

## 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

### Spirit Lake Nation

The Spirit Lake Nation, located in east central North Dakota, and consists of over 5,000 people. The reservation is divided into four districts: Fort Totten, St. Michael, Crow Hill, and Tokio. Fort Totten serves as the reservation's hub with Tribal Headquarters, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and the IHS clinic all located there. Website: [www.spiritlakenation.com/](http://www.spiritlakenation.com/)

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

Roadway Safety  
Fall Prevention  
Seatbelt Safety  
Child Passenger Safety  
Alcohol-related Motor Vehicle Crashes  
Fire/Burn Prevention

#### Injury Prevention Program Staff

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#### Carolyn Cavanaugh

Tenure: 3/15/2004-9/30/2004

Training: IHS Level I IP Course, CPS Technician



#### Renita Shaw

Tenure: 1/1/2001 – 8/5/2003

Training: IHS Levels I and III IP Courses, CPS Technician, Epi Info



#### Steve Cartier, IP Supervisor

Tenure: 1/1/2001 – 8/30/2005

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#### Injury Prevention Program Collaborating Partners:

Fire Department ● Police Department ● Local Schools ● Media ● Bureau of Indian Affairs ● Social Service Agencies ● Head Start ● Emergency Medical Services ● Medical Clinic ● Hospital ● Local Businesses ● Coalition ● Community Health Representatives ● Indian Health Services ● Public Health Nurse ● State Agencies

#### Key IP Program Successes/Accomplishments:

##### Program Activities

- Planned and implemented environmental modifications (e.g., signage, crosswalks).
- Addressed traffic safety issues (e.g., speed surveys, saturation patrols).
- Conducted home safety surveys.

##### Additional Funding/Support Obtained to Support IP

- Child Passenger Safety: IHS Aberdeen Area.
- Home Safety Devices: CHR Program.
- Elder Home Safety Devices: Interagency Program for Assistive Technology, Fargo, ND, American Indian Relief Council, Rapid City, SD.

