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Aloha,

Welcome to the first issue of the [Injury Prevention, EMS & Trauma Newsletter](#). This web-based publication is a compilation of member spotlights, briefs and announcements assembled by the [Hawaii Department of Health, Emergency Medical Services & Injury Prevention System Branch](#). The objective of this bi-annual newsletter is to inform partners across the state of injury issues, activities, trainings, and milestones that are related to strengthening our Hawaii state trauma system and its integral capacity of preventing injuries.

Contributions are available under the following categories:

Member Spotlights: Highlights the notable contribution of individuals or partners in the field of emergency medical services, trauma and injury prevention in Hawaii.

Member Briefs: As the central component of the newsletter, briefs partners on emerging efforts, current issues, achievements and milestones to strengthen collaboration.

Member Reminders: Announces committee and conference dates, annual reports, emerging events, and trainings.

We all do great work; share the news, no matter the magnitude!

Submissions are included if they address the leading causes of injury and death in Hawaii and help to educate, support, and mobilize individuals and organizations to effectively work together in preventing injuries. Contributions for the Fall 2015 issue will begin in July, using the online [member update guide](#) or [online submission form](#). Please begin planning your submissions and encourage anyone interested to subscribe!



Support for Maui Pedestrian & Bicycle Master Plan



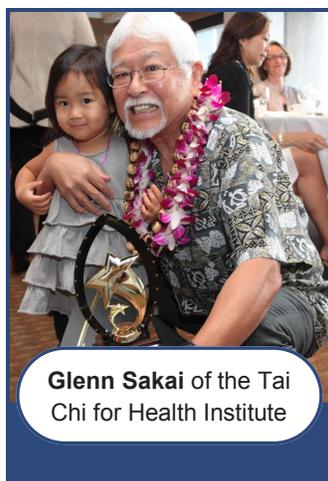
David Kingdon, MPH, Paramedic and [Injury Prevention Advisory Committee \(IPAC\)](#) - Steering Committee member, was [recognized in the Maui County Nutrition and Physical Activity Coalition \(NPAC\) November 2014 newsletter](#), for his [written testimony](#) in support of the [Central Maui Pedestrian & Bicycle Master Plan for 2030](#) as a guide to infrastructure improvements in Central Maui.

FIRST “END OF FALL” AWARDS

Stanley Michaels - Senior Fall Prevention Specialist

The Hawaii State Department of Health (DOH) in concert with the Fall Prevention Consortium and The Plaza at Moanalua honored four individuals for their outstanding achievements and dedication to promoting fall prevention efforts in Hawaii. On Dec. 29, Sen. Suzanne Chun Oakland, Michael Dowell of Stay At Home Modifications, Glenn Sakai of the Tai Chi for Health Institute (THCI), and Linda Mau, Public Health Nurse from the Island of Lanai, were each honored with a special trophy and proclamation at The Plaza Club in Honolulu. A special perpetual award will also be presented by DOH and the Consortium to The Plaza at Moanalua, an assisted living facility in Honolulu.

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Glenn Sakai of the Tai Chi for Health Institute

Former EMS Chief now Leader of Hawaii Health Systems Corporation

Nicholas L. Hines, MPH

“As the leader of HHSC I will assure that the important role of HHSC hospitals in the trauma system will be supported from the top.”



Photo by: Pacific Business News

Hawaii has received an [“A” grade for Public Health and Injury Prevention in the 2014 American College of Emergency Physicians \(ACEP\) Report Card for America’s Emergency Care Environment](#). The report card also ranked Hawaii second in the nation for injury prevention.

The above report helps confirm, along with so many other successful efforts, that Dr. Rosen's attention to developing multiple levels of infrastructure and the capacity of the trauma system will undoubtedly continue to contribute towards reducing deaths and injuries.

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BRIDGET VELASCO, PT, MPH,

“I am excited to dive back into injury prevention as the new drowning prevention coordinator at EMSIPSB.”



“Since drowning has been one of the leading causes of death for the last 20 years, we are thrilled to finally have a very capable full-time health educator for this injury area of such relevance to our island state!”

Therese Argoud, MPH- Injury Prevention and Control Section - Program Manager

“Bridget's experience in injury prevention, clinical practice, and love of ocean activities provides a great fit for the challenges of this position.”

Dan Galanis, PhD- Branch Epidemiologist





New Crash Map will help determine the safety of the New King St. cycle track are valid.

Kari Benes - Traffic Safety Coordinator



Since 2008, IPCS began incorporating available geographic information location data captured from 911 callers into crash maps. Updated crash maps are available online through 2014 - <http://bit.ly/crashmap>. The intention of these crash maps are to help both the community advocates and decision makers determine locations that present possible risks for road users. Much of this type of information has helped mobilize community partners to support what we now know as Complete Streets: www.completestreets.org. Currently, the data is being used by community advocates and decision makers alike to take a fresh look at their travel routes and assess potential risk. Advocates behind the recently completed King Street Cycle track recognized the King Street Corridor as an area that would serve as a connector for bicyclists between Downtown and East Oahu. They pushed for a dedicated lane to improve visibility, encouraging bicyclists to move from riding on the sidewalk to riding along with traffic and reducing risk to bicyclists and pedestrians as well.

With the mixed support behind the Cycle Track, I had to go see for myself what it was like. Prior to the installation of the Cycle Track, I would normally ride on Makai shoulder alongside the parked cars and buses. If I was town bound, I would ride along Young St. and pray every time I crossed a "left yield on green" intersection.

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Voices of Injury Prevention

Nicholas L. Hines, MPH - Core VIPP Grant Coordinator



Within the public health field sit formidable injury issues as well as strategies we utilize to prevent the outcome of death and disability. Storytelling is a powerful method of helping people effectively communicate important issues by describing the impact on their lives.

It's no secret that our policy makers really care about how injuries impact their constituents; our public health laws are shaped by the faces, names and personal stories of individuals who have suffered injuries. For this reason, on October 28th and 29th, 2014 the Hawaii State Department of Health (DOH), Injury Prevention and Control Section (IPCS), hosted an interactive storytelling workshop. The training, taught by [Jay Golden - CEO of Wakingstar Storyworks](#), consisted of four

groups, with four group members, focusing on injury prevention issues that included: Traffic Safety, Fall Prevention, Suicide Prevention and Drowning Prevention. Participants learned how to craft their personal or professional stories to effectively educate policymakers and the public.



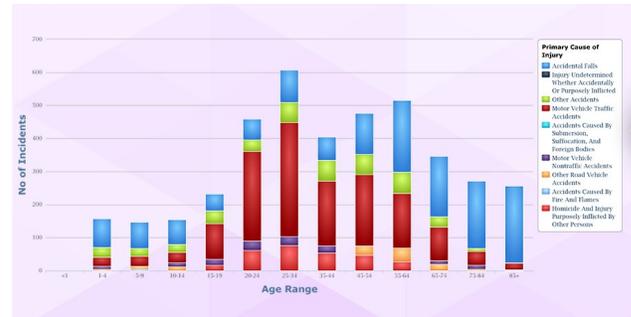
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ImageTrend.inc Captures Hawaii Trauma System with Infographics

Sherry Lauer RN, BSN - Hawaii State Trauma Program Coordinator

The Trauma System for the State of Hawaii continues to improve care across the State. Thanks to our new Trauma Registry by ImageTrend, our 2013 Infographic is available with aggregate data to provide trauma details. ImageTrend provided this infographic look at our state, and the data available on this infographic is just the tip of the iceberg.



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Hawai'i Child Passenger Safety Program

Lisa Dau, RN, BSN- Injury Prevention Coordinator for KMCWC

Traffic related injuries are one of the leading causes of death and injuries for children of all ages nationwide. Research from [Safe Kids Worldwide](#) shows that when child safety seats (car seats) are used correctly, they can reduce the risk of death by 71% for infants and 54% for toddlers; however, 4 out of 5 car seats are used incorrectly. The National Child Passenger Safety Certification (CPS) Training Program certifies individuals as child passenger safety technicians and instructors.

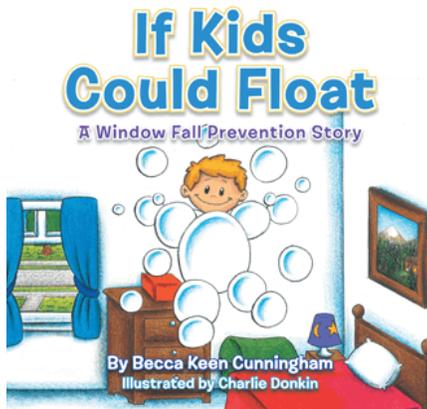


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Prevention of Pediatric Falls from Buildings in Hawaii

Dr. Elizabeth Woods MD, MAJ, US Army - Keiki Injury Prevention Coalition Member



Falls from windows and lanais continue to be a significant risk for our island's keiki and the surrounding Western Pacific. We estimate that there are approximately 80 falls per year on Oahu alone. Those 80 falls represent the ones that come to the attention of medical providers or enter the trauma registry.

Unfortunately this underestimates the actual number as some families do not seek medical care if the child appears uninjured. The risk is real. In 2011, a 4 year old military child, Evan English fell from a 2nd floor window. Evan's injuries resulted in traumatic brain injury and despite surgical interventions and life saving measures, he could not be saved. This year we have had several significant injuries including skull fractures and brain injuries. The [Keiki Injury Prevention Coalition](#) and the Western Pacific Pediatric Injury Prevention Network are working on developing interventions to prevent these tragic incidents.

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Hawaii Cribs for Kids

Lisa Kimura, MBA - Executive Director of Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition
Keiki Injury Prevention Coalition Member

Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition of Hawaii (HMHB) introduced the comprehensive “Hawaii Cribs for Kids” program in March 2013. This program is the first of its kind in Hawaii and provides culturally appropriate, family-based safe sleep education to high-risk, low-income families and a free GRACO Pack N Play® crib to families who cannot otherwise afford to provide a safe place for their baby to sleep. In a nearly two-year span, “Hawaii Cribs for Kids” has assisted 104 Oahu families and has distributed 109 cribs. All families have reported an increase in safe sleep knowledge, as well as the adoption of safe sleep practices.



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Ho‘oikaika Partnership Provides Protective Factors Training on Moloka‘i

Karen Worthington, JD - Ho‘oikaika Partnership Coordinator

The Ho‘oikaika Partnership is a coalition of more than 40 Maui County agencies and individuals committed to preventing child abuse and neglect. Through public awareness activities and training events, the Ho‘oikaika Partnership aims to reduce the incidence and prevalence of child maltreatment in Maui County.



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supported and safe.*

Over the last year the Partnership has focused on teaching service providers to use the protective factors framework as a strategy to prevent child abuse. On February 12-13, 2015, the Partnership hosted a two-day conference on Molokai: "Bringing the Protective Factors Framework to Life in Your Work."

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Increasing Our Region’s Injury Prevention Capacity

David Kingdon, MPH -Assistant Professor of EMS (UH/KCC)
Paramedic Team Leader (Maui County EMS/AMR)



At the Maui EMS Training Center, we have been working to increase our region’s injury prevention capacity, in particular through presenting the Hawaii Injury Prevention for Emergency Services curriculum to new EMS students and existing EMT and MICT (paramedic) providers. This includes a 2013 cohort of EMT students and a 2014-15 cohort of MICT students. In addition, we continuously seek opportunities for community outreach and collaboration.

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Trainings & Events

- Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children will participate in the [YMCA of Honolulu Healthy Kids Day](#). You're invited to join us at the Bishop Museum on Saturday, April 11 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm! This event will highlight education around keiki injury prevention.

Lisa Dau, RN, IBCLC, CPSTI - LisaDa@kapiolani.org

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- [Keiki Injury Prevention Training](#) hosted by Hilo Medical Center Learning Center, 2nd floor, March 31, 2015, is limited to Hilo Medical Center staff and employees, DOH nurses, three spots for East Hawaii Perinatal Consortium members.

Audrey K. Inaba, R.N. - Hilo DOH Maternal and Child Health, 808-974-4292 - Audrey.Inaba@doh.hawaii.gov

Read [Hilo Medical Flyer Here](#)

- **ASIST : Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training**

Thursday, April 9th AND Friday, April 10th at Kalaheo Neighborhood Center

4480 Papalina Road, Kalaheo, HI 96741, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm for BOTH days.

Requiring [two full days of participation](#), it is a very interactive and informative workshop. It prepares those in the community who are willing and able to be a caregiver by teaching them how to conduct a suicide risk assessment and how to establish a safety plan with a person having thoughts of suicide. The training uses a variety of methods including videos, group discussion in order to prepare you to be a care-giving resource with your community.

Nancy Deeley MPH - Suicide Prevention Coordinator

Read [Full ASIST & safeTALK Flyers Here](#)



Trainings & Events

- [Hickam Communities](#) provides Hawaii's military families with quality homes and friendly neighborhoods. Your participation is requested for one emerging event! SAVE THE DATE for the [National Night Out](#) event planned for Tuesday, August 4, 2015 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Ka Makani Community Center. The success of this event is largely due to the partnership and contribution of your time and expertise. [National Night Out](#) will be a fun afternoon of activities, entertainment, food, games and prizes for our Hickam Communities' families. *This includes promoting individual and community injury prevention awareness*; we kindly request your participation.



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- **Trauma Research Support** - Do you have a great research idea, a mountain of data you need analyzed, or trouble finding collaborators/funding? Maybe you need help writing an IRB application or getting that manuscript written? If any of those things keep you frustrated and up late at night, fear not, you have help! Send your queries to, or stop in and chat with, Chad Walton, the Director of Trauma Research. His focus is on statewide trauma research efforts with a particular penchant for interdisciplinary, inter-institutional and translational projects. Everyone is encouraged to drop in and bounce ideas off him, or solicit support, as he describes himself as a "serial researcher" and maintains an open door policy.



Chad Walton, PhD - University Tower (QUT) Queen's Medical Center Campus, Room 601
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- **Know before you go:** Hawaiian Lifeguard Association's mobile website allows you to check ocean conditions at all lifeguarded beaches. <http://hawaiibeachsafty.com>



Bridget Kaumeheiwa Velasco, PT, MPH - Drowning and Spinal Cord Injury Prevention Coordinator



Trainings & Events

- April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Maui Mayor Alan Arakawa will sign a proclamation for Prevent Child Abuse Month and also for the Month of the Young Child at a public event on the county building lawn from 9am to 11am on Monday April 6, 2015. The event, free and open to the public, is sponsored by Prevent Child Abuse Hawaii, The Friends of the Children's Justice Center of Maui, and the Ho'oikaika Partners. It is planned in coordination with the Maui County Early Childhood Resource Coordinator. Children attending the event will be treated to a concert by "Uncle Wayne." Educational materials will be available for the public and speakers will talk about child abuse prevention and the protective factors.



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Karen Worthington, JD - Please contact info@hooikaikapartnership.com for more information.

Conferences

Hawaii State Fall Prevention Conference

Friday October 16, 2015
Hawaii Convention Center, Honolulu, Hawaii

Presented by The Fall Prevention Consortium and the
DOH-Emergency Medical Services Injury Prevention Systems Branch

Save the Date - Friday, October 16, 2015

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2015 Annual Prevent Suicide Hawai'i Healing after Conference

The 2015 Annual Prevent Suicide Hawai'i Healing after Conference, "E Mālama Ola (Caring for Life)" will take place on Thursday, April 30, 2015 at the Waikoloa Beach Marriott Resort on Hawai'i Island. Also included FREE, in the conference price of \$85, are pre and post conference workshops. On Wednesday (April 29th) there will be the ARMY Suicide Intervention (ACE S/I) Civilian Trainer the Trainer course, and on Friday, (May 1st) "Mental Health First-Aid Training", sponsored by Mental Health America-Hawaii. CEUs will be given for attendance at the Conference and Workshops. Participants will join colleagues, friends and neighbors to share in a gathering of people interested in suicide education, awareness, prevention, intervention and supportive care. The Conference is designed to meet the broad-based needs found here in Hawai'i. There will have be a powerful opportunity for networking, learning, personal sharing and discovering how you can make a difference.



Workshop topics include: Safe messaging and responsible media reporting; combating suicide in the military, suicide in the LGBT community, stories from attempt survivors, and bullying, to name just a few. For more information contact: **Larry Water, Conference Chair** safeinhawaii@gmail.com Conference overview and registration can be found at below.

Register <http://waikoloaconference.weebly.com/registration.html>



Resources and Tools

- [VetoViolence](#) : CDC's VetoViolence Facebook and Twitter accounts have been refreshed with new information, interactive tools, and resources – as well as the trainings. #vetoviolence
- **The National Center for Injury Prevention and Control** is pleased to announce that [WISQARS™](#) ([Web-based Injury Statistics Query and Reporting System](#)) updated to include 2013 data from the National Vital Statistics System. As well, the [WISQARS: Injury on the Go App](#) and [Tutorials Now Available for WISQARS™](#)
- **Public Health Training Centers (PHTC)** program provides training, research, evaluation, and communications services to support public health organizations. Click the link below to learn more about free public health education services across the nation.
[Read About PHTC](#)
- The **Public Health Training Hui** will host a series of Healthcare Professionals' Teleconference Trainings in 2015.
[Read Training Flyer](#)
- **The Safe States Alliance** is pleased to present the [State of the States: 2013 Report](#). The 2013 report serves as the only national assessment of capacity among state public health injury and violence prevention programs. The 2013 report features comprehensive information about state injury and violence prevention programs in the United States.
[Read Full Report Here](#)
- **The Western Pacific Injury Prevention Network** began in 2011 as a result of a CDC-funded initiative for a Regional Network. Washington State was awarded the grant to convene Health and Human Services regions 9 and 10 and the US Affiliated Pacific Islands. Julie Alonso, Injury Specialist for Washington, coordinates the regional project by planning and providing facilitation to build capacity amongst membership. Membership is open to all injury and violence prevention state and territorial staff, injury control research centers and public and private sector injury prevention advocates within the region. We work collaboratively through shared leadership to exchange information and resources, share best practices, and strengthen the relationships of all members in order to build injury and violence prevention capacity across the network.

Our current framework provides the following opportunities:

 - [List-serve](#) members receive a monthly email update, workforce development opportunities, and funding announcements that impact the region.
 - [Learning Sessions](#) are held every other month on the 4th Wednesday via webinar or conference call. Topics and presentations vary based on need.
 - [Peer Learning Teams](#) are topic or risk area focused small groups that meet as needed to share best practice and resources specific to their work. We currently have the following teams: Adult Falls, Child Injury, and Injury Epidemiology & Research.
 - [Window Falls Regional Workgroup](#) is a sub-group that formed in 2014 to develop a regional action plan to prevent window falls in Washington, Oregon, and [Hawaii](#).



Julie Alonso - WPIPN Regional Network Leader Coordinator, Washington State Department of Health, Julie.Alonso@doh.wa.gov

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