

**Purpose:** The Children’s Safety Network, in cooperation with the Health Resources and Services Administration’s (HRSA) Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB), is launching Cohort 2 of the Child Safety Learning Collaborative to reduce fatal and serious injuries among infants, children, and adolescents.

**Who may apply:** Title V State/Jurisdiction Health Departments are eligible and encouraged to apply for this opportunity. The application and statement of commitment must be signed by the state/jurisdiction Maternal and Child Health Director and the Injury and Violence Prevention Director

*If you are not funded through Title V, but wish to participate, please reach out to your state Health Department to find out how you can collaborate with them to participate. For more information on Title V and to find your state contact you can visit <https://mchb.hrsa.gov/programs-impact/title-v-maternal-child-health-mch-block-grant>*

**Timeline:** Each of the cohorts over the 5-year period will last 18 months. Teams are encouraged to continue on into successive cohorts. **This new cohort will run from May 2025 to October 2026.**

**How to apply:** To be considered for the Child Safety Learning Collaborative, interested states and jurisdiction Title V agencies must submit the completed application form and statement of commitment **by 11:59 PM EST April 11, 2025. Email [csninfo@edc.org](mailto:csninfo@edc.org) to receive a unique link to complete this online form.**

For questions about the application form and/or the Learning Collaborative, please contact Jenny Stern-Carusone, CSLC Director, at [jsstern-carusone@edc.org](mailto:jsstern-carusone@edc.org) or 617-618-2980. For more information about the Children’s Safety Network, please visit our website <http://childrenssafetynetwork.org>.

### ***Responsibilities and Expectations of Learning Collaborative Leadership and Participants***

A full list of benefits, overview and commitment can be found in the [CSLC Overview document](#).

Participation in the Child Safety Learning Collaborative is voluntary and not required for Title V Block grantees. States and jurisdictions will be selected for participation based on their commitment and willingness to address the following criteria:

States and jurisdictions that participate in the Learning Collaborative:

- **Select at least one of the five designated topic areas.** It is recommended that new states/jurisdictions choose *no more than* two topic areas. Continuing states/jurisdictions are encouraged to sustain current teams and add additional topics as appropriate.
- **Establish a state/jurisdiction specific aim for their topic areas** focused on the reduction of injury-related fatalities, hospitalizations, and emergency department visits. Strategy Teams are

asked to work on one to three evidence-based strategies for each topic they selected. Each participating team will have access to a topic-specific Change Package that contains a menu of evidence-driven strategies and accompanying measures and guidance for data collection.

- **Form a Strategy Team** on each topic area selected and ensure active member engagement in the CSLC monthly activities. Team membership can develop over time and should include key staff and partners for each child safety topic area selected. Strategy Team members can come from state or jurisdiction health departments, and/or from partner organizations from the public or private sectors.
- **Implement quality improvement strategies and tools**
- **Maintain leadership engagement throughout the cohort.** Senior leaders in each state/jurisdiction are expected to guide and support the Strategy Teams. The leaders are a critical part of catalyzing, implementing, spreading, and sustaining change. This support may require regular meetings, designing a feedback structure, and providing guidance to team members.

**Upcoming Dates to Launch Cohort 2**

- ❖ **Informational Webinar on applying for the CSLC (attend one)**
  - o February 26, 2025 from 3:00 PM to 4:00pm Eastern Time
  - o March 11, 2025 from 12:00-1:00pm Eastern Time
  - o March 27, 2025 from 2:00-3:00pm Eastern Time
- ❖ **Application Submission Closing Date:** April 11, 2025
- ❖ **Applicants are accepted and notified:** April 23, 2025
- ❖ **Orientation webinar (attend one)**
  - o May 20, 2025 from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM Eastern Time or
  - o May 22, 2025 from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM Eastern Time
- ❖ **Initial Technical Assistance Consultations** conducted with teams in May 2025 (scheduled individually)
- ❖ **Virtual Learning Session:** June 17 and 18, 12:00-3:00 EST each day, all team members should attend
- ❖ **Topic calls:** every other month beginning July 2025
- ❖ **Monthly reporting** begins June 2025

**Application Section 1: Questionnaire**

State/Jurisdiction:

**Child Safety Learning Collaborative Topic Selection**

1. Please select topic(s) your state would like to participate in. You may select up to 2.
  - Bullying Prevention
  - Drowning Prevention
  - Motor Vehicle Traffic Safety (includes child passenger safety and teen driver/passenger safety)
  - Sudden Unexpected Infant Death (SUID) Prevention

**Title V Alignment**

2. Which of the following injury-related NPMs did your state/jurisdiction select in its most recent Maternal and Child Health Block Grant application?

- #5: Percent of infants placed to sleep on their backs
- #7: Rate of injury-related hospital admissions per 100,000 children ages 0-9 years and adolescents ages 10-19 years
- #9: Percent of adolescents ages 12-17 years who are bullied
- None of the above

3. Are you able to access, collect, and report real-time data related to the topic(s) you selected above?

*Please select one.*

- Yes.
- Yes, we collect and report a limited amount of data.
- No, we do not have access at this time but would like to use our participation in the CSLC as a means of developing that capacity.
- We don't collect data on these topics.

3a. Please describe your state's/jurisdiction's experience and capability in accessing, collecting, and reporting real-time data related to the topic(s) you selected above (e.g., access to data from partners in child safety topic areas, working relationship with your state/jurisdiction epidemiologist, etc.).

4. In which of the following areas are you most interested in gaining peer support, knowledge, and resources?

	Not Interested	Somewhat Interested	Interested	Very Interested	Unsure
Quality Improvement					
Child Safety Expertise (Selected Topic Areas)					
Leadership and Management					
Other: (add text)					

5. Please explain why your state/jurisdiction wants to join the Child Safety Learning Collaborative and what your state/jurisdiction hopes to achieve in the Learning Collaborative. Please be as specific as possible.

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All applicants will be fully considered for participation in the CSLC, regardless of prior experience with quality improvement and/or using evidence-based or evidence-informed strategies. CSN will provide technical assistance throughout the Learning Collaborative in both of these areas.

**Application Section 2: Statement of Commitment**

To be considered for acceptance into the CSLC, this statement must be signed by both the MCH and IVP directors. Additionally, if the team point of contact is different than the above, they must also sign.

By signing this statement of commitment, I commit to full and active participation should my state/jurisdiction be selected to participate in the Child Safety Learning Collaborative. I approve of the state/jurisdiction staff’s participation, and there are no foreseeable barriers to their active engagement in the Learning Collaborative. I will make my best effort to participate in project activities and to ensure my state/jurisdiction Strategy Team(s) fulfills its responsibilities.

State/Jurisdiction			
<b>Learning Collaborative Team Member #1 – Maternal and Child Health Director</b>			
Name			
Signature			
Job Title			
E-mail Address		Phone Number	
Primary Point of Contact	Yes      No	Date	
	Topic(s):		

<b>Learning Collaborative Team Member #2 - Injury and Violence Prevention Director</b>			
Name			
Signature			
Job Title			
E-mail Address		Phone Number	

Primary Point of Contact	Yes      No Topic(s):	Date	
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**Learning Collaborative Team Member #3 - Primary Point of Contact if not already listed above**

Name			
Signature			
Job Title			
E-mail Address		Phone Number	
Primary Point of Contact	Yes      No Topic(s):	Date	