



Western Pacific Injury Prevention Network

Health and Human Services Regions 9 & 10 and US Affiliated Pacific Islands

Regional Network Report

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Who we are:

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. 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.

What we do:

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.

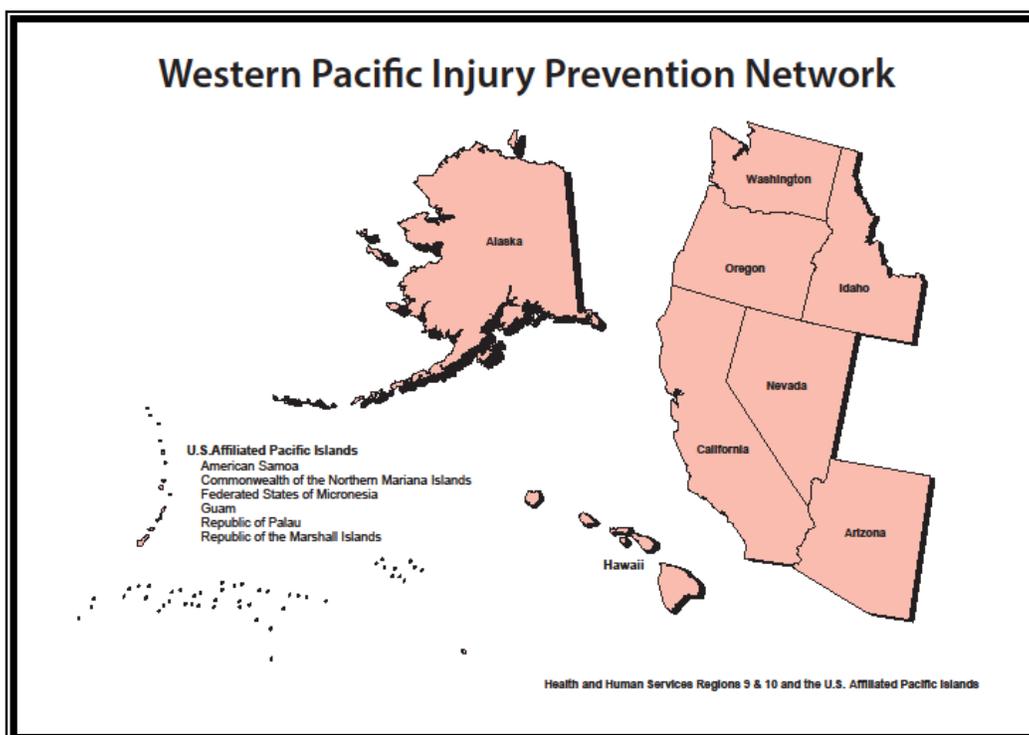
Our current framework provides the following opportunities

List-serve members receive periodic email updates, 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.

Window Falls Regional Workgroup formed in 2014 to develop a regional action plan to prevent window falls.



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The WIPN network accomplishes our goal of strengthening injury and violence prevention programs in the region primarily through learning sessions held every other month and small group, topic specific networking opportunities. At the close of our third year of funding, we have 67 network members and have experienced several notable accomplishments.

Notable Accomplishments:

- Held six learning sessions engaging federal and state presenters and participants from outside the region, expanding membership by 35 new regional members.
- Formed four peer learning teams to increase information exchange and strengthen networking.
- Increased membership and participation across the region with enhanced peer-to-peer networking.
- Network provided letters of support to four states with federal funding requests.
- Provided financial support for two members to attend the Regional Window Falls Forum held in Vancouver, WA in 2014.

To ensure we are successful and meet regional needs, the network participated in the annual evaluation survey and the consumer satisfaction survey. Successes and challenges from the survey were used to create our fourth year action plan. Here is a summary of the successes and challenges noted by members:

Successes

- Increased opportunities to gain knowledge, skills and seek support through network connections and training.
- Peer Learning Teams are a good format for sharing resources and networking.
- Network leadership is responsive and helpful at facilitating connections.
- Creation of a regional project to prevent window falls.

Challenges

- More active and diverse participation from all states and Pacific Islands is desired.
- More guidance on ways to connect and learn through peer learning teams is desired by members.
- Improve connections among members.
- Lack of injury prevention support/ funding in the region, to include Injury Control and Research Centers.

Regional Highlight

Preventing Window Falls: A Regional Forum

Noting an increase in window falls within the region, we formed the Regional Window Falls Prevention Workgroup. The workgroup includes diverse representation from four states within the region: Washington, Oregon, Hawaii, and Nevada. Early workgroup discussions identified shared challenges with window falls and benefits from leveraging limited resources to gain broader support. On June 16, the workgroup hosted a Regional Window Falls Prevention Forum with participants from organizations including the Consumer Product Safety Commission, building code council, military housing, housing authority, non-profit organizations, public health (local and state), hospitals, EMS, fire, legal, and parent advocates from Washington, Oregon, and Hawaii. Dr. Brian Johnston from Washington's Harborview Medical Center presented research and evidence of effective countermeasures to prevent falls. Military housing and officials in Hawaii participated due to the prevalence of falls within that population. This stimulated ideas and discussion on developing a model for the military community for replication elsewhere. As an outcome of the Forum, the workgroup agreed to develop a regional action plan based on Dr. Johnston's research and recommendations. Planned activities include unified messaging, a regional website/resource, and specific interventions with partners including military housing.