

PHHS BLOCK GRANT SUCCESS STORY 2016

EMS PARTNERSHIP FOR INJURY PREVENTION AND PUBLIC EDUCATION

INJURY PREVENTION IS KEY TO PERSONAL SAFETY AND WELLBEING.

Issue: Preventing injury is an important step for keeping society safe, and every year new studies point to better concepts in personal and family injury prevention.

Intervention: EMS Authority staff researched new studies, published papers, and medical journals, and worked with local EMS partners to link to local, state, and national prevention programs. EMSA staff also provided links to lectures and presentations related to injury prevention on the EMSA illness and injury prevention website resources page. Links are tested before going live and added, deleted, or updated as information is received.

Requests for new programs and continual research are solicited quarterly by EMSA staff. Many of EMSA's websites provide free or low-cost printed materials that can be ordered or downloaded. Subjects covered include youth violence, bullying, bicycle safety, elderly falls, and firearm safety.

Impact: The website had approximately 624 hits during the funding period and is visited by EMS personnel, hospital personnel, public safety agencies and the public to gain information on illness and injury prevention programs that can be shared and/or implemented.