

Indiana Injury Prevention Advisory Council

Member Roles, Responsibilities, and Commitments

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Purpose

Recognizing that, because of the incomparable cost and the disabling and disrupting consequences, injury and violence remain major public health problems in Indiana, the Indiana Injury Prevention Advisory Council is committed to strengthening and sustaining effective injury and violence prevention and control measures that reflect the significance of the problem.

Our Vision is: Working together to create a safe and injury free Indiana.

Our Mission is: To reduce the number and severity of preventable injuries in Indiana through leadership and advocacy.

Responsibilities

The Indiana IPAC will address intentional and unintentional injuries across the lifespan. The Indiana IPAC will address injuries without regard to race, color, creed, national origin, sex, age or physical or mental disability. Indiana IPAC will strive to decrease the injury health disparities that exist within the State.

- Provide the Indiana IPAC with representation from their agency or organization.
- Promote the Indiana IPAC to injury stakeholders and colleagues as appropriate.
- Advocate for the Indiana IPAC, its vision, mission and its goals.
- Actively participate in meetings and events sponsored by the Indiana IPAC.
- Actively participate on committees based on member availability and interest.

Commitments & Goals

- Attend quarterly meetings (8 hours per year) and participate in appropriate subcommittees (up to 10 additional hours per year)
- Assess needs and increase availability and quality of injury data in Indiana including improving external cause of injury coding (e-codes).
- Build infrastructure and sustainability for injury prevention in Indiana.
- Promote injury prevention as a public health priority in Indiana.
- Promote evidence-based injury prevention programs throughout Indiana.
- Increase statewide collaboration around injury prevention in Indiana.
- Build the capacity of communities, especially underserved populations, to develop and implement effective injury prevention programs (and to emphasize diversity)
- Build community capacity to reduce and prevent injuries to high-risk groups and effectively address injury priorities
- Strengthen advocacy for public policies that impact injury prevention
- Draft, implement, evaluate and revise the Injury Prevention Strategic Plan in conjunction with the Indiana State Trauma Care Committee