UTAH

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 Utah. The Utah Department of Health's Violence and Injury Prevention Program is working to implement strategies to decrease injuries and violence by implementing evidence-based programs and strategies.

BASE COMPONENT

Utah is addressing focus areas using injury and violence prevention strategies.

Preventing intimate partner violence/sexual violence: Utah is providing implementation and evaluation support to Rape Prevention Education (RPE) grantees who are implementing the Safe Dates teen dating violence program. Utah Core SVIPP is assisting CDC RPE-funded programs to expand their teen-focused Safe Dates programs, and implement and evaluate Safe Dates for Families, a program designed to include families in the prevention of teen dating violence. The Rape Recovery Center is piloting this curriculum to determine whether it is an appropriate program for RPE grantees as an option for primary prevention to families with teens.

Preventing traumatic brain injury: Utah is evaluating the implementation and impact of state sports concussion policies, including surveys of parents, players, and coaches through recreation leagues, and compiling concussion-related injury data on children ages 0–18 through emergency department records, hospital administrative claims data, and death certificates.

Preventing motor vehicle crash injury and death: Utah is working to increase motor vehicle crash prevention in the state by:

- Implementing "Parent Nights" to educate parents on the best ways they can support their teens' safe driving.
- Developing and implementing a "pre-driver" safety toolkit designed to promote safe driving norms and behaviors early on with elementary and middle school students.
- Evaluating the impact of an annual Teen Memoriams book and parent support network.
- Providing education to partners on primary seat belt law effectiveness by developing and compiling measurements and materials related to citations, warnings, and seat belt data.

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