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ThinkFirst Injury Prevention

Ohio State University's trauma program's primary injury prevention initiative through the National ThinkFirst Injury Prevention Foundation is home to the ThinkFirst chapter of central Ohio.

ThinkFirst Programs

Kids

Kindergarten through fifth grade: Traffic safety, playground safety, sports safety, bicycle safety, school bus safety, pedestrian safety, water safety, safety around guns/knives and cartoon video with age-appropriate interactive activities.

Youth

Sixth to eighth grade: Traffic safety, sports safety, effects of drugs/alcohol, bullying and safety around guns/knives, a PowerPoint presentation with role-playing scenarios, class discussion and suggestions on how to handle peer pressure and Pre/Post test.

Teens

Ninth to 12th grade: Traffic safety, underage drinking, making positive choices and safety around guns/knives. A VIP (Voice for Injury Prevention – former trauma patient) also speaks to the audience, sharing personal experience of how life has changed as a result of making a poor choice.

Adults

A PowerPoint age-appropriate presentation. Emphasis is on traffic safety, effects of alcohol/drugs and suggestions on how to effectively talk to teens.



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The Ohio Violence & Injury Prevention Partnership (OIPP) is a comprehensive state-level injury prevention program to help every Ohioan live his or her life to the fullest potential by reducing death and disability associated with intentional and unintentional injuries.

ThinkFirst Site

CarTeens

CarTeens partners with juvenile courts mandating teen and parent participation as part of their restitution for traffic violations. The education includes law enforcement, ThinkFirst for teens, peer education, seat belts and airbags, speeding, impaired driving, drowsy and distracted driving, Ohio traffic laws, a VIP speaker and a post-test for teen offenders requiring a passing grade.



The Injury Prevention Program also participates in regional, state and local programs including:

- COTS (Central Ohio Trauma System) injury prevention program, a regional collaboration toward injury reduction for the citizens of central Ohio, with a primary focus on the Falls Prevention Initiative
- The Fatality Review Board for Franklin County. Membership includes representatives from trauma centers, law enforcement, county engineer, public health and other county officials. All motor vehicle deaths are reviewed for prevention opportunities including education, engineering design and legislative initiatives

- SafeKids and Safe Communities
- Ohio Injury Prevention Partnership (OIPP)
- Midwest Injury Prevention Alliance (MIPA)
- Older Adult Falls Committee
- National Safety Council Teen Safe Driving Coalition

Helpful Links:

<http://www.ohio4h.org/families/just-teens/carteens>
<https://wexnermedical.osu.edu/patient-and-vistor-guide/insurances-we-accept>
<https://wexnermedical.osu.edu/patient-and-vistor-guide/>
<https://wexnermedical.osu.edu/healthcare-professionals>

Message from the OIPP Chair, Alan Wedd

I'm very grateful for the opportunity to serve as the OIPP Chair for 2019. I first joined OIPP back in 2014 after being invited to present to the DAG. Since then, I've been fortunate to participate in OIPP as both the DAG Chair, and as member of the OIPP leadership team. I've had the opportunity to work on the OIPP strategic plan, facilitate quarterly OIPP meetings, and oversee the DAG's transition to a webinar format. The most rewarding part of the process has been the quarterly OIPP meetings, as they enable me to learn about all of the excellent work that OIPP members do throughout the state of Ohio. It's truly inspiring, and I look forward to the future as we work together to create a safe and injury free Ohio.



*Sincerely,
Alan Wedd
OIPP Chair*

(VIPS) Updates

Ohio Department of Health

- New ODH Director of Health
Amy Acton, MD MPH
- VIPS Staff Updates: Greg Stein (Child Passenger Safety, Teen Driving Program Consultant)
- Welcome new CDC Foundation staff: Krystal Sarcone and Alice Nyakeriga

Child Injury Action Group (CIAG)

Congratulations to the 2019 CIAG Pilot Project Recipients!

- **Ohio AAP** - developing an online training and updating policy information regarding bicycle helmet legislation
- **Putnam County Health Department** - implementing a diversion program for child passenger safety seat violations
- **Fairfield County Health Department** - facilitating a child maltreatment prevention and recognition training

The next round of Pilot Project funding will be out in the fall of 2019!

Save The Date

Policy System & Environmental Change – the Sequel
Thursday August 1st

Location:

Ohio University, College of Health Sciences and Professions
6805 Bobcat Way, suite 230/Dublin, Ohio 43016

This full day training will provide an in-depth look at PSEC for child injury, with an evaluation and sustainability component! A panel of successful projects will also be included. More information will be distributed via email.

Welcome to our newest CIAG Leadership Team Members!
If you have questions, please feel free to reach out to someone on the team!

<https://www.facebook.com/OhioCIAG>

Ohio Older Adults Falls Prevention Coalition (OOAFPC)

Leadership Team

New members have joined the Coalition's Leadership Team! The Coalition welcomed Cassie Harmon, Jake Collins, Jayne Call, and Marika Paul to the Leadership Team in February. The Coalition is also beyond thankful for the continued leadership and support of our existing liaisons and committee co-chairs.

Pilot Projects

The Coalition is excited to announce the 2019 Pilot Project recipients. A special thank you to the Promotion Committee for their assistance in reviewing many deserving projects and selecting this year's recipients.

- **Geauga Public Health** – Fall risk assessments and home modifications
- **Montgomery County** – Healer Within Foundation – Tai Chi in
- **Lorain County Public Health** – Home assessment and modifications
- **Richland County** – Ohio Health Mansfield Hospital – Stepping On in

Coalition Committees

The 2019 Fall Prevention Symposium was a great success! The one-day conference was held on March 29 in Columbus with over 200 professionals in attendance. The Coalition is very thankful for the dedication and hard work of the Awareness Committee who planned this educational, empowering event.

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Prescription Drug Abuse Action Group (PDAAG)

2019 Mini-Grants have been awarded to the following applicants. Congratulations!

- **Family Recovery Center** – Working to train and supply naloxone kits to inmates and provide follow-up care.
- **Madison County Public Health** – Creating ORT (Overdose Response Team) and working with peer support specialists to reduce unintentional overdoses.
- **Summit County Community Partnership** – Training on safe medication use, storage and disposal and distribution of deactivation pouches.

Save The Date

Friday, September 13th

"Project Dawn and Beyond"

Community naloxone distribution training hosted by PDAAG and ODH at the Quest Conference Center in Columbus. A registration fee of \$35 covers a continental breakfast and lunch. CEU's available for those who register by August 30th. More details coming soon!

OIPP Awards

2018 Promising Practice Award Winners

Columbus Public Health– Child Passenger Safety (CPS)

Columbus Public Health's Safe Kids Central Ohio Coalition did an informal survey of the parents and caregivers that were attending car seat checks. Safe Kids Central Ohio developed the CPS Waiting Room Cards and CPS Exam Room Cards while also being involved in an independent study funded by Columbus Public Health that surveyed pediatricians and family practice providers. The Exam Room Cards are helpful for engaging with the clients because they are simple to use and hit on key factors. The initiative of the program is to have all the providers saying the same consistent message, not to be experts. The CPS Waiting Room Cards were adopted by CIAG to be used as the CPS Toolkit.



Upper Arlington Fire Department –Community Assistance Referrals and Education Services (CARES)

Upper Arlington's Community Assistance, Referrals and Education Services (CARES) program was launched by the fire division in 2017. The program is focused on education and injury prevention to improve residents' lives, with specific programs including bike helmets for kids, CPR and AED training, and a Special Needs Registry. Over the past year, the Upper Arlington Fire Division (UAFD) has continued to explore how paramedics could evolve beyond their traditional emergency response roles to provide enhanced care to the community.



Fairfield Medical Center –Substance Abuse Stabilization Unit (SASU)

In 2013, Fairfield Medical Center started providing inpatient acute hospital detoxification level of care to individuals to combat the opiate epidemic and treat addiction. This program provides medical withdrawal management services for individuals dependent on opiates, alcohol, and/or benzodiazepines. The goal of the program is to provide patients with an environment that will allow them to safely withdraw from drugs of dependence in a respectful and dignified manner while using evidence-based practices to encourage continued sobriety. Certified by OhioMHAS, this four-bed program aims to educate, treat, and equip individuals and their loved ones with the necessary tools to begin their recovery journey.



2018 Champion Award Winner

Emily Lee, Cincinnati Children's Medical Center – Child Passenger Safety

Emily Lee is what the OIPP Champion truly stands for. She is an Injury Prevention Specialist at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center and chair of the CIAG Passenger Safety Committee. She also serves as the Occupant Protection Regional Coordinator for SE Ohio, among many other duties. At the national level, Emily is a recent member of the Child Passenger Safety Board where she was instrumental in influencing changes to the standardized CPS curriculum. As a member it was her role to work with others to oversee and maintain the technical quality, standardization and relevance of the CPS curriculum.



ODH Violence and Injury Data Updates

Syndromic Surveillance Drug Overdose Dashboard

Coming soon! This dashboard utilizes data from Ohio's syndromic surveillance system (EpiCenter), which collects real-time data from approximately 95 percent of emergency departments (ED) in Ohio. The interactive dashboard displays visualizations for suspected drug overdoses among Ohioans 11 years and older.

Recently Published Fact Sheets

- 2017 Ohio Drug Overdose Data: Demographic Summary
- Traumatic Brain Injury Mortality, Ohio, 2017
- Suicide Demographics and Trends, Ohio, 2017 (coming soon)

Data Action Group (DAG) Webinar

Save the Date: Thursday June 6, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.
The first presentation will be on the Ohio Human Services Data Warehouse (OHSDW), which provides regional and statewide data on homelessness.

The second presentation will be a demonstration of the new Syndromic Surveillance Drug Overdose Dashboard (see above for more details).

Data Links

ODH VIPS Injury Data and Publications:
www.odh.ohio.gov/injurydata

Ohio Public Health Data Warehouse:
<http://publicapps.odh.ohio.gov/EDW/DataCatalog>

OIPP Upcoming Events

- June 6, 2019: Data Action Group (DAG) Webinar
- September 22, 2019:
National Falls Prevention Awareness Day
- August 2, 2019: OIPP Meeting
- November 1, 2019:
Annual OIPP Meeting
OIPP 2019 Champion Award
OIPP 2019 Promising Practice Award
- Sign-up for Trauma Informed Care Training:
<https://www.aquifer.org/courses/trauma-informed-care/>

OIPP Membership

Please complete the online membership form to ensure that you will receive updates about OIPP. Please call 614-995-4520 or email Patricia Sheard at patricia.sheard@odh.ohio.gov with any questions regarding membership in OIPP.

Membership signup
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6XZ98MF>

CDC Success Story

Ohio: Using a Screening Model To Help Prevent Falls and Injuries Among the Elderly: <https://www.cdc.gov/phhsblockgrant/states/highlights/ohio2017.htm>