

The Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB), in cooperation with the Children's Safety Network, is opening applications to join the Child Safety Learning Collaborative (CSLC) to reduce fatal and serious injuries among infants, children, and adolescents.

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 local 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>

## 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
- Meet annually, in person, to learn from and network with your peers and experts in the field
- Inform 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 measures that you choose
- 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 traffic safety and teen driver/passenger traffic safety)
- Sudden Unexpected Infant Death (SUID) Prevention
- Suicide and Self-Harm 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 17 months. Many S/J choose to continue on for successive cohorts, but this is not required.
- The current cohort will run from December 2023 – April 2025.
- 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

Applicants are invited to apply for the Learning Collaborative using a brief application form and statement of commitment. To access the application form and get more information about the CSLC, visit the Children's Safety Network website at: <https://www.childrensafetynetwork.org/child-safety-learning-collaborative>

**Applications and statements of commitment should be completed by Wednesday, September 27, 2023 at 11:59pm Eastern Time.**

We are here to support you and answer any question you may have about the benefits of participating in the CLSC, 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](mailto:jsstern-carusone@edc.org) or 617-618-2980.



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