

FY 2010 ENACTED	FY 2011 ENACTED	PRESIDENT'S FY 2012 REQUEST
\$148.6 M	\$147.8 M	\$167.5 M

THE CDC INJURY CENTER IS CRITICAL TO PREVENT INJURIES AND VIOLENCE IN THE U.S.

Injuries and violence are serious public health problems.

- Every three minutes, a person dies from a preventable injury. Every 45 minutes, one of those preventable deaths is a child.
- Over 29 million individuals survive non-fatal injuries, only to cope with painful recoveries and rehabilitations. Nearly 9.2 million are children under age 19 that are seen in ERs for injuries.
- Every year, injuries and violence ultimately cost the U.S. \$406 billion: over \$80 billion in medical costs (6% of total health spending) and \$326 billion in lost productivity.
- The CDC Injury Center receives 2% of the CDC/ATSDR budget while addressing the significant burden of injuries and violence nationwide.

***Injuries and violence are preventable.* The CDC Injury Center functions as the focal point for the public health approach to preventing and treating injuries by:**

- Providing capacity building grants to state health departments to support improved data collection, development of diverse collaborations, and implementation of proven prevention interventions.
- Conducting research and disseminating best practices.
- Assisting states and other partners in adopting, implementing and evaluating specific policies and practices to prevent injuries and violence.
- Strengthening surveillance efforts through the development of uniform definitions and surveillance systems, such as the National Violent Death Reporting System.

The CDC Injury Center has currently targeted three priority areas for injury and violence prevention based due to high costs, availability of solutions to reduce numbers and severity of injuries and their consequences. These areas include preventing:

- Child maltreatment;
- Motor vehicle injuries; and
- Falls among older adults.

Many CDC Injury Center funded prevention efforts have been successful. Recent successes include:

- Promoting stronger Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL) policies for teen drivers, which have been associated with a 38% reduction in fatal injury crashes among 16-year-old drivers.
- The Positive Parenting Program (Triple P) was implemented and results studied in counties in South Carolina. Researchers estimate for one area with 100,000 children under age eight results could translate annually into 688 fewer cases of child maltreatment, 240 fewer out-of-home placements, and 60 fewer children with injuries requiring hospitalization or ER treatment. Up to \$26 million in health care costs could be saved each year if the program was implemented statewide.
- The older adult fall prevention program, "Tai Chi: Moving for Better Balance," has demonstrated that for every dollar invested in the program, \$1.60 is saved in direct medical costs.

Over the next five years, the CDC Injury Center could expand its efforts and impact by:

- Supporting injury and violence prevention programs in all 50 states.
- Evaluating promising interventions to identify what works.
- Supporting prevention programs and policies that work in states and among partners.
- Providing data and tools to partners to illustrate the problem of injury, and measure success in the implementation of interventions.

The mission of the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control is to prevent injuries and violence, and reduce their consequences so that people can live to their full potential.

