Potential Partners in Your Community

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Family Road Safety: Protect the Ones You Love

In addition to the many organizations already working to improve our community roadways, here are some suggestions for locating potential partners in your area. Use this as a starting point to enlist groups or organizations interested in partnering to promote road traffic safety.

Government Agencies and Organizations

- State and Local Health Department
- State and Local Transportation and Highway Safety Offices
- Department of Motor Vehicles
- Department of Education and Local School Districts
- County Extension Offices
- Law Enforcement
- Judges and prosecutors
- Military bases

Civic Groups

- Parent, Teacher and Student Associations
- Girl Scouts of America, Boy Scouts of America
- Boys and Girls Clubs of America
- Religious Organizations, Churches, Synagogues, and Mosques

Businesses

- Hospitals, Clinics and Health Care Professionals (e.g., doctors, nurses, EMS providers)
- Insurance companies and agencies
- Childcare providers
- Car dealerships
- Stores that sell child safety seats

Where to Go for Data and Effective Interventions

- CDC's Web-based Injury Statistics Query and Reporting System (WISQARS) is an interactive database system that provides customized reports of mortality data and nonfatal injury data. You can generate graphs and charts using the latest injury statistics. www.cdc.gov/ncipc/wisqars
- Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS) contains data on all fatal traffic crashes within the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. FARS contains descriptions of each fatal crash reported and includes data elements that characterize the crash, vehicles, and people involved. www-fars.nhtsa.dot.gov
- Each state has a Governor's Office of Highway Safety working to reduce road traffic injuries. This office can provide local and state data sources and may have road traffic injury statistics by county or city. Local agencies or organizations may be able to provide injury data specific to your community. Check with your local hospitals, police departments, fire departments, or emergency medical service providers.
- The *Guide to Community Preventive Services* highlights results from systematic reviews of scientific literature on community-based interventions. For example, the *Guide* presents the results of community-based interventions to decrease alcohol-impaired driving and increase the use of child safety seats and safety belts. www.thecommunityguide.org/mvoi

