some are free). To join the network: http://www.homesafetycouncil.org/expert/en_register_w001.aspx, or call 1-866-957-9947. Go to: http://www.homesafetycouncil.org/expertnetwork.

Calendar Check

Please find a list below of upcoming IP-related activities and calendar events. Use the links provided below to search using the title of the calendar event.

December

Drunk and Drugged (3D) Prevention Month
http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov

Safe Toys and Gift Month
http://myhealth.ucsd.edu/HealthNews/toys.htm

February

National Burn Awareness Week (Feb 4-10)
http://www.shrinershq.org/

National CPS Awareness Week (Feb 11-17)
http://www.usa.safekids.org/CPSWeek2006/

March

Brain Awareness Week (March 12-18)
http://www.biausa.org/index.html

National Poison Prevention Week (March 18-24)
http://www.poisonprevention.org/

April

Sports Eye Safety Month
http://www.aao.org/aao/patients/eyemd/

National Workzone Awareness Week (April 2-8)
http://www.atssa.com/

World Health Day (April 8)
http://www.who.int/world-health-day/2006/l

National Window Safety Week (April 22-28)
http://www.nsc.org/aware/window/index.htm

National Playground Safety Week (April 22-28)
http://www.uni.edu/playground/

National SAFE Kids Week (April 30-May 6)
http://www.safekids.org/

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