

Safe Kids Pennsylvania - McKean County Partnership

Fiscal Year 2019-2020



Child Passenger Safety Week

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 United Way funding, donations, sponsorships, grants and CARE for Children Trust Income.

MCKEAN COUNTY CRIBS FOR KIDS

McKean County Cribs for Kids, a National Infant Safe-Sleep Initiative, promotes infant safe sleep practices for local families. The program provides a Cribette portable crib or Pack 'n Play® if families 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.

CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY (CPS)

Safe Kids works closely with volunteer Tawnya Slater, Certified CPS Technician, other local, volunteer CPS Techs, the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics Traffic Injury Prevention Project (TIIPP) and the Bradford Regional Medical Center 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 primary seat for the child. During the fiscal year, a total of 17 car seats were replaced and installed; and an additional 21 car seats were checked for proper fit and installation.

HOME SAFETY ITEM REFERRAL & PARENT RESOURCES

Since 2012, the McKean County Partnership has worked with at-home visitors to bring necessary home safety items / childproofing items to families in need. 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, Parents as Teachers program, and Early Intervention providers are active partners for this program, providing family referrals.

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), participates in bicycle safety education, helmet give-aways and fittings for local Kindergarten classes and 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.



Home Safety- Child-proofing Items

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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	38	14	7	38 car seats checked and 14 car seats replaced; car seat and child passenger safety information distributed.
McKean County Cribs for Kids	104	19	4	Safe Sleep trainings were conducted for the Bradford Rotary Club, Kane Rotary Club, STEPS Drop-In Center, and the Bradford Lions Club. 19 home visits/educational sessions were completed with families.
Safety Item Referral Program	86	209	1	Childproofing kits and other safety items and information were distributed through at-home visiting professionals.
Safe Baby Bags for Children born at Bradford Regional Medical Center	33	33	3	Safe Baby bags with a voucher for a free childproofing kit, Mr. Yuck stickers, and information on child development and safety topics were given out until the OB/GYN Department was closed on October 1, 2019.
“Ride Safe” Bicycle Safety and Helmet Distribution				Bicycle Safety events and the Kindergarten Bike Helmet program was suspended in the Spring of 2020 due to COVID-19.
Other Safety Programs, Activities and Community Outreach: World Breastfeeding Day Preschool Program: Car Seat Safety CARE Baby & Toddler Screening Day Preschool Program: Fire Safety Glow Sticks for Halloween Safety Community Safety Presentations Advisory Committee Meetings	815	659	25	Safe Kids partnered with community organizations to provide information on safe sleep, fire safety, sun safety, car seat safety, and Halloween safety.
<u>TOTAL</u>	1,076	934	40	

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