Water Safety on Haag Lake

Safe Kids Washington County is hosting coordination meetings with members, county agencies, and interested parties to improve water safety at Hagg Lake following a tragic drowning last summer. The county park staff have designed six new, moveable, personal floatation device (PFD) loaner kiosks and an Eagle Scout candidate is building a third fixed PFD kiosk. During the past few months, a park consulting firm has been collecting usage information on the entire park to enable staff to communicate better with over 933,000 visitors who flock to the lake for fishing, swimming, hiking, & picnicking.

Another coalition subcommittee has been working on a pilot project to teach water safety at apartment complexes with swimming pools. The project involves teaching water safety and life saving concepts to a larger group of residents, selecting families who most need swimming lessons and providing basic lessons free of charge.

The coalition is planning a day-long event in conjunction with the June free fishing day at the lake to provide an all-hazards safety fair focusing on water safety. Water safety will also be promoted through all coalition members’ social media and news media outreach efforts this spring and summer.
Increasing Safe Infant Sleep

The Oregon Child Development Coalition is leading a statewide initiative to increase safe infant sleep. To do this, they offer education to families, staff, and the greater community while providing safe sleep resources to families in need. Founded in 1998, the mission of Cribs for Kids® is to prevent infant death by educating parents and caregivers about the importance of practicing safe sleep and by providing portable cribs to families who otherwise cannot afford a safe place for their babies to sleep. Although the program has more than 500 partners, when searching for a partner in Oregon, they found that there were none. In 2014, less than a month after this discovery, OCDC had applied for and become the first Cribs for Kids® partner in Oregon.

OCDC receives Graco® portable cribs at a reduced rate. In turn, they provide the crib, a sheet, and a sleep sack (a safe alternative to blankets) to low-income families on a sliding scale, often for as little as $14.00. In only four months, OCDC has provided more than 100 cribs to families who otherwise would go without.

In reality, there are thousands of infants across Oregon going to sleep each night in an unsafe environment. OCDC is searching for additional funding from private donors to pay for more cribs and is encouraging other agencies and institutions to become a Cribs for Kids® partner. OCDC would love to meet the need for every family, but they need the support of donors and partners statewide. With support, they can do more!

To learn about becoming a partner with Cribs for Kids® please visit: www.cribsforkids.org

To support OCDC’s Safe Sleep Resources Program please email: safesleep@ocdc.net

Additional Safe Sleep Resources

The Safe Sleep for Babies brochures are available for free in English and Spanish. Sleep Safety Tips from Safe Kids Worldwide are also downloadable. These resources are posted on the Safe Kids Oregon website.
News from the Safe Kids Advisory Board

A BIG Thank You to Sue Riehl, ODOT Transportation Safety Division and Claire McGrew, Office of the State Fire Marshal for their contributions as members of the Advisory Board. We wish them the very best. We are pleased to welcome Krista Fischer, Office of the State Fire Marshal and thank her for stepping into Claire McGrew’s position.

We also welcome Dianna Pickett as our newest member. Here is what Dianna has to say about joining the board:
“I am known in my family as the “safety monitor” because as our boys were growing up I was the voice of caution when they and my sometimes overly-enthusiastic and creative husband came up with a, “good idea.” Since I have become a grandmother, I encourage and support my son’s and their wives to take action to prevent injuries when I see an opportunity to protect my grandchildren. Working with the board to keep kids safe not only suits my natural interest, but also flows from a long career in public health nursing. I am particularly interested in safety in child care settings after spending 12-13 years at the Oregon Public Health working to improve health and safety in child care settings. I am very excited about the opportunity to work with the board.”

Interested in working with the Advisory Board?
Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of even months at Meridian Park Hospital Education Center in Tualatin. The three committees are currently recruiting community members. For information on the committees, contact the committee chair:
• Finance – Sandy Giffin, giffin@ohsu.edu
• Communication – Lynne Mutrie, lynnemutrie@comcast.net or Lucie Drum, lucie.drum@amr.net
• Conference & Training – Shelley Campbell, scampbel@lhs.org
Or contact Ruth Harshfield at ruth.harshfield@state.or.us

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• Lynne Mutrie, Oregon Safe Routes to School Program
• Dianna Pickett, Public Health Nurse (Retired)
• Kayt Zundel, ThinkFirst Oregon, OHSU

Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Training

CPS Technician Certification Courses – for people interested in becoming a cps technician.
April 15-17, 2015 OCDC, Wilsonville
June 22-24, 2015 Eugene Police Department, Eugene
July 22-24, 2015 Randall Children’s Hospital, Portland
For more information and to register visit http://cert.safekids.org/

Training for CPS Technicians

General Technical Update – 6 CEU credits
March 6, 2015 Sherwood Police Department, Sherwood
For the agenda and to register visit http://www.safekidsoregon.org/training/workshops/

KIDZ IN MOTION Update - 6 CEU credits
May 7, 2015 Sherwood Police Department, Sherwood
For agenda and to register contact Tammy Franks at tfranks@lhs.org

Child Passenger Safety Restraint Systems on School Buses
May 13, 2015 Oregon Child Development Coalition, Wilsonville
To register contact Tammy Franks at tfranks@lhs.org

Safe Travel for All Children: Transporting Children with Special Health Care Needs
July 8-9, 2015 Randall Children’s Hospital, Portland
To register contact Tammy Franks at tfranks@lhs.org
Raising Awareness of Child Injury Prevention

The Nationwide Super Bowl ad generated a lot of buzz about injury prevention. Although Nationwide’s creative approach was considered too strong by some, those of us dedicated to injury prevention can appreciate that the topic is now in the news. Whether you “liked” this commercial or hated it, this has been a huge opportunity for those of us dealing with child injury prevention to educate everyone around us about this important issue. You may be interested in Safe Kids Worldwide campaigns and the Nationwide Insurance Make Safe Happen campaign.

Kate Carr, Safe Kids Worldwide shared her thoughts in a blog on Huffington Post. This comment summarizes the approach many of us support. “You see, injury prevention is not about watching your kids every minute of the day or wrapping them in bubble wrap. It's the opposite. Injury prevention is about creating an environment where kids can explore and take chances while minimizing the serious injuries and deaths that we can prevent.” Additional responses included a segment on Wall Street Journal Live and a blog at the Washington Post.

We know that unintentional injuries are preventable and predictable. However, many people do not realize the extent of the problem. Between 2010 – 2012, 271 children ages 0 – 19 in Oregon died and 4,580 were hospitalized because of injury.

Please join in the conversation. Check out Safe Kids Oregon Injury Areas, encourage people to subscribe to the website and contact your local Safe Kids Coalition to become involved.

Safe Kids Oregon is housed in the Oregon Public Health Division’s Injury and Violence Prevention Program.

Safety Observance Calendar

Fire Up Your Feet
Spring Walk or Bike Into Action
May 1 – 31, 2015

Poison Prevention Week
March 15- 21, 2015

Brain Injury Awareness Month

Upcoming Conferences

2015 Oregon Active Transportation Summit
March 30-31st in Portland, Oregon.

2015 Safe Kids Worldwide Prevention Convention

2015 National Walking Summit
October 28 - 30