



# NORTH CAROLINA

## Core State Violence and Injury Prevention Program

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

**REGIONAL NETWORK COORDINATING ORGANIZATION** | \$75,000

### OVERVIEW

Injuries are the leading cause of death for persons ages 1–44 in North Carolina. North Carolina is working to implement strategies to decrease injuries and violence by implementing evidence-based programs and strategies.

### BASE COMPONENT

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



**Preventing child abuse and neglect and intimate partner violence/sexual violence:** North Carolina is conducting an annual Injury-Free NC Academy for community organizations on a shared risk and protective factor. Interdisciplinary teams from across the state come together to build, implement, and evaluate an integrated approach to violence prevention. The evaluation will track the adoption and implementation of policies and programs that address shared risk and protective factors. Some of the evidence-based strategies may include but are not limited to [Positive Parenting](#), [Essentials for Childhood](#), [Communities that Care](#), or bystander approaches.



**Preventing traumatic brain injury:** North Carolina is working to shift cultural standards related to youth sports concussion by identifying concussions and processes through the implementation of the [CDC's HEADS UP](#) initiative in middle and high schools throughout the state.



**Preventing motor vehicle crash (MVC) injury and death:** North Carolina is educating and informing policy leaders regarding two policy-related strategies:

- Require primary enforcement of rear seat belt laws for passenger safety and an increased fine for unrestrained backseat passengers.
- Preventing/Reducing drunk driving by mandating ignition interlocks for first-time driving under the influence (DUI) offenders.

North Carolina is also creating an MVC data portal using North Carolina's emergency department data to increase local access to crash data to inform the development of preventive community policy and programs.



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## REGIONAL NETWORK COORDINATING ORGANIZATION (RNCO) COMPONENT

The Southeastern and Southwestern Injury Prevention Network (SE&SW IPN) is made up of state injury and violence prevention programs, university-based injury research centers, national injury prevention resource centers, and hospital-based injury prevention centers covering 13 states: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas. The objectives of the SE&SW IPN are to forge partnerships among injury and violence prevention (IVP) professionals; offer professional development opportunities to IVP professionals; build member state capacity to develop strong and effective IVP programs; and promote opportunities for networking, support, and education.

In fall 2017, the RNCOs launched the new National Peer Learning Team to connect partners across the country to focus on a specific topic area related to injury and violence prevention. The Systems Approach National Peer Learning Team develops skills to better understand complexity, systems mapping, understanding feedback loops, identifying high-leverage systems drivers, and developing inquiry skills to expose hidden assumptions and biases. This approach demands crossing boundaries between departmental disciplines and between researchers and practitioners.

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