

Indian Health Service Injury Prevention Cooperative Agreements Program

A program to build the capacity of American Indian/Alaska Native Tribes/Tribal Organizations to plan, implement, and evaluate injury prevention interventions

<http://www.ihs.gov/medicalprograms/injuryprevention/>



2000–2005 Project Profile

Trenton Indian Service Area (TISA)

Serving 3,000 people in a six county area in North Dakota and Montana, TISA has been in existence since 1975 and is the only designated Indian Service Area in the nation that is not on a reservation or in an urban area. TISA was created to provide assistance to the large number of enrolled Turtle Mountain Chippewa families relocated at the turn of the century.

Injury Topics addressed by 2000-2005 Program (in order of intensity):

Seatbelt Safety
Alcohol-related Motor Vehicle Crash Safety
Child Passenger Safety
Fall Prevention
Fire/Burn Safety
Bike Safety
Dog Bite Safety
Poison/Choking Prevention
Intimate Partner Violence Prevention
ATV and other Motorized Vehicle Safety

Injury Prevention Program Staff



Colleen Hokanson, IP Coordinator

Tenure: 8/1/2000 – 7/29/2005

Training: IHS Levels I-III IP Courses, North Dakota Dept. of Transportation Grant Writing, IHS Grant Writing, Epi Info, Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Technician



Tammi Bentz, IP Assistant

Training: IHS Level I IP Course



Injury Prevention Program Collaborating Partners:

Medical Clinic ● Local School ● Media ● Coalitions ● Community Health Representatives ● Social Service Agencies ● Public Health Nurses ● Head Start ● Healthy Start ● Diabetes Program ● NC Department of Transportation ● Fire Department ● Police Department ● TISA Home Improvement Program ● Local Businesses ● Bureau of Indian Affairs ● Emergency Management ● Indian Health Service

Key IP Program Successes/Accomplishments:

Program Activities

- Improved RPMS data collection by requiring providers to send Trenton Indian Service Area discharge summaries.
- Worked with the TISA Board to establish strict enforcement codes for employees who violate the mandatory seat belt policy.
- Conducted quarterly seat belt blitzes at the high school.
- Collaborated with clinic staff on injury prevention awareness activities.
- Conducted bike rodeos and distributed bike helmets.
- Provide assistance to other programs in the areas of Traumatic Brain Injury and Intimate Partner Violence.

Additional Funding/Support Obtained to Support IP

- Occupant Restraint – ND DOT.
- Drug Free Prom Night.
- Safe Communities Project – ND State.

