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### October 2015 Calendar of Events:

**October 15-16 - Emergency Nursing Pediatric Course** (ENPC), (Memorial Hospital, Medical Arts Building, 721 West 13th Street, Jasper, IN 47546)

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**October 16 - Acute Care in Neurotrauma Symposium** (IU Health Neuroscience Center, 355 W. 16th St., Indianapolis, IN 46202) Sign up at: [http://cme.medicine.iu.edu/cme-activities/live-courses-and-conferences/](http://cme.medicine.iu.edu/cme-activities/live-courses-and-conferences/)
On September 1, the Division of Trauma and Injury Prevention hosted two representatives from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for the Indiana Violent Death Reporting System (INVDRS) site visit. Ms. Rebecca Wilson and Dr. Katie Fowler serve as the CDC project officer and science officer, respectively for the INVDRS project. The purpose of the site visit was to show the progress made on the INVDRS project over the past year and plans for the coming years. The INVDRS staff gave an in-depth presentation on the data collection process, statewide implementation and data dissemination plan, and an update of the current
data in the INVDRS. Seven advisory board members were also able to meet with Rebecca and Katie. The advisory board members brought excellent questions which facilitated discussion.

The next INVDRS advisory board meeting will be **December 15 at 1 p.m.** at the ISDH. If you are interested in joining the INVDRS advisory board please contact Rachel Kenny at rkenny@isdh.in.gov.
This year, the Child Fatality Review Program at ISDH hosted five regional Sudden Unexplained Infant Death Investigation (SUIDI) trainings throughout the State, and trained more than 430 First Responders (DCS – 185, LE – 160, Coroners – 40, Prosecutor’s Office representatives – 17, EMS/Fire - 8) serving 79 Indiana counties. Education and resources were provided to infant death investigators in order to help:
• Improve the classification of sleep-related infant deaths by standardizing data collection
• Guide investigators through the steps involved in an investigation
• Investigators gather the information needed to answer the top 25 questions that medical examiners and coroners should ask before beginning an autopsy
• Investigators document their findings easily and consistently
• Produce information that researchers can use to recognize new threats and risk factors for sudden unexpected infant death (SUID) and sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS).

About 3,500 US infants die suddenly and unexpectedly each year although the causes of death in many of these children can’t be explained as most occur while the infant is sleeping in an unsafe sleeping environment. Law enforcement, first responders, death scene investigators, coroners, and forensic pathologists all play a role in carrying out the case investigation. A thorough case investigation includes: an examination of the death scene, an autopsy and a review of the infant’s medical history.

The Indiana Violent Death Reporting System (INVDRS) utilizes the Child Fatality Review (CFR) as an additional data source within INVDRS for child deaths. Both programs use confidential reporting systems to collect data for analysis and examine extensive background and circumstance information on victims, suspects, relationships, weapons and life events related to the incident to identify examining associated risk factors and warning signs to prevent future death. INVDRS and CFR share common data providers, users, and stakeholders.

Indiana Prevention Advisory Council (IPAC) Recap
The Indiana Injury Prevention Advisory Council met for the third time this year on September 17 at the ISDH offices. The meeting featured an update on the progress of collecting violent death information from Rachel Kenny, Indiana Violent Death Reporting System (INVDRS) Epidemiologist. Jessica Schultz also updated the group on several ISDH activities, including the new Injury Prevention Resource Guide and soon to be released application for phones and
The meeting notes, presentation, agenda, and handouts can be found online at the IPAC website: http://www.in.gov/isdh/25395.htm.

The next IPAC meeting is December 10. Sally Thigpen, MPA, Health Scientist in the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control at the CDC will be the main speaker. She will present on understanding evidence and programs. More information about this meeting will be sent out later. The 2016 meeting dates are:

- **Friday**, March 18, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. EST
- **Friday**, July 15, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. EST
- **Friday**, September 16, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. EST
- **Friday**, November 18, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. EST

Please contact Injury Prevention Epidemiologist Jessica Schultz at JSkiba@isdh.in.gov for more information.

Indiana Injury Prevention Resource Guide
2015, First Edition

**PREVENTING INJURIES IN INDIANA**

**A RESOURCE GUIDE**

**2015 EDITION**

The Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) Division of Trauma and Injury is pleased to
provide the first edition of this comprehensive Resource Guide on injuries affecting Hoosiers. By accessing, analyzing and compiling data and evidence-based resources from a wide variety of sources, the Resource Guide describes some of the issues related to injury and the strategies to address the immense toll that injuries take on the lives of Indiana residents. Injuries are a major public health problem and require resources and programming to reduce this toll. This Resource Guide aims to inform injury prevention interventions. The Indiana Injury Prevention Resource Guide is now available in PDF format. You can access the information from the Indiana State Department of Health website: http://www.in.gov/isdh/files/Preventing_Injuries_in_Indiana.pdf. Individual topic selections can be downloaded here: http://www.in.gov/isdh/25396.htm.

The ISDH’s Injury Prevention Resource Guide will provide you with data and evidence-based resources from a variety of organizations that serve the families in Indiana. There are currently 10 injury prevention topics in the resource guide:

- Trauma & Trauma System
- Older Adult Falls
- Alcohol & Injury
- Child Maltreatment
- Prescription Drug Overdose
- Sexual Violence
- Infant Safe Sleep
- Distracted Driving
- Traumatic Brain Injury
- Suicide Prevention

We intend the document to be updated regularly with new data and resources and with additional injury topics, including child passenger safety, homicide/interpersonal violence, and poisoning prevention, among other topics. The Indiana Injury Prevention Resource Guide will soon be launched in an iOS and Android application for injury prevention at your fingertips. Questions can be directed to Jessica Schultz at 317-233-7716 or by email:
ISDH, Division of Trauma and Injury Prevention New Staff Additions

Two new staff members have joined the ISDH, Division of Trauma and Injury Prevention.

Marion Chaloux will be our new INVDRS Records Consultant. She graduated from George Mason University with a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology and Forensic Science and from the University of Indianapolis with a Master of Science in Human Biology. She worked at the University of Indianapolis prior to joining ISDH.

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Lauren Savitskas is the new Injury Prevention Program Coordinator. She graduated from Indiana University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism and a Master's degree in Public Health from the Richard M. Fairbanks School of Public Health with a concentration in Social and Behavioral Sciences. She worked at the King County Health Department in Seattle, Washington prior to joining ISDH.

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Labor of Love Infant Mortality Summit
The Indiana State Department of Health will host the third annual Labor of Love Infant Mortality Summit on Friday, November 6 at the JW Marriott in downtown Indianapolis. The focus of this year’s Summit will be the health disparities that increase the risk of infant death in our state. The Summit will feature national experts in infant mortality, health disparities, health information technology, health coverage and many more important topics. The information provided during this Summit will give you the tools that you need to talk to parents and families about what they can do to prevent these deaths from happening. Registration is now open on the Labor of Love Infant Mortality Summit at http://www.infantmortalitysummit-indiana.org/.

22nd Annual Trauma & Surgical Critical Care Symposium, October 16
Indiana Attorney General Zoeller will host the Sixth Annual Prescription Drug Abuse
Symposium on October 28 – 29, at the Westin Downtown Indianapolis. The program is expected to draw 800 attendees from around Indiana and some from bordering states. As in year’s past, attendance will be state legislators, law enforcement, physicians, nurses, health officials, pharmacists, mental health providers, education professionals, advocates and representatives from federal, state and local government agencies. The goal is to target strategies to more aggressively combat this multi-faceted public health epidemic.

For more information, visit: http://www.in.gov/bitterpill/symposium.html
To register, visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/6th-annual-prescription-drug-abuse-symposium-tickets-17987317551

October is National Bullying Prevention Month

October is National Bullying Prevention month. The Parent Advocacy Coalition for Education Rights (PACER) National Center for Bullying Prevention reports one of every four students will be bullied this year. This year’s Prevention month campaign theme is “The End of Bullying Begins with Me.” The campaign includes activities, education, and awareness for bullying prevention. PACER created the campaign in 2006 to encourage everyone to take an active role in preventing bullying. Unity Day is Wednesday, October 21, when everyone can come together - in schools, communities, and online—to unite against bullying and unite for kindness, acceptance, and inclusion. For more information about National Bullying Prevention month,
Fire Prevention Week, October 4-10

October 4-10 is the 93rd annual Fire Prevention Week, hosted by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). The 2015 campaign theme is "Hear the Beep Where You Sleep: Every Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Alarm!" The key message is to install smoke alarms where people sleep in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of your home, including the basement. Larger homes may need more alarms. According to the latest NFPA research, working smoke alarms reduce the chance of dying in a fire in half. The NFPA offers these fast facts for smoke alarms:

- Half of home fire deaths happen between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m., when most people are sleeping
- People may have only 1-2 minutes to escape once the alarm sounds. If the smoke alarm is not near the sleeping area, it may take longer to wake someone and limit reaction time.
- For the best protection, install interconnected smoke alarms in your home. When one sounds, they all sound.
- Make sure your smoke alarms are less than 10 years old. Look on the back of the alarm for the date of manufacture.
Kentucky Statewide Trauma and Emergency Medicine Symposium,
November 4-6
SAVE THE DATE  November 4-6, 2015

2015  
The Kentucky Statewide Trauma  
and  
Emergency Medicine Symposium

November: 4 – Pre Conferences
November: 5-6—General Conference

This event will be sponsored by University of Louisville Hospital, Kosair Children’s Hospital, University of Kentucky Hospital, and University of Kentucky Children’s Hospital

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Additional Information
**National Teen Driver Safety Week: October 19-25:**
- 2,614 teen drivers were involved in fatal crashes in 2013. Get your teens involved in the #5toDrive campaign. [http://www.safercar.gov/parents/TeenDriving/livetodrive.htm](http://www.safercar.gov/parents/TeenDriving/livetodrive.htm) #SafetyIN
- Here’s a rule of the road for your #teendriver from @NHTSAgov: No cell phones, period. #distracteddriving #5toDrive #SafetyIN

**Halloween Safety: October 26-31**
- Wear bright & reflective #Halloween costumes. Make sure shoes fit well & costumes are short enough to prevent tripping #SafetyIN
- You’re bobbing for a bad apple this #Halloween if you drive drunk. #DriveSober or Get Pulled Over #SafetyIN

**Daylight Saving Time Ends: October 30:**
- Clocks will "fall back" one hour on Sunday at 2:00 am for daylight saving time. Check smoke alarms & replenish emergency supply kits #SafetyIN

The Indiana Trauma Network has many events throughout the year. Visit the webpage [http://bit.ly/1HKSfkj](http://bit.ly/1HKSfkj) to find which events interest you the most!

**Hospitals who have submitted data to the registries** (under the Trauma Registry Rule-update) [http://www.in.gov/isdh/25942.htm](http://www.in.gov/isdh/25942.htm)

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