

## Helping MCH Programs Address Injury- and Violence-Related Performance Measures

The Children's Safety Network (CSN) provides resources and technical assistance to maternal and child health and injury prevention professionals in State and Territorial health departments. These services help states address their injury- and violence-related Title V performance measures by providing guidance in the design and implementation of effective injury and violence prevention activities.

### Maternal and Child Health Performance Measures

The Maternal and Child Health Services (MCH) Block Grant (Title V of the Social Security Act of 1935) funds State and Territorial MCH programs. Title V funds can support activities including direct health care; enabling services (e.g., transportation); population-based services (e.g., SIDS counseling and injury prevention); and infrastructure building (e.g., needs assessments, monitoring program effectiveness).

The Federal MCH Block Grant program requires State MCH programs to report on 18 National Performance Measures (NPMs), two of which directly address injuries.

Each state also must report on seven to 10 State Performance Measures (SPMs). States choose SPMs based on priorities identified by a needs assessment conducted every 5 years. The most recent assessments were conducted in 2005. Thirty-three states and territories have SPMs related to injury and violence prevention.

### State Performance Measures Related to Injury and Violence

- **Motor vehicle-related death or injury to children and adolescents:** CA, CO, DE, KS, ME, NH, PA, WV, WI
- **Child abuse/child maltreatment:** AK, Guam, IL, KY, LA, MN, NE, NC, TN, WI
- **Domestic violence:** CA, Guam, MO, NV, NM, TX, WA
- **Unintentional injuries among children:** AZ, GA, KY, NE, NV, ND, VA, WY
- **Violence affecting children and adolescents:** CT, DC, KY, NE, NY, ND
- **Bullying:** ME
- **Firearm related deaths in youth:** MT

### National Performance Measures Related to Injury and Violence



**NPM #10** The rate of deaths to children aged 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 aged 15 through 19.

## How States Address Performance Measures

State MCH agencies use a variety of strategies to address their injury- and violence-related Performance Measures. Some examples of these strategies include:

- Training school nurses and social workers to identify youth at risk for suicide.
- Supporting local efforts to provide infant and child safety seats to families with low incomes.
- Sponsoring child abuse prevention training for home visiting program staff.
- Providing domestic violence prevention resources and training for health department staff directly serving women and families.
- Promoting policies for the use of bicycle helmets, personal floatation devices and booster safety seats.



- Training school nurses about ways to modify the social environment to reduce bullying and violence.

## How CSN Helps States Strengthen Injury and Violence Prevention Activities

### CSN staff...

- Provide individualized technical assistance on:
  - Evaluating traffic safety programs
  - Integrating injury prevention messages/ practices into other MCH services
  - Linking data sources
  - Strengthening the role of MCH on child death review teams
  - Building connections between MCH and youth suicide prevention coalitions
- Deliver face-to-face or web-based presentations, including:
  - Bullying: The Tip of the Iceberg
  - Are Child Safety Seat Distribution and Misuse Reduction Programs Sound?
  - Childhood Injury Costs and Prevention Savings
- Develop and disseminate publications, including:
  - Fact sheets, such as *School Violence Prevention: The Role of MCH*
  - E-periodicals, such as the CSN Weekly Newsletter

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