

Child Safety & Injury Prevention

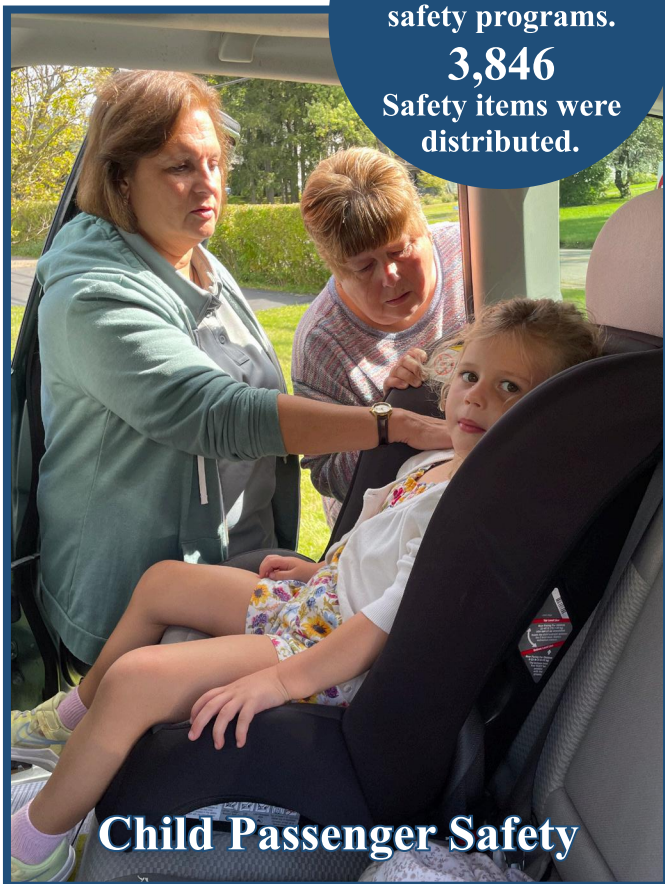
Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Kindergarten Bike Safety



2,069
Children & Adults
impacted by child
safety programs.

3,846
Safety items were
distributed.



Child Passenger Safety

CARE for Children is the lead agency for the Safe Kids McKean County Partnership with Safe Kids Pennsylvania. Safe Kids McKean is guided by an advisory committee comprised of representatives from local and state organizations, and volunteers; and child safety and injury prevention programs and initiatives are supported by Safe Kids Pennsylvania, United Way funding, donations, sponsorships, grants and CARE for Children Trust Income.

MCKEAN COUNTY CRIBS FOR KIDS®

McKean County Cribs for Kids® partners with Cribs for Kids®, a National Infant Safe-Sleep Initiative, to promote local infant



safe sleep education and items. The program provides families a Cribette portable crib or Pack 'n Play® if they cannot otherwise afford safe-sleeping environments for their infants. CARE has trained Safe Sleep Educators on staff who provide parent education and training on proper sleep position and sleep environment.

CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY (CPS)

Safe Kids works closely with volunteer, certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians, the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics Traffic Injury Prevention Project (TIPP) and other organizations to properly fit car seats and provide replacement seats if needed. The program requires that a certified car seat technician fit and properly install the seat in the vehicle, and the car seat needs to be the child's primary seat.

HOME SAFETY & PARENT RESOURCES

The McKean County Partnership works with at-home visitors to bring necessary home safety items/ childproofing items to families in need. Safe Kids distributes various items such as universal gun locks, door knob covers, cupboard locks and latches, outlet covers, appliance locks, toilet seat locks, furniture straps, smoke detectors, and carbon monoxide detectors. The McKean County Family Centers, Parents as Teachers Program, and Early Intervention providers are active partners, providing family referrals. Families are also able to request items.

MCKEAN COUNTY KINDERGARTEN BICYCLE SAFETY

The McKean County Partnership has an ongoing effort which supports bicycle safety and helmet use initiatives for Kindergarten students across McKean County. CARE staff, along with community volunteers, conduct a bicycle safety program and fit and distribute helmets for students. They also fit helmets for other age groups by request.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Throughout the year, representatives from the Safe Kids Partnership, CARE staff and child safety partners participate in various community-wide initiatives and events to promote child safety and injury prevention efforts. The partnership also provides training on various child safety-related topics to organizations and community groups.

