



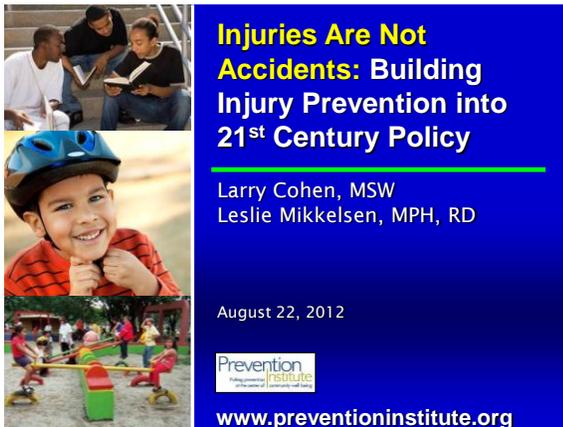
INJURY PREVENTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Building Injury Prevention into 21st Century Policy



Potential opportunities for Hawai'i include: strengthening the integration of injury and violence prevention services to mothers and children, co-locating health care and prevention efforts to improve community environments, and linking healthy aging with fall prevention efforts.

Mahalo to the Prevention Institute for sharing their expertise with us. The Prevention Institute website has several tools for organizations, communities and individuals to put prevention into practice. www.preventioninstitute.org

Larry Cohen, the Executive Director of the Prevention Institute, along with his colleague Leslie Mikkelsen, gave a special presentation to injury prevention partners, including IPAC and KIPC, on August 22 at The Queen's Conference Center. The event was co-sponsored by the Department of Health EMS & Injury Prevention System Branch and IPAC.

Injury prevention professionals can have a positive impact addressing emerging issues in chronic disease, the built environment, health care and health equity. Larry and Leslie's message encouraged partners to build on the numerous injury prevention policy and environmental successes, which include: child safety seats, safety caps on prescription drugs, minimum drinking age, speed limits and vehicle safety features.

Collaboration and partnerships are essential for advancing the field of injury prevention.

CDC Update

Heidi Holt, from the CDC's National Center for Injury Prevention and Control attended the July 20 IPAC meeting. Heidi is the Program Consultant for the Core Violence and Injury Prevention Program (Core VIPP) grant. IPCS was awarded this 5 year grant in 2011.

Heidi shared that injury prevention has a very small portion of the over CDC budget (2%). The CDC's National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC) is trying to partner more with other public health programs that have additional resources. NCIPC is also trying to focus on where injury prevention can have the most impact. This year, NCIPC lost \$3 million in funding and they had to reduce the number of Core VIPP funded states from 28 to 20.

1 Heidi emphasized that the success of a state health department injury prevention program is

reflected in the state's commitment and funding. The political environment and strong partnerships are also important. Ideally the state injury prevention program will help plant a seed and grow the effort for another partner to move the project forward.

Injury Prevention Policy

Several injury prevention bills and a key county ordinance were passed this spring. Thanks again to all the injury prevention partners who provided testimony in support of the injury prevention legislation. Some of the new laws include:

SB 2827, now ACT 276, allows for **Trauma Special Funds** to include injury prevention (IPCS) positions. The ACT now clearly states that injury prevention is a core component of a comprehensive trauma system.

The **Complete Streets** Honolulu County Ordinance, Bill 26, requires the four City and County departments working with Honolulu's roadways to accommodate access and mobility for all users of public highways, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, motorists, and persons of all abilities.

The **move over when passing** bill (HB 2030), now ACT 318, requires motorists to move over when passing stationary emergency vehicles on a highway.

The **concussion awareness** bill (HB 2273), now ACT 197, requires the Department of Education and the Hawaii High School Athletic Association to develop a concussion awareness program to provide guidelines for public and private schools.

HB 2626, now ACT 317, establishes a statewide **Safe Routes to School** program utilizing surcharges from traffic violations.

Cyberbullying is now an offense of harassment with the passage of HB 2295, now ACT 192.

Injury prevention policy priorities for the upcoming year include bullying prevention and motorcycle helmet usage. IPAC will discuss legislative priorities at the October IPAC meeting.

Hawaii Injury Prevention Plan, 2012-2017 and Injuries in Hawaii, 2007-2011

These two documents are at the graphic designers and will be printed by the October IPAC meeting.

Hawaii Injury Prevention Plan (2012-2017) includes the new recommendations that were reviewed and approved by IPAC over the last two years. These revised recommendations guide the current prevention efforts of IPCS and community partners.

The *Injuries in Hawaii (2007-2011)* databook is a comprehensive overview of fatal and nonfatal injuries across the state.

Key Injury Prevention Partners

At the IPAC meeting in July, injury prevention partners shared progress made in traffic safety, suicide prevention and fall prevention.

Traffic Safety

IPCS works closely with traffic safety partners including the Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) committees and the State Highway Safety Council (formerly Governor's Highway Safety Council). Kari Benes, IPCS' traffic safety coordinator, provides technical assistance in the development, implementation and evaluation of SHSP. Kari also co-chairs the State Highway Safety Council and is assisting with the current revision of the strategies in the SHSP.

Bobby Lung, from the Department of Transportation (DOT), described the partners involved with the SHSP. These partners include: Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, Department of Transportation Services and other county transportation agencies, Department of Health, police, fire, EMS, judiciary, prosecutors and community groups like Hawaii Bicycling League. All these partners are interested in reducing traffic-related injuries.

The revised HIPP, 2012-2017, includes recommendations related to motorcycle helmets usage, pedestrian safety and impaired driving. These traffic issues overlap with numerous strategies included in the revision of the SHSP.

Suicide Prevention

IPCS works closely with suicide prevention partners, including the Prevent Suicide Hawaii Task Force (PSHTF). Nancy Kern, IPCS' suicide prevention coordinator, staffs the statewide PSHTF and provides technical assistance to the county based committees.

The Department of Education is a key partner in suicide prevention efforts. Marty Hackel, from DOE, is also the chair of the PSHTF. He talked about specific policies that the DOE is working on regarding suicide prevention, intervention and post-vention (after a suicide occurs). Currently there are ASIST (suicide prevention gatekeeper training) trained staff on every DOE campus. There is a newly formed committee that will examine professional practice and make recommendations. Marty is actively recruiting leadership within the DOE to help ensure that policy recommendations developed will be implemented. DOE is building on Maui County's established policy.

In addition to enhancing ongoing suicide prevention training efforts, the revised HIPP, 2012-2017, also recommends developing suicide prevention messages for youth and

developing and promoting effective clinical and professional practices and policies. IPCS is working with Mental Health America on developing prevention messages for youth. In August, grand rounds at Queen's and Tripler were conducted by a suicide prevention professional from Washington state. IPCS will continue to work with the PSHTF and other partners to implement the HIPP recommendations.

Fall Prevention Among Older Adults

IPCS works closely with fall prevention partners, including the Fall Prevention Consortium and the Taskforce on Fall Prevention, assembled by the Executive Office on Aging (EOA) through the leadership of Wes Lum. Stan Michaels from IPCS, staffs the Fall Prevention Consortium and provides technical assistance to the fall prevention partners.

David Nakamaejo, a member of the Fall Prevention Consortium, shared how the revised HIPP recommendations are guiding the work of both the Taskforce and Consortium. The Taskforce, which is a high level group of stakeholders, developed strategies based on the HIPP recommendations. A final draft of the report will be shared with the Kupuna Caucus and other key partners for feedback. Once the report is approved, the Consortium will be responsible for implementing the strategies.

David is also in the process of revitalizing the Fall Prevention Consortium. By-laws were revised in the spring and a mission statement was developed based on the HIPP recommendations, which include: raising awareness about fall prevention; increasing the availability and accessibility of fall prevention programs statewide; and engaging professionals and community members in fall prevention activities. The Consortium is also being reconfigured to include 3 working groups that will focus on each of the HIPP recommendations.

Announcements

The Fall Prevention Consortium and Queen’s Medical Center are requesting volunteers at the **Senior Fair** during September 28-30 on Oahu. Seniors will be screened by occupational and physical therapists for balance and will learn about fall prevention from various community partners at the Senior Fair. Please contact Cora Speck (cspeck@queens.org) if you are interested in volunteering.

The **Hawaii Pacific Gerontological Society Conference** will be on September 10-11, 2012 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. Guest speakers and presenters, and a vast array of workshops will highlight the newest technology, innovations, businesses and programs for seniors.

<http://www.hpgs.org/advocacy-outreach.htm>

Attendees at July 20th IPAC Meeting

Susan Anderson (by phone), Therese Argoud, Kay Baker, Kari Benes, Robin Derbes, Martin Hackel, Larissa Hickok, Heidi Holt, Audrey Inaba (by phone), Elzy Kaina, Nancy Kern, Bob Lung, Bruce McEwan, Stan Michaels, David Nakemaejo, Lisa Nakao, Pamela Neff (by phone), Melissa Oshiro, David Sakamoto, Debbie Sanders, Cora Speck, Eric Tash and Myra Williams.

Upcoming IPAC meetings

Friday, October 19, 2012

Rehabilitation Hospital of the Pacific, third floor conference room, 12:00 Noon-1:30pm. Lunch and parking provided.

If you would like your activities or photos highlighted in the IPAC ebulletin, please send them to Debbie Sanders at IPICS (debra.sanders@doh.hawaii.gov)

PHOTOS - Anna Marie Later, Trauma Nurse Coordinator at Maui Memorial Medical Center promoted state and local injury prevention efforts with Jeny Bissell and other community partners at recent health fairs on Maui.

