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Mission Statement

The Northeast Injury Prevention Network is committed to collaboration in support of state public health department injury prevention activities.

Objectives

- To compile and share state and regional injury data for use in program planning, evaluation and policy development
- To identify and act upon injury prevention issues that are of significance to the Northeast region
- To provide an opportunity for the exchange of information and resources among Network members
- To provide training opportunities on injury prevention and related issues
- To develop strategies to promote injury prevention as a critical public health issue

History (1985-1995)

The Northeast Injury Prevention Network has its origins in the New England Network to Prevent Childhood Injuries—the first regional childhood injury prevention coalition in the country. The Network, begun in 1985, was a partnership among state Maternal and Child Health directors, state injury prevention program directors, and Education Development Center staff. The Maternal and Child Health Bureau funded the Network for three years to:

- Foster understanding of the problem of injuries within state health departments
- Examine state and regional injury data for use in program planning
- Sponsor state projects using Network funds
- Convey injury prevention messages to professionals beyond health departments
- Forge injury prevention coalitions across state agencies to pursue common goals

Activities supported by the Network included:

- Four regional conferences (Partnerships for Injury Prevention: State and Federal Perspectives on Adolescent Injuries; Strategies for Preventing Motor Vehicle Injuries to Adolescent; Current Issues in Injury Data: Analysis, Dissemination, and Application; and Publicity and Advocacy for Injury Prevention)
- A brochure on the need to improve injury data (E Codes: The Missing Link in Injury Prevention)
- Audio-visual presentations (Keep Our Kids Safe; Community Action to Keep Our Kids Safe; and Keep Our Teens Safe)

- Production of other materials for injury prevention practitioners (Directory of Injury Prevention Professionals; Safety Supplies brochure; and Violence Prevention Curriculum for Adolescents)

The Northeast Injury Prevention Network builds upon the successes of these earlier accomplishments and continues to be a strong regional presence for injury prevention.

Network Accomplishments (1995–2005)

- Successfully secured outside funding from various federal agencies to support Network activities
- Held two training workshops, both supported by an MCHB training grant to the Harvard School of Public Health and Education Development Center: “Effective Strategies for Evaluating Community-Based Interventions,” (1997) and “Working Together to Protect Young Workers,” (1998).
- Prepared a summary statement for the Centers for Disease Control on the Northeast Network training needs requesting attention to this issue (1999).
- Produced Bi-regional Suicide Data Book (2000) and Poison Data Book (2004).
- Held two trainings for state suicide prevention teams through the Harvard Injury Control Research Center on program evaluation for suicide prevention (2002) and evidence-based best practices in youth suicide prevention (2003).
- Collaborated with the Harvard Injury Control Research Center and EDC to develop the National Center for Suicide Prevention Training which offers courses in suicide prevention topics over the internet (www.ncspt.org). To date, over 1,400 people from all 50 states and six countries have registered for the courses.
- Obtained funding and conducted an invitational conference on suicide prevention and planning (2000) and a regional poison prevention forum (2005).

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