

North Dakota Conference on Injury Prevention & Control “Preventing and Responding to Injuries”



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Guest Speakers

Alan Berkowitz – Independent Consultant

Bystander Intervention as an Injury Prevention Strategy

The potential for bystanders to intervene to prevent violence, interrupt prejudice, confront substance abuse, and prevent injury has recently come into focus as a promising practice. This keynote address reviews what we know about the role of bystanders, examines common barriers to intervention, discusses the role of misperceived norms in fostering bystander behavior, and examines effective intervention strategies that bystanders can use to prevent harm and injury. It also examines how bystander intervention can be combined with other prevention approaches to create a comprehensive environment of change.

Bruce Blackman – U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

The Consumer Product Safety Commission

An overview of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, including who we are, what we do, how we do it, and how cooperative efforts with first responders, medical professionals, child-care providers and consumers make our mission possible.

Sally Fogerty – Director, Children’s Safety Network

Assembling the Injury Prevention “Quilt”

This session will focus on how we can put all the pieces together from a local program to state policy to make a significant and positive impact through injury and violence prevention. We will explore how by creating unique partnerships and collaborations, integrating diverse approaches and optimizing existing efforts and resources we can develop a strong, integrated community-based statewide injury prevention program. We will review resources and tools to help direct and enhance our work. We will explore how we can capitalize on current challenges during changing times. The workshop will focus on how we can capitalize on individual strengths, respective roles and organizational missions to develop solutions and strategies to become more effective and make a difference. Examples from other state and locales will be shared.

Stephen T. Russell, Ph.D. – Fitch Nesbitt Endowed Chair, Distinguished Professor and Director, Frances McClelland Institute for Children, Youth, & Families, Norton School of Family & Consumer Sciences – University of Arizona

Health Disparities and Self-Injury Among Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Youth and Adults

A consensus has emerged in research on the health status of lesbian, gay, and bisexual (LGB) youth and adults in recent decades: there are clear and persistent disparities in health and self-injury in these populations. These health disparities include higher risk for victimization and self-injury, as well as distinct issues related to domestic violence. This keynote presentation will cover basic information about LGB youth and adults and will highlight research that traces their health disparities to stigma and discrimination. Directions for prevention and intervention will be discussed.

Lorrie Walker – Training Manager and Technical Advisor, Safe Kids Worldwide
Injury Prevention: How Filling Silos Inhibits Progress in the Field

Working steadfastly to prevent injury and death to children and their families can make us so focused on our special interest that we lose sight of the bigger picture. Attacking the identified problem at the local and state may be better served through a consortium as opposed to building and filling individual silos. This tactic of filling silos is well represented in the transportation arena as we develop specialists in ambulance, school bus, special needs, preschoolers, booster age and health care, sometimes overlooking the fact that more than 50 percent of America's children who die in crashes do so without a simple restraint. Other injury areas may suffer the same lack of focus.

Learn to cross party lines and use established groups with similar injury prevention goals to coordinate community efforts so as not to burn out the media and other important supporters or colleagues.



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