



Including Injury and Violence Prevention in the Maternal and Child Health 5-Year Needs Assessment

Why should IVP professionals be involved in the 5-Year Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Needs Assessment?

- Focus new attention and resources on IVP.
- Galvanize State-wide support for IVP efforts.
- Work with your State MCH program to integrate IVP into MCH services.
- Create an SPM addressing or focusing on injury (for a definition of SPMs, see page 2).

What is the 5-Year MCH Needs Assessment?

The Title V Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Block Grant provides funding to States to ensure that mothers, children, and adolescents—including those with special health care needs—have access to preventive and primary health care. As a condition of this funding, Title V legislation requires States to conduct a Needs Assessment every five years. This assessment helps set priorities for the next five years.

The next Needs Assessment cycle is beginning now! State MCH programs must complete their Needs Assessment reports by summer 2010. Most States start the process at least one to two years in advance of this deadline.

How can Injury and Violence Prevention (IVP) professionals get involved in the Needs Assessment?

State and Territorial IVP program directors, staff, and community partners can contribute to the Title V Needs Assessment in the following ways:

- ✓ Talk with the Maternal and Child Health (MCH) director in your State to find out about the 5-Year Needs Assessment and to learn how the injury prevention program can be involved in the process.
- ✓ Present State and local data on injuries affecting children and adolescents. (Your State MCH program may not be using this data currently or may not be familiar with it. For example, 45 States have hospital discharge data on injuries, but in the 2005 Needs Assessment only 11 States indicated that they used this data to develop State Performance Measures [SPMs].)
- ✓ Offer information on effective programs that prevent child and adolescent injuries and violence.
- ✓ Describe best practices that can reduce the burden of childhood injury in your State.
- ✓ Find out if you can join your State's 5-Year Needs Assessment advisory committee or work group. If you are invited to participate, do so!
- ✓ Identify local IVP leaders to take part in the Needs Assessment through focus groups, surveys, online questionnaires, or small group interviews.
- ✓ Help to formulate survey or focus group questions that explore the scope of the injury problem in your State.
- ✓ Work with your State MCH program and CSN to develop new injury-related SPMs.

How can CSN help?

- ✓ **Explain injury data** through the expertise of our Economics and Data Analysis Resource Center (CSN EDARC). We can help you to identify the most useful data sources on injury and then clean, analyze, and cost the data for you.
- ✓ **Develop sample SPMs** and accompanying detail sheets on injuries and violence.
- ✓ **Identify effective interventions** and best practices to address injury-related NPMs and SPMs.
- ✓ **Provide case studies** and other examples of how to successfully integrate injury and violence prevention into MCH services.
- ✓ **Offer expertise** on a variety of injury topics, such as bullying prevention, suicide prevention, child neglect and maltreatment, and teen driving.
- ✓ **Do site visits** to provide in-depth technical assistance on the Needs Assessment process.

How does the Needs Assessment process work?

States have flexibility in how they conduct their Needs Assessments, but generally they use surveys and focus groups to get input from stakeholders, establish priority needs, and decide which program activities to pursue over the next five years. Many States also convene advisory committees or work groups to guide the Needs Assessment process. The Needs Assessment culminates in a comprehensive report that describes a range of findings.

What are National Performance Measures?

The Title V MCH Block Grant requires State MCH programs to report on 18 National Performance Measures (NPMs). Two of these NPMs directly address injuries:

- NPM #10: The rate of deaths to children age 14 years and younger caused by motor vehicle crashes per 100,000 children.
- NPM #16: The rate (per 100,000) of suicide deaths among youths age 15 through 19.

What are State Performance Measures?

Each State also must report on 7 to 10 State Performance Measures (SPMs). These SPMs are chosen during the 5-year Needs Assessment. Thirty-three States and Territories have SPMs related to injuries and/or violence. For example:

- 10 States and Territories have an SPM on child abuse/child maltreatment.
- 9 States have an SPM on motor vehicle-related deaths or injuries to children and adolescents.
- 7 States and Territories have an SPM on domestic violence.

For help in becoming involved in the Needs Assessment process or for more information on the Needs Assessment in your State or Territory, call CSN.



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