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Updates and Notices

Pediatric Trauma is the topic of a WebMD news article that includes information the impact of specific injuries on children. Prevention is also covered in the article. To access the article go to www.emedicine.com/med/topic3223.htm#PediatricTrauma

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Suicide Prevention from Health and Human Development (HHD) Programs

The Best Practices Registry for Suicide Prevention (BPR), launched in 2007, is a new online resource that can be used to inform the development and improvement of suicide prevention programs and practices. Available through the Suicide Prevention Resource Center, an HHD program funded by SAMHSA, it highlights specific practices that have gone through a rigorous review process. To learn more about the Best Practices Registry contact Linda Langford, ScD at 617-618-2719. The Best Practices Registry is a joint collaboration of the Suicide Prevention Resource Center and the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. It is funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration *(SAMHSA)*.

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Guidelines for Developing Educational Materials to Address Children Unattended in Vehicles is designed to assist organizations in producing effective, accurate materials to help prevent children from being left unattended in vehicles. To receive a copy of the Guidelines, go to

http://www.hhd.org/documents/child-safety.pdf

Boat Safety for Children

In an effort to keep children safe on boats, BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water organizes a life jacket loaner program in various locations in the United States. A properly fitted life jacket can save lives. Life jackets for children are lent to families who need one for the day or the weekend.

For additional information click on www.boatus.com/foundation

New Car Seat Law for Maryland

Beginning June 30th 2008, Maryland children will be required to ride in a car seat or booster seat until their 8th birthday, unless they weigh at least 65 pounds or are at least 4 feet 9 inches tall. The car or booster seat should be appropriate for the child's age, weight and height. Maryland law still requires that children less than 16 years of age wear a seatbelt once they are beyond use of the booster seat.

For more information about Maryland's child passenger safety laws and loaner programs, parents can also contact Kids in Safety Seats at 1-800-370-seat or at www.mdkiss.org.

http://www.fha.state.md.us/ohpetup/kiss/

MARYLAND KISS KIDS IN SAFETY SEATS

Maryland SCFRT News and Notices Summer 2008

Highlighting Local Child Fatality Review Teams

The newsletter will highlight the work of local child fatality review teams. If you have news to share, please contact the newsletter editor: Donna Mazyck at dmazyck@msde.state.md.us

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The **Baltimore County Child Death Review Team** focuses much of its preventive activities on the reduction of infant deaths. On May 20, 2008, they hosted an "Infant Sleep Safety Summit" at Franklin Square Hospital Center. Participants, including public health, public safety, health care, childcare, education and social services professionals, reviewed infant fatality data and brainstormed ways to build a "Community Sleep Safety Net" to help save the lives of healthy babies in Baltimore County. The summit was a great success; recommendations from the professionals in attendance will be included in a final report that will be released later this summer. The summit received press in The Avenue News, as well as on WBAL-TV and WBAL radio.

www.fha.state.md.us/mch/cfr/

In addition to this most recent event, the Baltimore County team has worked to create and test documents used by Franklin Square Hospital for their mandatory discharge sleep safety and abusive head trauma counseling; the sleep safety documents are also used by home visiting nurses and social services. Members of the team have also been working to provide lectures to child care providers, school nurses and paramedics on prevention issues. In April, the team hosted British visitors who were observing CDR teams in the USA in preparation for establishing CDR teams in the United Kingdom. Several members of the team attended the CDC's SUIDI National Training Academy in Boston in May 2007.

SAVE THE DATE!

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Annual Meeting

December 9, 2008

Details to follow...

The Baltimore County CDRT's philosophy is to try to establish a pattern of collaborative relationship building to work to expand its influence, and the protection of children, throughout the county.

Resources and Information

Bicycle Safety for Children

Hopefully, many Maryland children are riding bicycles this summer. Local programs that promote bicycle safety will benefit from a resource from the Health and Human Development (HHD) program titled: ***Promoting Bicycle Safety for Children: Strategies and Tools for Community Programs***. The brochure presents evidence-based strategies, program planning guides, and basics of a successful community program.

http://www.hhd.org/documents/csn-bike-safety-brochure.pdf

Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act

Congress has completed work on H.R. 4040, the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act, and the conference report is expected to be passed by Congress imminently. The AAP played a key role in producing a strong bill that contains numerous new child safety provisions. The final version of H.R. 4040 contains the following key provisions:

Ban on Lead in Children's Products: The bill will ban all but trace amounts of lead in toys and children's products sold in the U.S., regardless of their nation of manufacture; **Pre-Marketing Testing and Safety Certification of Toys and Children's Products:** For the first time ever, the bill will require mandatory, independent, pre-market third-party safety testing and certification of all toys and children's products;

Reauthorization of the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC): The CPSC has not been reauthorized since 1992. H.R. 4040 renews the agency for 5 years and gives it significant budget increases, which will allow the agency to hire hundreds more staff and pursue the many mandates issued by Congress; **Database of Consumer Complaints**; **Ban on Export of Volatile Products**; **Tracking Labels for Children's Products**; **Improved Product Registration Forms:** Manufacturers must provide special product registration forms with every infant or toddler durable product.