



# SAFE KIDS PA-MCKEAN COUNTY PARTNER PROMOTING CHILD SAFETY and INJURY PREVENTION

## Community Report July 1, 2017 — June 30, 2018

### McKEAN COUNTY PARTNERSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

#### RIDE SAFE BICYCLE SAFETY EVENTS

Safe Kids Pennsylvania - McKean County Partner has an ongoing effort to target bicycle safety and helmet use initiatives. CARE staff, along with the support of the United Way (Bradford, Smethport and Port Allegany Campaigns), participated in bicycle safety education and helmet fittings at George G. Blaisdell Elementary School in Bradford, Smethport Elementary School and Port Allegany Elementary School where a total of 258 Kindergarten students were fitted for and received new bicycle helmets. The United Way funded the purchase of the bike helmets. An additional 14 children received free bike helmets.

#### CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY (CPS)

Safe Kids works closely with volunteer Tawnya Slater, Certified CPS Technician, the Pennsylvania State Police (Kane Barracks); Bradford Regional Medical Center; the City of Bradford Police Department and with funding from the United Way of the Bradford Area, Inc. to ensure families in need of car seats have access. CARE requires that a certified car seat technician fit the seat and properly install the seat in the vehicle, and the car seat needs to be the primary seat for the child. A total of 19 car seats were replaced and installed; and an additional 11 car seats were checked for proper fit and installation.

#### BRINGING UP SAFE BABIES

In 2017-2018, 173 families received Safe Baby Bags. Since 2007, Safe Kids Pennsylvania - McKean County Partner has been working to ensure that every baby born at the Bradford Regional Medical Center (BRMC) receives a Safe Baby bag which includes a variety of safety and community resource information, as well as a redeemable gift certificate for a childproofing kit and other safety and injury prevention materials. CARE partners with BRMC, the PA Department of Health, and the United Way of the Bradford Area, Inc. to promote "safe babies."

#### SAFETY PARENT RESOURCE & ITEM REFERRAL PROGRAM

In the spring of 2012, with *Community Innovations* funding from the United Way of the Bradford Area, the partnership launched a new program designed to bring necessary home safety items to families in need. CARE was able to offer smoke detectors during 2017-2018 with grant funding from Safe Kids Pennsylvania.

Working with in-home service providers, Safe Kids distributes various items such as door knob covers, cupboard locks and latches, outlet covers, appliance locks, toilet seat locks, furniture straps and carbon monoxide detectors. The McKean County Family Centers as well as Early Intervention providers are an active partner in these efforts by providing family referrals.

#### KIDS FEST

Safe Kids Pennsylvania—McKean County Partner participates in Kids Fest, an annual county-wide event that gives parents information about safety, health, and development. In 2017-2018, the McKean County Partnership partnered with the Bradford City Fire Department and with funding from Seneca Resources CARE had a fire safety display and was able to hand out smoke detectors to families in attendance. In addition, CARE gave out Burn Prevention and Fire Safety Activity Books donated by Shriners Hospital for Children.

#### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Throughout the year, representatives from CARE for Children and our child safety partners participate in various community initiatives including providing glow sticks for the Bradford City Fire Department to distribute for Halloween, and other community-wide events to promote child safety and injury prevention efforts.



*Volunteer Certified Child Passenger Safety Technician, Tawnya Slater, performs a car seat safety check at the Ashley Booth Griffin CARE for Children Center.*



*Safe Kids Pennsylvania - McKean County Partner and the Bradford City Fire Department distributed smoke detectors and fire safety information at Kids Fest.*



*CARE for Children staff fit Kindergarten students for bicycle helmets at GGB Elementary School in Bradford.*

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<u>Safe Kids Pennsylvania - McKean County Partner EVENT/PROGRAM</u>	<u># Impacted</u>	<u># of Safety Items Distributed</u>	<u>No. Volunteers/ Staff</u>	<u>Safety Items Distributed</u>
Child Passenger Safety and Car Seat Checks	30	30	2	30 car seats checked and 19 car seats replaced; car seat and child passenger safety information distributed.
"Ride Safe" Bicycle Safety and Helmet Use	272	272	12	258 Kindergarten students in Bradford, Smethport, and Port Allegany; and 14 additional children received new bike helmets and information on bicycle safety.
Safe Baby Bags for Children born at Bradford Regional Medical Center	173	173	6	Safe Baby bags with a voucher for a free childproofing kit, Mr. Yuck stickers, and information on child development and safety topics.
Safety Item Referral Program	103	184	1	Childproofing kits and other safety items were distributed.
Smoke Detector Program Carbon Monoxide Detector Program	33	16	2	16 families received carbon monoxide detectors for their homes; carbon monoxide safety information was distributed.
McKean County Kids Fest	495	283	7	83 smoke detectors and 200 burn prevention and fire safety activity books were distributed.
Kane Resource Fair	45	35	3	Fire safety display; smoke detector and safety blinking light giveaway; distributed fire safety and bike safety information for families to take home.
Other Safety Programs/Activities: Fire Safety Program at Rainbow Corner Preschool Glow Sticks for Halloween Safety Safety Presentations	1,552	1,552	25	Safe Kids partnered with community organizations to provide information on safe sleep, fire safety, bus safety, preventing shaken babies, Halloween safety, gun safety, car seat safety, bicycle safety and helmet use, pedestrian safety, and hydration with water bottle distribution.
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b>2,703</b>	<b>2,545</b>	<b>58</b>	

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