

Coalition of Trauma Centers for Firearm Injury Prevention – Mission Statement

Overview

The Coalition of Trauma Centers for Firearm Injury Prevention (CTCFIP) is a Pennsylvania statewide collaboration with physician, nurse, resident, medical student, administrator and ancillary staff members from trauma centers. Formed in early 2019, the mission of the organization is to support evidence-based, data-driven legislative and non-legislative change to reduce rates of firearm injury.

Organization priorities

- 1- State legislative priorities include
 - a. Universal Firearm Background Check Legislation
 - b. Extreme Risk Protection Order Legislation
 - c. Safe Storage and Child Access Prevention Legislation
 - d. Opposition to the arming of school teachers
- 2- Federal legislative priorities include
 - a. Support the comprehensive Background Check Bill (HR 8)
- 3- Non –legislative priorities include
 - a. Development of Coalition Best Practice Recommendations (for recommendation to the PTSF)
 - b. Development of Safe Storage Screening at Trauma Centers Statewide (for recommendation to the PTSF)
 - c. Support of gun education partnerships

Organizational Committees

1. Legislative
 - a. Outline current legislators who are key to legislative priorities
 - b. Outline proposed firearm injury prevention bills
 - c. Outline legislative partners willing to propose legislation in key areas
 - d. Organize days of action on the capitol
 - e. Organize Legislative Committee Hearing or Briefs
 - f. Identify and organize education opportunities, including the proposed Firearm Injury Prevention Symposia in Spring 2019
2. Research
 - a. Develop research processes to permit statewide evaluation of efficacy of firearm injury reduction strategy, including the recently passed legislation and future bills
 - b. Determine process for most effective utilization of available statewide data sets, such as PTOS
3. Coalition Best Practice
 - a. Development of Coalition best practices, a set of evidence-based, data-driven or content expert
 - b. Development of specific recommendations for proposal to the PTSF
 - c. Development of proposal for integration of mandatory safe storage screening at Trauma Centers Statewide
 - d. Development of specific recommendations for proposal to the PTSF

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4. Education
 - a. Development of gun education partnerships, collaborative efforts between trauma centers and local gun shops and dealers to promote awareness of firearm injury and to encourage screening practices for safe firearm use and storage
 - b. Implement of safe storage screening tool kit at trauma centers after development
 - c. Organize education opportunities, including the proposed Firearm Injury Prevention Symposia in Spring 2019
5. Coalition Tool Kit
 - a. Develop a “how to” tool kit for our process as an organization
 - b. For scale up deployment to assist other states in developing similar organization
6. Organization Structure
 - a. Develop the organizational structure
 - b. Determine membership rules
 - c. Write organizational bylaws