

Child Safety & Injury Prevention

Fiscal Year 2024 - 2025

McKean County Cribs for Kids®



1,865
Children & Adults
impacted by child
safety programs.
2,110
Safety items were
distributed.



Kindergarten Bike Safety

CARE for Children serves as the lead agency for the Safe Kids McKean County Partnership in collaboration with Safe Kids Pennsylvania. The Partnership is guided by an advisory committee of local and state representatives, volunteers, and community partners who share a commitment to child safety and injury prevention.

Programs and initiatives are supported through Safe Kids Pennsylvania, United Way funding, donations, sponsorships, grants, and CARE for Children Endowment Income.

McKean County Cribs for Kids®

In partnership with Cribs for Kids®, a National Infant Safe Sleep Initiative, CARE promotes safe sleep education and provides Cribette portable cribs or Pack 'n Plays® to families who cannot otherwise afford safe sleeping environments for their infants. Trained Safe Sleep Educators provide education on proper infant sleep position and creating safe sleep environments, ensuring every child has a safe place to sleep.

Child Passenger Safety (CPS)

CARE collaborates with certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians, the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics Traffic Injury Prevention Project (TIPP), and other partners to ensure children are safely secured in vehicles. Families receive hands-on car seat education, fittings, and installations from certified technicians, and replacement seats are provided when needed. Each seat must be properly installed and serve as the child's primary restraint system.

Home Safety & Parent Resources

Through collaboration with home visitors and family service programs, CARE provides home safety and childproofing items to families in need. Items distributed include gun locks, outlet covers, cabinet latches, smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, and more. Home safety outreach also includes water safety education and poison prevention efforts. Referrals are made through community partners such as the McKean County Family Centers, Parents as Teachers, and Early Intervention programs.

Water Safety

Water safety awareness is an ongoing component of the Partnership's outreach, emphasizing drowning prevention and safe water practices for families and children.

McKean County Kindergarten Bicycle Safety Program

The Kindergarten Bicycle Safety Program promotes helmet use and safe riding habits for young children across McKean County and in Coudersport, PA. CARE staff and community volunteers provide interactive safety education and personally fit helmets for Kindergarten students and other age groups upon request.

Community Involvement

Throughout the year, CARE staff, Safe Kids representatives, and community partners participate in events and initiatives to promote child safety and injury prevention. The Partnership also provides training and educational sessions for organizations and community groups on a variety of child safety topics.

