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Greetings

Welcome to Volume Four, Issue One of the Indian Health Service (IHS) Tribal Injury Prevention Cooperative Agreements Program Newsletter. This issue includes: June 2004 IHS Training Workshop Evaluation results; information about the IHS Injury Prevention Program Development Fellowship graduates; updates and articles from the field; an article about Sacred Circle, National Resource Center to End Violence Against Native Women; and training and resource opportunities. Tribal Injury Prevention Programs listed in green on the above map are highlighted in this newsletter edition. We welcome submissions from all involved with Tribal Injury IP Programs. Please contact Molly Cannon (mcannon@email.unc.edu or 919-966-9768) to submit an article.

Training Workshop 2004 Evaluation

From June 16-18, 2004, UNC faculty and staff implemented the annual training workshop for approximately 55 Tribal and IHS staff responsible for implementing injury prevention projects as part of the IHS Tribal Injury Prevention Cooperative Agreements Program. This 2.5-day workshop, attended by Tribal IP Program Coordinators, IHS Project Officers, and other program support/supervisory staff, was conducted in Washington, DC and held in conjunction with the IHS Injury Prevention Program Development Fellowship Symposium. The workshop was designed to increase the effectiveness of the 30 Tribal injury prevention cooperative agreement programs.



Left: Michelle McCoy (E. Cherokee), Bernice Bert, and Mary Robertson-Begay (Hardrock) during the Poster Session



Right: Workshop Participants Dennis Renville (UTTC), Becky Hunkup (RSIC), and Maria Benton (Jemez)

The training workshop was evaluated using a 17-item written survey. Forty-seven participants completed the workshop evaluation, representing an 85 percent response rate. Overall, the evaluation results indicated that each workshop session was rated at least 3.8 or higher on a 5-point scale. The overall average of the 13 training sessions was 4.2 (with a standard deviation of 0.3). Figure 1 shows evaluation results for each individual training session.

**Figure 1. Workshop Session Average Ratings
(in descending rank order, n=47)**

Workshop Session	Rating
1. Concurrent Sessions	4.5
a. New Coordinators	4.7
b. Continuing Coordinators	4.1
c. Project Officers	4.0
2. Obs. Seatbelt Survey Protocol Project	4.5
3. IP Program Collaboration Panel	4.4
4. Intimate Partner Violence	4.4
5. Poster Presentation	4.4
6. Roundtable Discussion Session #1	4.4
7. Roundtable Discussion Session #2	4.3
8. Administrative Management Issues	4.1
9. Workshop Participant Intros/ Ground Rules	4.1
10. Opening Ceremony and Keynote Speaker	4.0
11. Program Development Fellowship Symposium	4.0
12. Alcohol Related Motor Vehicle Crashes	3.8
13. Meet and Greet Session	3.8

The complete training workshop evaluation report is available from UNC (see p. 10 for contact information).

2005 Workshop Committee

At the June 2004 training workshop, participants were asked if they would like to participate in a planning committee to help plan the 2005 Training Workshop at a To-Be-Determined location. Below is a list of workshop participants who volunteered for the committee:

Jerry Lee, Albuquerque Area IHS; **Jessica Mosier**, Hoopa Valley; **Bylli Esquerra**, CRIT; **Casey Crump**, Rhinelander District; **Dennis Renville**, UTTC; **Amanda Sharpe**, CRIT; **Mark Brewer**, Chickasaw Nation; **Don Williams**, Tucson Area IHS; and **Helen Andon**, ANTHC.

Once the location for the 2005 workshop has been identified, UNC will contact committee members. If you are interested in joining this committee, please email/call Molly Cannon at mcannon@email.unc.edu or (919) 966 9768.

Congratulations



Left:
2004
IHS IP
Fellow-
ship
Class

Congratulations to the IHS Injury Prevention Program Development Fellows who completed their Fellowships on June 17, 2004 in Washington, DC.

2003-2004 Fellows	Location
Maria A. Benton	Jemez Pueblo, NM
Mary Alice Clark	Dillingham, AK
Sybil K. Cochran	Sells, AZ
Montell Elliott	Warm Springs, OR
Eldon R. Espling	Presque Isle, ME
Helen Gregorio	Togiak, AK
Jodi R. Johnson	Newtown, ND
Danny Joseph	Polacca, AZ
Norma McAdams	Hoopa, CA
Michael S. Struwin	Springfield, MI
Minnie Yazzie	Shiprock, NM

Site Visits

On April 6, Robert Letourneau, Molly Cannon, Project Officer Larry Dauphinais, Aberdeen Area IP Specialist John Weaver, and Aberdeen Area Environmental Health Branch Chief, Dave Mosier visited IP Coordinator **Carolyn Cavanaugh**, EMS Coordinator **Steve Cartier**, and other staff at **Spirit Lake Nation** in Fort Totten, ND. During the site visit, participants conducted observational seatbelt surveys; participated in a speed survey and saturation patrol; visited proposed environmental modification locations; conducted a home safety survey; reviewed program progress; and reviewed Epi Info databases designed for data entry. The Spirit Lake Nation has accomplished the following activities:

- Piloted-tested a home safety survey assessment form;
- Collaborated with the Injury Free Alliance; and
- Attending Level I training (Carolyn Cavanaugh).



Above (L to R): Steve Cartier, Robert Letourneau, John Weaver, Nina Cavanaugh, Dave Mosier, Carolyn Cavanaugh and Larry Dauphinais.

On April 7, Robert Letourneau, Molly Cannon, Project Officer John Leith, Aberdeen Area IP Specialist John Weaver, and Aberdeen Area Environmental Health Branch Chief Dave Mosier visited Tribal IP Coordinator **Kimberly Keeble**, Community Health Educator **Teddi LaBelle**, and Health Director **Sara Decoteau** at **Sisseton Wahpeton**

Oyate in Sisseton, SD. The site visit included: a meeting to discuss program progress and plans; a windshield tour of the community; and technical assistance on how to create charts and graphs using Excel. The Sisseton IP Program has recently accomplished the following key activities:

- Conducted observational seatbelt surveys;
- Planned an occupant restraint incentive program;
- Conducted IP Committee meetings; and
- Kimberly Keeble attended Level I training.



Left: Molly Cannon, Kimberly Keeble, and Teddi LaBelle working on Excel file.

From May 11-12, 2004, Robert Letourneau, Carolyn Crump, and Project Officer Diana Kuklinski visited IP Coordinator **Luis Salas** at the **Northern Native American Health Alliance** in Wisconsin and former IP Coordinator **Antoinelle Benally Thompson** at the **Fond du Lac** Tribe in Minnesota.

During the **NNAHA** visit, they met at the Lac Courte Oreilles (LCO) Tribal Community College, where they conducted discussions about IP activities occurring at each of the four NNAHA Tribes. Representatives from three of the Tribes - St. Croix, LCO, and Bad River - participated in the site visit. The group primarily discussed motor vehicle safety activities underway at NNAHA in Spring 2004.



Above: NNAHA May 2004 site visit participants

Immediately prior to the **Fond du Lac** site visit on May 12, IP Coordinator Antoinelle Benally Thompson announced that she and her family were moving to

Alaska in Summer 2004. Site visit discussions, held with the full participation of Public Health Nursing Coordinator Deb Smith, focused on developing a list of high-priority action items during the absence of a full-time IP Coordinator and the transition to a new full-time IP coordinator (e.g., in Summer 2004). In July, Ms. Holly Kostrzewski was hired as the new FDL IP Coordinator. Holly has a lot of previous experience in Traumatic Brain Injury and is excited about her new job. Welcome Holly!

On June 28, Robert Letourneau, Molly Cannon, and Project Officer Howard Yazzie conducted the **Hardrock Chapter** site visit with **Mary Robertson-Begay** and **Bernice Bert** in Kykotsmovi, AZ. The site visit included: a site visit to the Rocky Ridge Boarding School; a meeting to discuss program progress; observation of a Child Safety Seat inspection in collaboration with the Navajo Highway Safety Office; and a brief demonstration of how to chart observational seatbelt survey results. The Hardrock IP Program is working on the following:

- Conducting observational seatbelt surveys on a monthly basis;
- Conducted a Child Abuse Prevention Training;
- Installed smoke alarms in 181 elders' homes; and
- Conducting car seat clinics.

Right: Mary Robertson-Begay adjusts a car seat at a Hardrock CPS Inspection Event.



On June 29, Robert Letourneau, Molly Cannon, and Project Officer Willard Dause conducted the **Navajo Nation Highway Safety** site visit with **Lawrence Garnanez** and **Ramone Yazzie** in Window Rock, AZ. The site visit included: a courtesy visit to Navajo Nation First Lady Vikkie Shirley; a meeting to discuss program progress; and technical assistance on developing a post-test. The Navajo Highway Safety IP Program is working on the following initiatives:

- Conducting CP Safety seat inspections;
- Implementing a strategic plan for the Navajo Nation SAFE KIDS coalition;
- Airing PSAs regarding the .08 BAC law.



Left: Ramone Yazzie and Willard Dause during the site visit in June 2004.

On June 30, Robert Letourneau, Molly Cannon, and Project Officer Gordon Tsatoke conducted the **First Mesa Consolidated Villages** site visit with IP Coordinator **Danny Joseph** in Polacca, AZ. The site visit included: a meeting to discuss program progress; a meeting with police officers and criminal investigators to discuss collaborative occupant restraint efforts; lunch at the Hopi Cultural Center; and an occupant restraint checkpoint. The FMCV IP Program is working on the following initiatives:

- Completing the IP Program Development Fellowship (Danny Joseph);
- Conducted a SNAP CPS Trng. in Whiteriver, AZ;
- Collaborating with Head Start on Ride Safe.



Left: IP Coordinator Danny Joseph and Hopi Police Officer Emerson Ami during checkpoint.

On July 1, Robert Letourneau, Molly Cannon, and Project Officer Donna Gilbert conducted the **Taking Back Our Communities (TBOC)** site visit with IP Coordinator **Tina Samm** and Winslow Indian Health Care Center, Inc. IP Specialist **Gail Buonviri** in Winslow, AZ. The site visit included: a TBOC coalition meeting to discuss program progress and future plans; and lunch with coalition members. The TBOC IP Program is working on the following initiatives:

- Holding Chapter forums to raise awareness about TBOC and recruit coalition membership;
- Applying to become a DOJ 'Weed and Seed' site;
- Completing 140 community surveys to assess

community awareness of violence related issues.



Left: TBOC coalition members during the July 2004 site visit.

On July 13 and 14, Molly Cannon and Robert Letourneau attended and presented at **United Tribe Technical College's** Annual Native American Lifesaver's Conference in Bismarck, ND. At the conference, they had the opportunity to meet with IP Coordinator **Dennis Renville** and Residential Course Instructor **Michelle Schoenwald** to discuss Cooperative Agreement Program activities. The UTTC IP Program is working on the following initiatives:

- Developing a "Suicidology" course that will be a program requirement;
- Planning to implement a pre-test for all incoming students; and
- Participating in the IP Epidemiology Fellowship (On-line course instructor, Larry Carlson).

During the conference, Molly and Robert also held a separate meeting with **Three Affiliated Tribes'** IP Coordinator **Jodi Johnson**, Health Director **Deb Smith**, and Project Officer Larry Dauphinais. During the meeting, participants discussed progress made toward Year IV goals and objectives and plans for Year V. The Three Affiliated Tribes IP Program is working on the following initiatives:

- Planning an additional sobriety checkpoint;
- Participating in the Observational Seatbelt Survey Protocol Project; and
- Completing the IP Program Development Fellowship (Jodi Johnson).

Group-format Conference Calls

UNC conducted a group-format conference call on June 2, 2004. All sites not receiving a site visit from January-April 2004 were invited, but not required, to participate in the call. The purpose of the call was to plan the roundtable discussion sessions to be held at the June training workshop. Representatives from seven sites participated in the call. Another round of Group calls will be conducted in December 2004. Coordinators will identify topics of interest for the call.

Individual-format Conference Calls

In addition to group calls conducted in June 2004, UNC is conducting individual-format calls during July/August 2004 with IP Programs not receiving a site visit from January to April 2004 (n=13). The table below highlights Tribal IP activities discussed during calls:

Program ¹	Activity
CRI HB	Corin Greenberg recently attended CPS training. Conducting SNAP training in partner communities.
CRI T	Revitalizing the Injury Prevention Coalition. Held a carseat checkpoint. Planning a bike rodeo.
Cherokee	TBC ²
Hoopa	Conducted a car seat checkpoint and bike rodeo. Starting a smoke alarm distribution program.
Jemez	Applied to the U. New Mexico for a Pedestrian Safety Grant. Starting Sleep Safe activities.
KANA	To be Scheduled
NSHC	To be Scheduled
Oneida	Conducted a Level I course and developed an Advisory Committee.
Pascua Yaqui	To Be Scheduled
Rocky Boy	TBC
SEARHC	Planning a Level I course in Sitka in August. Implementing mini-grants program with IP Teams
TISA	Providers are providing Contract Health Minutes with complete injury data. Helped coordinate TBI focus groups with UND.
Uintah Ouray	TBC

¹ See last page of newsletter for complete names of Programs.

² At the time of newsletter printing, the call had not been conducted.

In lieu of participating in Individual format conference calls, the five OK sites (Caddo, Comanche, Pawnee, Chickasaw, and Kaw) participated in a group conference call on July 20, 2004 to discuss and plan an upcoming group site visit being conducted by UNC in August 2004, which will occur as part of a one-day training for all five Oklahoma City Area IP Coordinators. A site visit to St. Regis Mohawk, NY will occur on July 29, 2004, prior to newsletter printing.

Sacred Circle

National Resource Center to End Violence Against Native Women

Submitted by: Brenda Hill, Education Coordinator

Sacred Circle, a National Resource Center to End Violence Against Native Women, was established in 1998 as the fifth member of the domestic violence resource center network originally created in 1993 by the US Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families. Sacred Circle provides technical assistance, policy development, training, materials and resource information regarding

domestic and sexual violence to develop coordinated tribal response in Native nations. Sacred Circle is dedicated to actions that promote the sovereignty and safety of Native women.

Sacred Circle is located in Rapid City, SD and is a project of Cangleska, Inc., a private non-profit tribally chartered organization, located within the boundaries of the Oglala Lakota Nation, Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, SD. Cangleska, Inc. is a nationally recognized organization, providing domestic violence and sexual assault prevention/intervention services and facilitates the coordinated community response to domestic violence and sexual assault for the Oglala Lakota Nation.

Sacred Circle Provides Resources in order to:

- Increase Indian Nations' capacity to provide direct services and advocacy to women and their children victimized by battering and sexual assault through technical assistance, model programming, training and information that is culturally relevant.
- Enhance the tribal justice system's ability to provide for victim safety and batterer accountability through analysis and development of models for codes, policies, procedures and protocols.
- Expand tribal law enforcement's capacity to respond to domestic violence by providing specific training, information and model policy, procedure and protocols.
- Provide tribal service providers with training and programming regarding the development and facilitation of batterer's programs.
- Increase community awareness and grassroots support for coordinated community response.
- Enhance tribes' and tribal organizations' creation of coordinated community response efforts, including advocacy and shelter programs, criminal justice, law enforcement and other related systems.
- Enhance the potential for change and continuity by strengthening the infrastructure of tribal organizations responding to violence against women.
- Analyze national policies and practices that impact violence against women initiatives in tribal communities.

For more information, to be added to the Sacred Circle mailing list, or to request a training schedule & catalog contact:

Sacred Circle, National Resource Center to End Violence Against Native Women

722 St. Joseph Street
Rapid City, SD 57701

Toll-free line: 1-877-733-7623

Fax: 605-341- 2472

Notes from the Field

To facilitate networking and information sharing among program sites, UNC encourages newsletter submissions from Program Coordinators, Project Officers, and other injury practitioners. Please contact Molly Cannon if you are interested in submitting (919-966-9768, mcannon@email.unc.edu).

Taking Back Our Communities Update

Submitted by: Tina Samm, IP Coordinator

A Domestic Violence Conference was held April 21-22, 2004 at the La Posada Hotel in Winslow, AZ. At the conference, I distributed information on the Taking Back Our Communities (TBOC) Cooperative Agreement Program and distributing community surveys to assess community members' perceptions of violence in SW Navajo Nation. I have collected 150 completed surveys thus far and plan to collect an additional 350.



Left: IP Coordinator Tina Samm presenting at a Domestic Violence Conference

Currently, the TBOC coalition is working on our official recognition application for the Weed and Seed Program through the US Department of Justice. Our letter of Intent is due August 31, and the application is due October 15, 2004. We are confident that we can get this application in before the deadline. I have been attending health fairs throughout the SW region of the Navajo Nation to raise awareness about the TBOC coalition. In June, I attend a Health Fair in Leupp, AZ and in July, I attended the Health Fair in Birdsprings, AZ. Upcoming Health Fairs are in Dilkon, Jeddito, Whitecone, Tolani Lake, and Indian Wells, Arizona. On June 14 2004 TBOC held a forum at the Birdsprings Chapter House.

Norton Sound Health Corporation Update

Submitted by: Jim Ferguson, NSHC IP Coordinator

Injury Prevention has made a splash in the Norton Sound region of NW Alaska in a big way over the past several months. It all started with the convening of the Norton Sound Health Corporation (NSHC) IP Advisory Committee at the end of February 2004. Twenty-six

people attended to discuss IP issues in the region and to brainstorm ways to address some of these issues. The meeting was facilitated by Helen Andon from the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC) and Ward Jones from the Bristol Bay Area Health Consortium (BBAHC). Jim Ferguson, PA-C has assumed the role of IP Coordinator for the region and he is also busily involved in the IHS IP Epidemiology Fellowship. Jim is doing his fellowship project on attitudes and behaviors of 14-19 year old youth related to ATV and snow machine use and will be implementing focus groups and a survey questionnaire this fall.

NSHC IP Coalition members are being identified in the 15 outlying villages in the region and a Level I Introductory IP course is planned for Aug. 9-13 in Nome. A plan of action for the NSHC IP program for 2004-2005 has been drafted. A "Click it for a Free Movie Ticket" campaign is under way and has been a huge early success generating lots of attention to the importance of wearing seat belts and properly restraining young children in car seats. We are also busy with the youth Summercise program having added a "Safety Smarts" class focusing on injury prevention. Fifteen kids showed up for the first class which is a huge success considering all the other classes available.

Community IP Specialist Duffy Halladay continues with his efforts at gathering car seat data, continuing his smoke detector program, and the Kids Don't Float effort in the region. IP in the region has received major media attention of late with a 30-minute focus program on one regional radio station and a 20-minute interview on the region's other radio station. There have been ads in the Nome Nugget Newspaper plus a featured story on IP in the region. All in all things are moving forward in a positive direction and the IP program in the Norton Sound region will only grow and flourish.

California Rural Indian Health Board Update

Submitted by: Corin Greenberg, CRIHB IP Staff

During the past few months, Injury Prevention staff at the California Rural Indian Health Board (CRIHB) have been busy providing car seat training to tribes and tribal health programs. Over 30 tribal health care workers from throughout Northern California have attended the SNAP (Safety for Native American Passengers) training, which was developed by the Reno District IHS Child Passenger Safety Workgroup. These have included participants from the Sonoma County Indian Health Project, Shingle Springs Rancheria, Toiyabe Indian Health Project, and MACT Health Board. Overall satisfaction with the course seems very high (4.9 out of 5, with 5 being outstanding) and we have received many positive comments, including:

"I am so glad and grateful to be in this training. You have really opened my eyes regarding car seats and safety. I am so much more aware now of how much prevention and safety go side by side. I will do my best to make others aware too."

Right: Former IP health educator Michelle Anderson during a S.N.A.P. car seat training.



The training is part of CRIHB's occupant protection program funded by the IHS Injury Prevention Cooperative Agreement, as well as a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety. In addition, CRIHB staff will also be assisting Tribal Health Programs with car seat check events, developing a poster and media campaign targeting American Indians, and distributing car seats to families in need. We have developed a t-shirt design with our logo and the "Buckle Up!" slogan. They will be distributed at the car seat courses we teach and health events we attend.

E. Band of Cherokee IP Updates

Submitted by: Radonna Crowe, IP Coordinator
IP Staff Receive Certificates

Sherry Crowe, Healthy Cherokee Community Coordinator and Michelle McCoy, Injury Prevention Program Assistant received Residential/Recreational Injuries and Violence Prevention certificates from United Tribes Technical College. To obtain these certificates, Sherry and Michelle completed an extensive 12 week college semester involving: issues concerning injuries caused by violence; theoretical perspectives used to examine violence; prevalence of violent injuries in society; risk factors and outcomes associated with violence; medial, legal, and community responses to violence; survey data interpretation; identifying factors that contribute to residential and recreation injuries; and devising steps to decrease those injuries. The training received will not only benefit the recipients but the entire community. Congratulations!

SAFE KIDS Week 2004

The E. Band of Cherokee IP Program held water safety activities during Safe Kids week beginning with Safety Pool Party at the local wellness center. During each party, various programs held a different type of education according to the age group that attended.

The University of North Carolina



Each night Cherokee Parks & Recreation assisted with teaching swim lessons, Cherokee Children's Dental taught sunscreen awareness, Healthy Cherokee/Injury Prevention taught pool safety, and after the education and swimming lessons the group played age-appropriate games.

Week of the Young Child Tricycle Rodeo

On May 6 2004, the EBCI Injury Prevention held a Tricycle Rodeo as part of the activities for Week of the Young Child. The rodeo was held in the parking lot of the Dora Reed Children's Center. The children learned basic bicycle safety such as why and how to use a helmet, important parts of tricycles, and basic steering and peddling skills.



Above: Tricycle Rodeo participants at E. Band of Cherokee, NC

St. Croix Ride Safe Program Success

Submitted by: Diana Kuklinski, Bemidji Area Environmental Health Branch Chief

The Ride Safe Child Passenger Safety Program is a Head Start-based child passenger safety program that provides curriculum, child safety seats, and training to Head Start staff, parents, and community partners.

St. Croix Head Start in Wisconsin partners with the Honoring Our Children Program to provide child safety seats to Head Start and other children on the Reservation. Tessa Roen, a young mother, received a child safety seat from the Ride Safe Program for her 1-1/2 year old daughter Vanessa LeeAnn. Tessa credits the child safety seat for saving her daughter's life during a car crash on April 2, 2004. During the crash, they were rear ended by a car driving about 55 mph. The crash severed their car's rear axle and caused the back seat to buckle. Fortunately, Vanessa was safely secured in her child safety seat and suffered no significant injuries.

"Thank you so much for providing me and my daughter with that car seat. It saved my daughter's life..." Tessa M. Roen

"Intertribal Task Force" taken from The Minot Daily News, Minot, ND

Submitted by: Larry Dauphinais, Minot District EHO

In North Dakota, [Tex Hall, Chairman of Three Affiliated Tribes and President of the National Congress of American Indians] said the problems of drugs and alcohol on reservations is being addressed through the Intertribal Task Force [started in early 2004] on DUIs and Methamphetamine. He said the group is fairly new and has had several meetings.

"We started out just amongst ourselves at Ft. Berthold and now others have joined us - Spirit Lake and Standing Rock as well," Hall told members of the Minot Kiwanis Club last week. "Some of the concerns that we have, of course, is to have an adequate law enforcement personnel," he said.

He said the task force is also working on Intertribal DUI agreements, If someone gets a DUI on Fort Berthold and goes to another North Dakota reservation, currently there's no agreement between tribes so that DUI is not honored, he said.

He said the task force also is working on standardizing reporting requirements for DUIs. "Currently, we don't have standard reporting requirements amongst tribes to report to the state," he said.

Hall said North Dakota Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem will be meeting in May with the Intertribal DUI Task Force. "Our task force is going to be permanent because this problem is terrible right now, this problem is getting worse and we need to all come together and stop this problem from getting any worse - it's like a terrible cancer. I'm happy to report that all tribes are now focused on DUIs and meth," Hall said.

Hardrock Chapter Seatbelt Survey Results

Submitted by: Mary Robertson-Begay, Hardrock Chapter IP Program

The Navajo Nation Hardrock Chapter IP Program has been conducting observational seatbelt surveys to assess community seatbelt use and evaluate two incentive based traffic stops conducted in December 2003 and February 2004. To implement these traffic stops, a Memorandum of Understanding was drawn up between the Navajo Nation Law Enforcement, Chinle District and the Hardrock Injury Prevention Program. The traffic stops involved police officers (n=four total) stopping vehicles that had drivers and passengers buckled up. Police then commended them for wearing

their seatbelts and provided them with an IP coffee traveler's mug.

When comparing seatbelt use data collected in October 2003 and June 2004, driver seatbelt use increased from 14% (n=72) to 51% (n=39), and passenger seatbelt use increased from <1% (n=26) to 24% (n=17). Plans exist to conduct additional seatbelt surveys to determine whether the increase in usage is maintained.



Left: Hardrock Chapter member, Bahe Haskan receiving an incentive for buckling up.

"Speed Humps Protect Kids From Accidents [crashes]", Donya C. Arias

Printed in The Nation's Health May 2004

Speed humps help make a child's environment safer, according to a five-year study of pediatric ER visits involving children struck by automobiles. In an AJPH [American Journal of Public Health] study of children seen in the emergency department of an Oakland, CA hospital from March 1995 to March 2000, researchers found that those children living on or near streets with speed humps were less likely to be injured or killed by automobiles than children who lived on streets without such speed humps. Living within a block of a speed hump was associated with a roughly two-fold reduction in the odds of injury within a child's neighborhood. Overall, living near a speed hump was linked to a 53 to 60 percent reduction in the odds of injury or death due to being struck by an automobile.

T **Training Opportunities/Conferences**

An **Introduction to Injury Prevention (Level I) Training Course** will be held in Sitka, AK August 24-27, 2004; Farmington, NM October 4-7; and Albuquerque, NM October 18-22. Contact Kathy O'Gara (907) 966-8736; Zoe Benally (twyla.benally@shiprock.ihs.gov); and Jerry Lee (505) 248-4597 respectively for more information.

An **Intermediate Injury Prevention (Level II) Training Course** will be held in Anchorage, AK October 5-8, 2004; and Oklahoma City, OK December 6-10, 2004. Contact Ryan Hill (907) 729-3799 and Harold Cully (405) 951-3852 respectively for more information.

American Indian Development Associates and the Tribal Justice and Statistics Assistance Center present the **2004 Tribal Crime Data Training** to be held August 30-September 1, 2004 in Albuquerque, NM. This training is for those working with American Indian/Alaska Native communities and dealing with crime, delinquency, violence, or victimization issues. For more information, call: 505-842-1122.

The **Mental Health and Traumatic Brain Injury: Life-Long Issues and Community Service Needs Conference** will be held September 29, 2004 in Vail, CO. For more information, visit the conference website at: <http://psy.psych.colostate.edu/CI/CRC/>.

The **Injury in Alberta XI Conference** will be held October 3-5 in Alberta, Canada. For more information on this conference, visit www.med.ualberta.ca/acicr.

The **16th Annual Suicide Prevention Conference** will be held October 7, 2004 in Maryland by the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. For more information about this conference, visit the website at: <http://dhmh.state.md.us/mha/mhanew.htm>.

The **Healthier Indian Communities Through Partnership & Prevention Summit** will be held Wednesday, September 22 through Friday, September 24, 2004 in Washington, DC. More information will be available in the coming months. Please continue to check the IHS HP/DP website at www.ihs.gov/hpdp/ or contact Candace Jones or Alberta Becenti, IHS Office of Public Health, at 301-443-3024 for more information.

Announcements

2005 - 2010 IHS Injury Prevention Cooperative Agreement Announcements - The anticipated announcement for the next round of Injury Prevention Cooperative Agreement Programs is slated for spring 2005. The exact date will be determined based on the approval process of the grant executive review procedures. IHS Grants Management is converting to the GRANTS ADMINISTRATION TRACKING & EVALUATION SYSTEM otherwise known as GATES. This system will allow grant proposals to be submitted electronically on line. GATES will streamline the grant submission process and hopefully, expedite the review and award process.

BIA/IHS/NHTSA MOU - A memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Highway Safety; Indian Health Service, Injury Prevention; and National Highway Traffic Safety

Administration is forthcoming. One important aspect of the MOU is to reduce duplication of services in an effort to coordinate resources. The MOU addresses how each agency will facilitate and foster cooperation in all program matters regarding traffic and highway safety in Indian country. For more information contact Nancy Bill, Injury Prevention Manger at 301-443-0105.

Violence Against Native Women Round Table Email Session - Terry Cullen from Tucson Area IHS will be moderating an email discussion forum on November 1, 2004. This forum will provide participants with an opportunity to discuss the scope of violence against Native women, tools for patient evaluation, best practice policies and procedures, and ideas for available resources. To subscribe to the Indian Health Primary Care Discussion Forum, visit: <http://www.ihs.gov/MedicalPrograms/MCH/M/PCdiscForum.asp> and click on subscribe.

Calendar Check

AUG	No Observances
SEPT	Baby Safety Month & Healthy Aging Month
5-11	National Childhood Injury Prevention Week
5-11	National Suicide Awareness Week
OCT	Domestic Violence Awareness Month
	National Brain Injury Awareness Month
3-9	National Fire Prevention Week
7	National Child Health Day
13	SAVE (Stop America's Violence Everywhere)
	Today
NOV	No Observances

Resources

Safety Belts and Rural Communities - 2003 Report. This report provides important information and statistics on crashes, injuries and fatalities due to lower safety belt use in rural areas. This information can be downloaded at the following website: <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/people/injury/airbags/BUASBRuralWeb/images/SBs&RrII%20Comms.pdf>

"Best Practices for Promoting Booster Seat Use...A How-To Guide Based on Community Demonstration Projects". This document can be downloaded from: <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/CPS/promote/index.htm>

Face Up To Wake Up™: Culturally Appropriate American Indian and Alaska Native SIDS Risk Reduction Resource Kit. This kit, produced and distributed by the CJ Foundation for SIDS, includes a manual, two videos, and a resource CD. To order the kit, visit: www.cjsids.com.

"Voices of Survivors." This Intimate Partner Violence video was shown during Dr. Beth Moracco's presentation at the IHS IP Training Workshop in Washington, DC. To order the video for \$10, visit the Family Violence Prevention Fund Online Store at: <http://store.yahoo.com/fvpfstore/healpractool.html>.

An Impact Evaluation of Underage Drinking. This report presents the results of an impact evaluation of four community-based underage drinking prevention projects. Fax orders to the Office of Research and Technology at 202-366-7096

Retrofitting Shoulder Belts in Pre-1990/1992 Vehicles with Only Lap Belts in the Back Seat. This product can be downloaded from the NHTSA CPS website: <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/CPS/index.cfm>.

"American Indian Health" website. The National Library of Medicine, a part of the National Institutes of Health has launched a new website: <http://americanindianhealth.nlm.nih.gov> to address the health concerns of American Indians/Alaska Natives.

A Guide to Implementing Child Passenger Safety Inspection Stations. This guide provides information on how to establish a community based inspection station. Fax requests to: 301-386-2194 or visit: <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/people/injury/childps/>.

Summary of State Speed Laws, 7th Edition and Summary of Vehicle Occupant Protection Laws, 6th Edition - report was developed for traffic safety entities that are interested in a state-by-state analysis of the laws. Fax request to (301) 386-2194.

National Survey of Speeding and Unsafe Driving Attitudes and Behaviors Report: 2002. This report presents findings from a national survey conducted by the Gallup Organization for NHTSA. For a copy of this report, fax (202) 366-7096 or download it from: http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/people/injury/research/speed_aggressive.html

Rural EMS & Trauma Technical Assistance Center Website. To visit this new website, go to: <http://www.ruralhealth.hrsa.gov/ruralems/>

"Team Approach to Drug Treatment Shows Promise in Improving Traffic Safety" and "Finding Common Ground: Improving Highway Safety with More Effective Interventions for Alcohol Problems". Developed by the George Washington U. Medical Center,

download at: <http://www.ensuringsolutions.org/pages/reprim.html>

Consumer Product Safety Commission's (CPSC) Neighborhood Safety Network. CPSC has developed a database allowing them to send you tailored materials (e.g., posters, flyers) to meet your needs (e.g., child safety tips, elder fire safety advice). To enroll in the Neighborhood Safety Network, visit: <http://www.cpsc.gov/nsn/nsn.html>.

About this Newsletter

Faculty and staff from the University of North Carolina produce this newsletter for Tribal Injury Prevention Coordinators, staff, IHS injury prevention and environmental health staff, and other practitioners working to promote injury prevention in Tribal communities. The following 30 sites are participating in the IHS Tribal IP Cooperative Agreements Program:

1. Caddo Tribe, OK
2. California Rural Indian Health Board (CRIHB), CA
3. Chickasaw Nation, OK
4. Chippewa Creek/Rocky Boy, Montana
5. Colorado River Indian Tribes (CRI T), AZ
6. Comanche Tribe, OK
7. Eastern Band of Cherokee, NC
8. First Mesa Consolidated Villages (FMCV), AZ
9. Fond du Lac Tribe, MN
10. Hardrock Council, AZ
11. Hoopa Valley Tribe, CA
12. Jemez Pueblo, NM
13. Kaw Nation, OK
14. Kodiak Area Native Association (KANA), AK
15. Navajo Highway Safety, AZ
16. Northern Native American Health Alliance (NNAHA), WI
17. Norton Sound Health Corporation (NSHC), AK
18. Oneida Tribe, WI
19. Pascua Yaqui Tribe, AZ
20. Pawnee Nation, OK
21. Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, NV
22. Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate, SD
23. South East Alaska Regional Health Consortium (SEARHC)
24. Spirit Lake Nation, ND
25. St. Regis Mohawk Tribe, NY
26. Taking Back Our Communities, AZ
27. Three Affiliated Tribes, ND
28. Trenton Indian Service Area (TISA), ND
29. Uintah-Ouray, UT
30. United Tribes Technical College (UTTC), ND

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