



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

Community Report July 1, 2018 — June 30, 2019

McKEAN COUNTY PARTNERSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

RIDE SAFE BICYCLE SAFETY EVENTS

Safe Kids Pennsylvania - McKean County Partner has an ongoing effort which supports bicycle safety and helmet use initiatives for school age children. CARE staff, along with the support of the United Way (Bradford, Smethport and Port Allegany Campaigns), and Safe Kids Pennsylvania, participated in bicycle safety education and helmet fittings at George G. Blaisdell Elementary School in Bradford, Smethport Elementary School, Port Allegany Elementary School, and Otto-Eldred Elementary School where a total of 357 Kindergarten students were fitted for new bicycle helmets. Funding from the United Way and a Safe Kids Pennsylvania mini grant enabled the purchase of the bike helmets.

CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY (CPS)

Safe Kids works closely with volunteer Tawnya Slater, Certified CPS Technician, the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics Traffic Injury Prevention Project (TIPP) and the Bradford Regional Medical Center to properly fit car seats and provide replacement seats if needed. Funding from the United Way of the Bradford Area, Inc. ensures families in need have access to car seats. 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 primary seat for the child. During the fiscal year, a total of 14 car seats were replaced and installed; and an additional 7 car seats were checked for proper fit and installation.

MCKEAN COUNTY CRIBS FOR KIDS

CARE for Children, the lead agency for the McKean County Partnership of Safe Kids PA, is a partner with Cribs for Kids, a National Infant Safe-Sleep Initiative to promote infant safe sleep practices in McKean County. 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 two Safe Sleep Trainers on staff who provide education and training on proper sleep position and sleep environment for the baby.

The program was launched in late 2018 and 8 home visits and 5 community trainings were conducted during 2018-2019. With funding from the Philo & Sarah Blaisdell Foundation, CARE was able to purchase portable cribs from the National Cribs for Kids program as well as fitted sheets, infant sleep sacks, and educational materials.

SAFETY ITEM REFERRAL & PARENT RESOURCE 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. 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, smoke detectors, 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 which provides parents information about safety, health, and development. In 2018-2019, the McKean County Partnership had an infant safe sleep display and a fire safety display. With funding from Seneca Resources, Safe Kids handed out smoke detectors to families in attendance. In addition, the partnership gave out Burn Prevention and Fire Safety Activity Books donated by Shriners Hospital for Children.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Throughout the year, representatives from the Safe Kids Partnership, CARE Staff 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.



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



The Bradford City Fire Department presented a fire safety program in Rainbow Corner Preschool for Fire Safety Month.



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

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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	21	14	6	21 car seats checked and 14 car seats replaced; car seat and child passenger safety information distributed.
"Ride Safe" Bicycle Safety and Helmet Use	376	357	13	357 Kindergarten students in Bradford, Smethport, Port Allegany, and Eldred received new bike helmets and information on bicycle safety.
McKean County Cribs for Kids	90	8	5	Safe Sleep trainings were conducted for at-home visiting professionals, The Guidance Center, Port Allegany Rotary, McKean County Children & Youth Services, WIC and Healthy Beginnings. 8 home visits were completed with families.
Safe Baby Bags for Children born at Bradford Regional Medical Center	139	139	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	110	152	1	Childproofing kits and other safety items were distributed.
Smoke Detector Program	101	101	2	101 smoke detectors were distributed at Pumpkin Fest in partnership with the Bradford City Fire Department.
McKean County Kids Fest	476	83	10	83 smoke detectors and burn prevention and fire safety activity books were distributed.
Kane Resource Fair	35	35	2	Fire safety and Cribs for Kids display; smoke detector giveaway; distributed fire safety and safe sleep information for families to take home.
Other Safety Programs/Activities: Glow Sticks for Halloween Safety Safety Presentations	1,310	1,310	25	Safe Kids partnered with community organizations to provide information on safe sleep, fire safety, bus safety, preventing shaken babies, car seat safety, Halloween safety, bicycle safety and helmet use, and hydration with water bottle distribution.
<u>TOTAL</u>	2,658	2,199	70	

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