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News and Updates

2023 Indiana Black and Minority Health Fair

The Division of Trauma and Injury Prevention was pleased to participate in the 2023 Indiana Black and Minority Health Fair last month. Our team members provided naloxone training, and we also shared a wide selection of information on preventing overdose, suicide, falls, drowning, and more. Thank you to all of our community members who stopped by to learn more about our work at the Division. It was a pleasure to meet you all!



White House releases National Response Plan to address emerging threat of fentanyl combined with xylazine

In the continued efforts to fight the dangerous and deadly combination of xylazine mixed with fentanyl, the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) released a National Response Plan to coordinate a whole-of-government response against this threat. Earlier this spring, ONDCP Director Dr. Gupta used an executive designation authority to designate fentanyl combined with xylazine as an emerging threat to the United States and proactively address this dangerous threat head-on.

[CLICK THIS LINK](#) to learn more about the National Response Plan and its action steps.

Illicitly manufactured fentanyl-involved overdose deaths with detected xylazine

In 2022, provisional data indicated that more than two thirds (68%) of the reported 107,081 drug overdose deaths in the United States involved synthetic opioids other than methadone, principally illicitly manufactured fentanyls (IMFs). Xylazine, a nonopioid sedative not approved for human use and with no known antidote, has been increasingly detected in IMF products in the U.S. drug supply and in IMF-involved overdose deaths.

Among 21 jurisdictions, the monthly percentage of IMF-involved deaths with xylazine detected increased 276% from January 2019 (2.9%) to June 2022 (10.9%). During January 2021–June 2022 in 32 jurisdictions, xylazine was detected in a higher percentage of IMF-involved deaths in the Northeast U.S. Census Bureau region; listing xylazine as cause of death varied across jurisdictions.

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Hospital network collaborates to boost suicide prevention

Indianapolis-based Community Health Network is part of a new group of hospitals working together to stop suicide.

Julie Goldstein Grumet, vice president for suicide prevention strategy at the Education Development Center and director of the Zero Suicide Institute, said hospitals in the initiative will test, implement, refine and scale up innovations to improve the care provided to patients at risk.

In the next 14 months, participating hospitals will share their experiences to accelerate learning. The Suicide Care Collaborative Improvement and Innovation Network is a collaboration by The Pew Charitable Trusts and the Education Development Center.

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Pedestrian fatalities reach record high

More than 7,500 pedestrians were killed by drivers last year, the highest number in more than 40 years, according to a new report from the Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA).

The report, which is based on data reported by 49 states and the District of Columbia, highlights a troubling trend in the U.S., which is almost unique among developed nations. Pedestrian deaths are increasing more quickly than other types of traffic fatalities, according to the report. Pedestrian deaths have increased 77 percent since 2010 while other traffic deaths have increased 25 percent.

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Opportunities

National Collaborative on Gun Violence Research Announces \$3.1M in new funding for research on red flag laws

The National Collaborative on Gun Violence Research (NCGVR) will award more than \$3 million in funding for research on extreme risk protection orders (ERPOs), also known as gun violence restraining orders or red flag laws. The funding round will be open to research on all aspects of ERPOs.

[CLICK THIS LINK](#) to learn more about this funding opportunity. Letters of interest are due on September 5, 2023.

Upcoming Events

2023 Injury Control Research Centers Webinar Series

When: August–December

CDC's National Center for Injury Prevention and Control funds Injury Control Research Centers (ICRCs) to study ways to prevent injuries and violence and to work with community partners to put research findings into action. The ICRC Program forms a national network of nine comprehensive academic research centers that focus on three core functions—research, training, and outreach. Staff and students from nine CDC-funded ICRCs will present their work during 2023 ICRCs Webinar Series.

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What's Next? Health Equity Summit

When: Aug. 17–18

The Summit discusses how addressing health equity benefits all community members, demonstrates examples of health equity in action from around the state, and highlighted opportunities for cross-sector collaboration to advance equity. Participants will leave with concrete action steps to continue their learning and advocacy and plenty of resources and connections to support ongoing learning and long-term equity work.

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Safe States Annual Injury and Violence Prevention Conference

When: Sep. 11–13

Where: Denver, CO

The Safe States Alliance is a non-profit organization and professional association whose mission is to strengthen the practice of injury and violence prevention. Join their annual conference to attend learning opportunities on exciting approaches and topics in injury prevention, such as Action Health Equity in Injury Prevention, Innovative Intersections in Prevention, and Community-Based Approaches.

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Midwest Injury Prevention Alliance Summit

When: Nov. 30

Save the date for the Annual MIPA Summit: All Systems Go! - Injury and Violence Prevention through Innovative Discovery and Practice. Registration information coming soon.

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