



# OHIO

## Core State Violence and Injury Prevention Program

**BASE COMPONENT** | \$250,000

### OVERVIEW

Injuries are the leading cause of death for persons ages 1–44 in Ohio. The Ohio Department of Health's Violence and Injury Prevention Program is working to decrease injuries and violence by implementing evidence-based programs and strategies.

### BASE COMPONENT

Ohio is addressing all four required focus areas using injury and violence prevention strategies.



**Preventing child abuse and neglect and intimate partner violence/sexual violence (IPV/SV):** Ohio is partnering with the state chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics to implement the [Safe Environment for Every Kid \(SEEK\) Program](#). This tool is designed to help physicians effectively screen for child abuse and neglect, as well as the most common injury risks for children birth to five years of age.

- Ohio is also implementing the Intimate Partner Violence Module in the Ohio Violent Death Reporting System to better identify circumstances related to IPV-related homicides. The additional data will be used to focus prevention efforts.



**Preventing traumatic brain injury (TBI):** Ohio is working to increase the number of schools implementing the [Ohio Concussion Team's Return to Learn Model](#). This model is used among school personnel, health care providers, and parents to safely return the student to the learning environment. They are also working to increase the awareness of concussion law among Ohio parents by promoting [CDC's HEADS UP](#) program and providing information about concussions to coaches, parents, and athletes involved in youth sports. Ohio is working with a local community child injury prevention program to implement policy, systems, and environmental changes to prevent TBI.



**Preventing motor vehicle crash injury and death:** Ohio is implementing strategies to improve teen driver safety through the use of and increased adherence to Ohio's comprehensive Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL) laws and child passenger seats. Ohio is working to increase the number of teen driving model policies for high schools by offering online training on the state's GDL laws for novice drivers, parents, and legal guardians. Ohio will also provide statewide parent education on the proper use and installation of child passenger safety seats through the Ohio Buckles Buckeyes program.

### CONTACT INFO

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