



The Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB), in cooperation with the Children's Safety Network (CSN), is currently running Cohort 1 of the Child Safety Learning Collaborative (CSLC) to reduce fatal and serious injuries among infants, children, and adolescents. CSN will launch Cohort 2 in May 2025, and applications will open in February. All Title V State/Jurisdiction Health Departments are eligible and encouraged to apply for this opportunity.

Participating in the CSLC has been a catalyst for a lot of other work – the team at CSN is incredibly supportive and take you through a practical approach to performance improvement and learning that can help you start some great work across your state and some wonderful partnerships.” -CSLC Member

If you are not funded through Title V, but wish to participate, please reach out to your state/jurisdiction 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, visit <https://mchb.hrsa.gov/programs-impact/title-v-maternal-child-health-mch-block-grant>

Benefits of Participation

By participating in the CSLC, your State/Jurisdiction (S/J) will have the opportunity to:

- Join a national network of peers to share lessons learned, conquer challenges, and implement and spread evidence-driven strategies to achieve state and national performance measures
- Participate in trainings, coaching, and technical assistance from nationally renowned experts
- Contribute to widely distributed resources including tip sheets, guides and webinars. Past participants have presented on national webinars and had their work highlighted at conferences and in published papers.
- Access a members-only, online workspace to easily track progress on your customized work plan
- Get early access to new child safety and program improvement resources and materials

Training and Technical Assistance

Topics for training and technical assistance, which can be customized specifically for your S/J, include:

- Topic specific best practices and emerging trends
- Building strong partnerships (including non-traditional partners and historically marginalized communities)
- Collecting, interpreting and sharing data to drive decision making and impact
- Continuous quality improvement (CQI)
- Health equity
- Adapting child safety interventions

Topic Areas

You may choose up to 2 topics initially. S/J can add additional topics in successive cohorts.

- Bullying Prevention
- Motor Vehicle Traffic Safety (includes child passenger safety and teen driver safety)
- Sudden Unexpected Infant Death (SUID) Prevention
- Suicide and Self-Harm Prevention
- Drowning Prevention



Overview and Commitment

- Participation in the CSLC does not come with additional funding. Opportunities for approved, project-related travel will be reimbursed.
- Each cohort of the CSLC is 18 months. Many S/J choose to continue on for successive cohorts, but this is not required.
- The next cohort will run from May 2025 – October 2026.
- Total participation time will vary from team to team with a minimum commitment of 2 hours/month. Depending on the month, this may include:
 - Member-only topic calls
 - State Technical Assistance Webinars
 - Taking advantage of targeted technical assistance and coaching
- Senior leaders in each state/jurisdiction are a critical part of catalyzing, implementing, spreading, and sustaining change and they are expected to guide and support the Strategy Teams. This support may require regular meetings, designing a feedback structure, and providing guidance to the team members.
- While having engaged state leadership is essential, each Strategy Team can choose their membership and internal leadership to best suit their context and strategic goals.
- Use of monthly reporting templates, CQI tools and data dashboards is encouraged to maximize the benefits of your participation.

Definitely worth the time! Eighteen months initially felt like a long time, but it turns out it isn't that long and the information you receive and the ability to share with your peers is well worth it. -CSLC Member

How to Apply

Applications will be released in March of 2025. You can keep updated on application materials, timelines for submission and find out more about the CSLC by visiting the [CSLC page on the Children's Safety Network website](#). We are here to support you and answer any question you may have about the benefits of participating in the CSLC, commitment, application process or anything childhood injury prevention related. Please reach out to us with any questions: Jenny Stern-Carusone, CSLC Director, at jsstern-carusone@edc.org or 617-618-2980.

Children's Safety Network Statement on Achieving Health Equity



In the United States, structural discrimination and inequitable access to health care has long led to worse injury and violence-related health outcomes for people from racial and ethnic minority groups, LGBTQ+ communities, people with disabilities, households with lower incomes, and rural communities. Evidence of this is all around us. It includes [higher rates of infant mortality for Black children](#) and [higher rates of suicide for American Indian/Alaska Native youth](#). The staff of Children's Safety Network views these inequities as a deeply rooted challenge to public health in our country.

For *all* infants, children and adolescents to be safe and healthy, we must commit to building programs, services, and systems that are more equitable and that address the impact of historic and present discrimination and exclusion among marginalized populations.



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