









Maryland RISK WATCH® Team Fall 2018 Update & 2019 Dates



Update for Fire and Injury Prevention & Life Safety Committee

Maryland Risk Watch Team extends a sincere **THANK YOU** to the MSFA and LAMSFA leadership and members for their support throughout the past seventeen years. The 2018 MSFA Convention was a very successful experience for the children and families, volunteers, and leaders. The day to day work of this team of volunteers recognizes the primary support given by the MSFA through the Fire & Injury Prevention and Life Safety Committee. In partnership with Safe Kids Maryland, resources are coordinated and teaching tools are mobilized to reach children and teens across the state through day time, weekend and evening programming.

Adult Content Experts: Leaders from the injury prevention community continue to provide consistent adult mentors at each display table/ activity. **THANK YOU TO ALL**, we had support from:

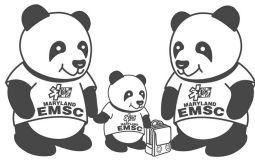
-  Cecil County DES – Holly Trego and Kay Trego (Singerly VFD)
-  Damascus VFD - Hilton Family
-  EMSC Family Advisory Network - Wilson family & Johns Hopkins Pediatric ED
-  EMSC CPS Grant (MSHO) – Susanne Ogaitis- Jones and daughter
-  EMSC State Partnership Grant – Cyndy Wright Johnson, Danielle Joy and family
-  EMSC Bike Safety Grant (MHSO) – Diane Lee
-  PRMC Trauma Center (American Trauma Society) – Kari Cheezum and team
-  Safe Kids Maryland – provided two new grants for 2018 (Water Safety and Over the Counter Medication Safety) – Cyndy Wright Johnson

The Maryland RISK WATCH team has four goals at Convention:

1. To provide young children and school age children hands on education experiences to be safer in their homes & communities through both psychomotor skills and new knowledge about high risk injuries.
2. To provide young life safety advocates (tweens, teens and young adults) with a mentored experience and specific lesson plans to work with younger children and their families.
3. To empower parents and care providers with knowledge on both the risks and the prevention strategies to keep everyone safer in their home and community (infants through seniors).
4. To demonstrate interactive safety displays based upon evidence based and best practices for life safety advocates across Maryland's EMS, Fire & Rescue services.

Maryland Risk Watch Team at the state level will be identifying the current status of the interactive games located in the partnering communities. Some of these resources were distributed 10 years ago and may need to be updated. In the fall there will be new Bike Safety and Medication Safety educational tools available. We will be sending out a inventory survey in August to allow for planning for 2018-2019 resources. Email riskwatch@msfa.org.

Recently Maryland EMSC was able to provide all the Safe Kids Coalitions with a Bike Helmet Display for training and has Smoke Alarm – 10 year battery displays to distribute this fall.



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Maryland Safe Kids Updates:

Grants from Safe Kids Worldwide has been received for the following activities / risk area focuses. The majority of the grant award is in materials (banners, games, handouts, logo trinkets) but not monetary awards.

- 1. Safe Kids Day Grant** was incorporated into the MSFA Convention activities room and include banners and games. Mini Grant was from Safe Kids Worldwide is completed.
- 2. Medication Safety Grant** focused on “OTC” (over the counter) medication safety for preteen and teens has been awarded. With the mini grant funds we will be building table top banner displays for each Safe Kids Coalition / Risk Watch community with the new Infographic (attached to the April Risk Watch update) and medication VS candy identification education tool. Mini Grant was from Safe Kids Worldwide is ongoing through December.
- 3. Water Safety Grant** is focused on both pools and open water. Cecil County DES and Peninsula Regional Medical Center are the lead communities. Mini grant funds were spent for displays including: PFDs in all sizes, Water Watcher tags and lanyards, pool safety printed materials and two table top fabric banners. Mini Grant was from Safe Kids Worldwide was completed at the end of August.
- 4. Bike Helmet Safety Grant from Maryland Highway Safety Office:** Recently Maryland EMSC was able to provide all the Safe Kids Coalitions with a Bike Helmet Display for training, A new poster has been designed and will be printed in October. Two short PSAs on Bike Helmet Safety will be created this fall and produced for spring.
- 5. Child Passenger Safety Grant from Maryland Highway Safety Office:** is ongoing and just competed a safe travel in Airports display. Another Outdoor Temperature Thermometer will be purchased through this grant for Western Maryland and kept at Meritus Trauma Center in Hagerstown. New Steps for CPS poster just arrived and will be available through the EMSC office.

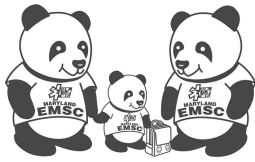
Prevention Save the Dates:

Safe Kid Maryland Coalition 2019 Meetings:

March 6, 2019 @ MIEMSS Room 212 from 12:30 PM – 3:00 PM
MIEMSS Headquarters 653 West Pratt Street, Baltimore Maryland

September 4, 2019 @ MIEMSS Room 212 from 12:30 PM – 3:00 PM
MIEMSS Headquarters 653 West Pratt Street, Baltimore Maryland

Public Educator Life Safety Seminar –March 23, 2019 (Saturday) at MFRI QH in College Park. Registration will be on the MFRI Website by late fall.



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Risk Watch Communities with materials in schools, after school and community events are listed below. We would like to have a contact for Risk Watch and Safe Kids in each county to facilitate getting new information out and to share the camera ready public safety messages from national organizations. Please email riskwatch@msfa.org if you would like to be one of our counties contact.

County	Contact	Lead Agency
Carroll County	Maggie Rauser – Safe Kids	County Health Department
Calvert County	St Leonard VFD - need new contact	
Cecil County	Holly Trego (RW and SK)	Depart of Emergency Services
Frederick County	RW contact needed Jessica Dayal - Safe Kids (new)	County Health Department
Garrett County	Diane Lee (RW and SK)	County Health Department
Howard County	RW contact needed Terri Taylor – Safe Kids	County Fire & Rescue
Johns Hopkins Pediatric ED	Mary Ellen Wilson RN EMSC FAN Council Chair	Johns Hopkins Childrens Center
Montgomery County	Beth Anne Nessel (RW) .Anthony Ramirez (SK)	County Fire & Rescue County Fire & Rescue
Prince George's County	Teresa Ann Crisman (RW and SK)	Fire & EMS Department
Prince George's County	Teresa Ann Crisman (RW and SK)	PGCVFRA
Queen Anne's County	David Reid (RW & SK)	United Communities Fire Dept.
Rock Hall (Kent County)	Andrea Joyner RN Health Department	Health Department
Tilghman Island (Talbot County)	School Library	County Schools
Washington County	Kelly Llewellyn RN (RW & SK & ATS)	Meritus Trauma Center
Wicomico County	Kari Cheezum RN (RW & SK & ATS)	PRMC Trauma Center
<i>More are welcome to join</i>		