In Minnesota, 3 out of 4 car seats are used incorrectly, and fatal crashes are the leading cause of death in children aged 1-14 years.

PROGRAM GOALS

Increase use of child safety seats within the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Reservation

1. Provide child passenger safety education to community members
2. Provide car and booster seats to parents/caregivers at low or no cost
3. Host monthly events to provide safety seats and education
4. Work with law enforcement and Safe Kids to increase child passenger safety in the community

Background

- Tribal Enrollment: 4,200 members
- Location: Northeast Minnesota

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS
Sept. 2015–Feb. 2020

54 Clinics
392 Parents
681 Safety Seats

Clinics

held in partnership with Cloquet Area Fire District

Parents

or caregivers educated about child passenger safety

Safety Seats

provided to parents/caregivers

Sustainability through Partnerships

The injury prevention program has maintained numerous injury prevention activities despite changes in funding. Childhood injury prevention activities have continued in partnership with Safe Kids North East Minnesota; Traffic safety programming in partnership with the Driving 4 Safe Communities Coalition; and the elder falls prevention program in partnership with Essentia Health.

Tribal Injury Prevention

April 2020
Since 2015, car seat clinic attendance has **doubled**. As participation increased, the injury prevention program has tracked that overall percent of car seats correctly used has decreased, demonstrating a need for car seat education.