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Summer vacation, plentiful daylight and field work contribute to an annual spike in youth injuries on farms.

As another summer begins, we offer the following review of resources available from the National Children's Center. All documents are online at [www.marshfieldclinic.org/nccrahs](http://www.marshfieldclinic.org/nccrahs). Limited numbers of hard copies are available by contacting the National Children's Center at 1-800-662-6900, 1-715-389-4999, [nccrahs@mcrf.mfldclin.edu](mailto:nccrahs@mcrf.mfldclin.edu).



**Keep Kids Away from Tractors:** This Childhood Agricultural Safety Network campaign promotes the message that children 12-and-under should never be on or near tractors. Graphics and public service announcements for television and radio are available at [www.childagsafety.org](http://www.childagsafety.org).

**Safe Play:** Safe play areas are an alternative to bringing children into the worksite, especially when off-farm childcare is not available. Creating Safe Play Areas on Farms provides a comprehensive guide for designing and building an outdoor safe play area on a farm. Key concepts have been captured in a mini-edition



This poster is one of the "Keep Kids Away from Tractors" graphics available at [www.childagsafety.org](http://www.childagsafety.org).

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National Children's Center  
for Rural and Agricultural Health and Safety

"The National Children's Center for Rural and Agricultural Health and Safety strives to enhance the health and safety of all children exposed to hazards associated with agricultural work and rural environments."

### Mini-grant call for proposals

For the 10th consecutive year the National Children's Center is making available mini-grants of up to \$20,000 to support smallscale projects and pilot studies that address prevention of childhood agricultural disease and injury. A call-for-proposals is scheduled for mid-June 2010. Check <http://www.marshfieldclinic.org/nccrahs> for the latest information.

### Journal dedicates issue to world's young workers

The International Journal of Occupational and Environmental Health has dedicated its current issue (Volume 16, Number 2) to "Child Labor and Protecting Young Workers Around the World." Guest editors are Mary Miller, Washington State Department of Labor and Industries, and Sharon Cooper and Eva Shipp, University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston School of Public Health, San Antonio Regional Campus.

According to the International Labour Organization, at least 126 million children are performing hazardous work. Miller writes: "This issue presents research on child and adolescent labor around the world, focusing on studies that evaluate health effects from exposures at work; programmatic interventions to reduce work exposures or limit hazardous work activities; and policy mechanisms to reduce the negative health impacts from working too many hours, night hours, or in settings that are too dangerous and inappropriate for youth under age 18."

The Journal is open access. To register, go to [www.ijoh.com](http://www.ijoh.com).

### National Farm Safety and Health Week to include children's day



Farm Safety and Health Day for Children and Youth will be Wednesday, September 22, 2010, during the annual National Farm Safety and Health Week. If you or your organization are interested in participating and seek ideas,

contact Farm Safety 4 Just Kids, 1-800-423-5437.

The theme of this year's week is "ATVs: Work Smart. Ride Safe." News releases, logos and other information will be available at [www.necasag.org](http://www.necasag.org), the Web site of the National Education Center for Agricultural Safety.

### E-discussion: WHO Report on Child Injury Prevention

Issues identified by the World Health Organization Report on Child Injury Prevention are the subject of e-discussions hosted by the International Society of Child and Adolescent Injury Prevention (ISCAIP). For information on the discussions, which will lead up to the ISCAIP Biennial Meeting, Sept. 20, 2010 – in association with the Safety 2010 World Conference in Bristol, United Kingdom – go to [www.iscaip.net](http://www.iscaip.net).

### First aid kits available



In response to requests from across the country, the National Education Center for Agricultural Safety has redesigned its Farm First Aid Kit. The new kits are available for \$35 plus shipping. The kits contain heavy shears for cutting through jeans and jackets, an emergency blanket to cover an injured person for body heat retention and protection from the elements, eye wash, large adhesive bandage strips, a zipper lock bag for aid in reclaiming an amputated digit, and more. Go to

[www.necasag.org](http://www.necasag.org) for information and purchase.

### Progressive Agriculture Safety Day deadline July 15

If you or someone you know is interested in conducting a Progressive Agriculture Safety Day for your community, log onto [www.progressiveag.org](http://www.progressiveag.org) where you will find the application. Return the application form by July 15 for Safety Days being held in 2011.

### NASD includes online trainings



The National Agricultural Safety Database (NASD) continues to add to its collection of publications, videos and PowerPoint presentations about agricultural safety and health. Online trainings

include tractor PTO safety and road safety. The publications are contributed by safety specialists in many different states and agencies. Visit [www.nasdonline.org](http://www.nasdonline.org) to view a list of topics.

### Share your safety work at AG CONNECT 2011



Exhibitors are needed for the "Safety Zone" at AG CONNECT Expo 2011, January 8-10, at Georgia World Congress Center. Free exhibit space is available for safety-related non-profit, university, and government organizations courtesy of the Association of Equipment Manufacturers (AEM). Progressive Agriculture Safety Day program staff and volunteers are working with AEM to coordinate the Safety Zone. "In exchange for the free booth space, those participating must include an educational demonstration or activity," said Susan Reynolds, Executive Director – Programs for the Progressive Agriculture Safety Day program. To take advantage of this opportunity, contact Reynolds, 205-871-0646 or sreynolds@progressiveag.org. Note: Safety-related for-profit displays will be located in the same area of the exhibit hall.

### PNASH small grants deadline June 11

Each year the Pacific Northwest Agricultural Safety and

Health Center (PNASH) offers northwest researchers the opportunity to apply for two small grant awards, each in the amount of \$30,000 direct costs. The goal of this program is to stimulate innovative research, encourage collaboration and attract investigators to the field of agricultural health and safety. Funded projects will run October 2010 to September 2011.

Pre-proposals are due June 11; full applications July 9. Visit: <http://depts.washington.edu/pnash/>. For more information, contact Robin Russell, [rwr5@uw.edu](mailto:rwr5@uw.edu), 206-616-1958, or 1-800-330-0827.

### MRASH Forum calls for abstracts

Abstracts are now being accepted for research, education and outreach presentations at the Midwest Rural and Agricultural Safety and Health Forum, to be held at hotelVetro in Iowa City, Iowa Nov. 17-18, 2010. Deadline for abstracts is July 7. The conference is hosted by Iowa's Center for Agricultural Health and Safety and the Great Plains Center for Agricultural Health both based in UI College of Public Health. For more information, visit <http://cph.uiowa.edu/icash/programs/MRASH/2010/Call-for-Abstracts.pdf>.

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(English and Spanish language versions) printed in 2010. An online parents' resource for constructing a safe play area, complete with an interactive virtual tour, is scheduled for online posting this fall. Also available is a how-to guide for building and coordinating a Safe Play Area Demonstration at a fair or farm show in your community (Interactive Demonstrations of Safe Play Areas at Rural and Agricultural Events), <http://www.marshfieldclinic.org/safeplay/>.

NORTH AMERICAN  
GUIDELINES FOR



children's  
AGRICULTURAL TASKS

**NAGCAT:** To assist parents and others in assigning age-appropriate tasks for children ages 7-16 there are the North American Guidelines for Children's Agricultural Tasks (NAGCAT). The guidelines ([www.nagcat.org](http://www.nagcat.org)) are based on an understanding of childhood growth and development, agricultural practices, principles of childhood injury, and agricultural and occupational safety. Voluntary use of the guidelines can help parents and others make informed decisions about appropriate tasks for youth.

**Agritourism:** It's the season for farm tours, u-pick produce, hay rides, petting zoos, festivals, and bed-and-breakfast



stays. The National Children's Center has available the popular Agritourism Health and Safety Guidelines for Children, as well as two supplemental publications: the Policies and Procedures Guide and the Worksite Guide (<http://www.marshfieldclinic.org/agritourism>). These 10-page checklist guides were developed for use by agritourism owners and managers, and farm owners

who host children and groups. The guides are useful in reviewing health and safety considerations already implemented on agritourism operations, and can assist in identifying deficiencies so that remedial action can be taken.

**Fact sheet:** The latest national data on childhood agricultural injuries, with references. [http://www.marshfieldclinic.org/nccrahs/?page=nccrahs\\_resources](http://www.marshfieldclinic.org/nccrahs/?page=nccrahs_resources)

## CASN to meet at NIFS



Childhood Agricultural Safety Network

The Childhood Agricultural Safety Network will hold its summer meeting at 6:30 p.m., Monday, June 28, 2010, at the Hilton Wilmington Riverside, North Carolina, during the National Institute for Farm Safety conference. Agenda items include updates on CASN projects such as ATV Public Awareness

Campaign, Statement on Supervision, Guidelines for Editors/Media, 2011 Calendar and Web site projects.

Anyone interested in joining the network or learning more about its activities is encouraged to attend. To RSVP or for more information, contact Regina Fisher, [fisher.regina@mcrf.mfldclin.edu](mailto:fisher.regina@mcrf.mfldclin.edu), or 1-800-662-6900, ext. 8.

## Schedule of upcoming events

### June 26-July 1, 2010

National Institute for Farm Safety  
Wilmington, North Carolina, <http://nifsagsafety.org/index.cfm>

### September 19-25, 2010

National Farm Safety and Health Week, [www.necasag.org](http://www.necasag.org)

### September 23-25, 2010

National Summit of Clinicians for Healthcare Justice  
Washington, D.C., [www.allclinicians.org](http://www.allclinicians.org)

### October 21-23, 2010

East Coast Migrant Stream Forum  
Charleston, South Carolina, [www.ncchca.org](http://www.ncchca.org)

### November 6-10, 2010

American Public Health Association  
Denver, Colorado, [www.apha.org](http://www.apha.org)

### November 17-20, 2010

Midwest Stream Farmworker Health Forum  
Austin, Texas, [www.ncfh.org](http://www.ncfh.org)

### January 7, 2011

Agricultural Safety and Health Council of America  
Atlanta, Georgia, [www.ashca.com](http://www.ashca.com)

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