


Strategies to Create a Culture of Safety


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Who's Here Today?






Learning Objectives

- Increase your awareness of the importance of safety and injury prevention
- Improve your understanding of how everyone can contribute to a culture of safety
- Identify 10 actions to improve safety in your program and communities
- Identify related resources to assist you in strengthening your systems and services



“I Already Know This”




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Table Talk

- Let’s talk about the major challenges that affect children’s safety
- Keep in mind areas that you may want to explore as you complete your action planning

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Injuries Are Predictable




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Injuries Are Preventable

What if?



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10 Actions to Create a Culture of Safety




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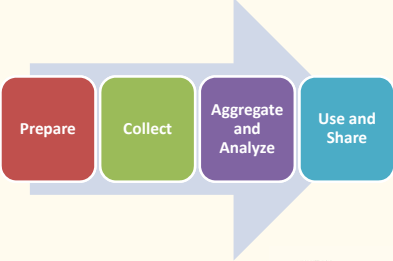
Use Data to Make Decisions





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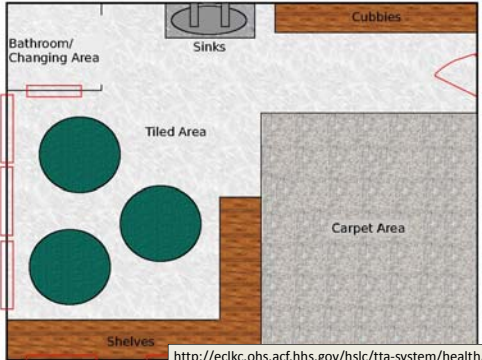
Steps to Implement



Prepare Collect Aggregate and Analyze Use and Share



Hazard Mapping




Bathroom/Changing Area Sinks Cubbies Tiled Area Carpet Area Shelves

<http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/tta-system/health/safety-injury-prevention/safe-healthy-environments/hazard-mapping.html>

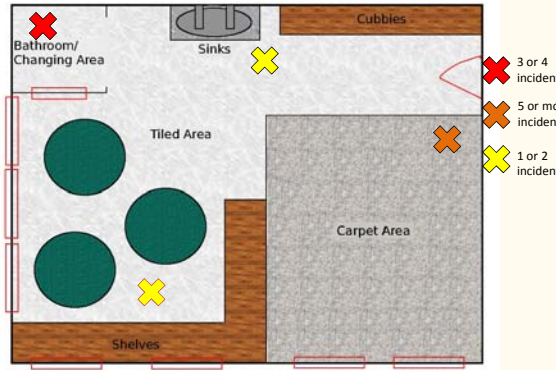
Incident Data Tracking Sheet

Hazard Mapping Data
 Classroom: Quippen, 3 year old Classroom
 Month: March 2014

Child ID	Age	Date	Time	Location	Activity	Incident Type	Incident Description
JK	3.1	3/7/14	8:10:00	Classroom carpet	play	fall	child fell on to playground mat
BC	3.3	3/7/14	10:00:00	Classroom	play	fall	child fell on to playground mat
BC	3.3	3/7/14	11:30:00	playground	big slide	fall	child pushed by another child
JK	3.1	3/7/14	11:21:00	playground	big slide	fall	child tripped and fell while running
PT	3.3	3/7/14	2:00:00	classroom sink	drink	spill	child spilled milk on floor
JK	3.1	3/7/14	11:21:00	playground	big slide	fall	child tripped with another child
JK	3.1	3/7/14	3:13:00	classroom	play	fall	child tripped on wall paper
BC	3.3	3/7/14	0:45:00	classroom (open area)	play	fall	child hit by another child
LM	3	3/7/14	4:10:00	classroom sink	drink	spill	child tripped while drinking
VC	3.3	3/11/14	10:20:00	classroom (open area)	play	fall	child tripped on chair
JK	3.3	3/11/14	13:40:00	playground	small slide	fall	child tripped with another child
PK	3.3	3/11/14	10:20:00	bathroom	drink	spill	child tripped



Aggregate and Analyze



Actively Supervise




Head Start Child Supervision Requirements

"no child shall be left alone or unsupervised while under their care"

(45 CFR 1304.52[i][1][iii])

Steps to Implement

There are six active supervision strategies

1. Set Up the Environment
2. Position Staff
3. Scan and Count
4. Listen
5. Anticipate Children's Behavior
6. Engage and Redirect

Keep Environments Safe and Secure



What is a fail safe or redundant system?

“A part that has the same function as another part and that exists so that the entire system will not fail if the main part fails.”

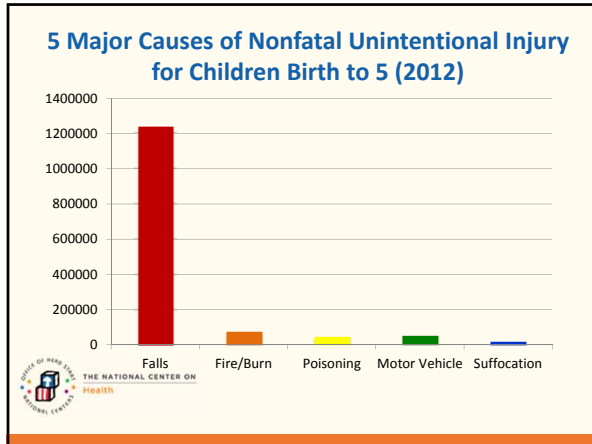
-Merriam Webster Dictionary

Examples of Redundant Systems



Make
Playgrounds
Safe





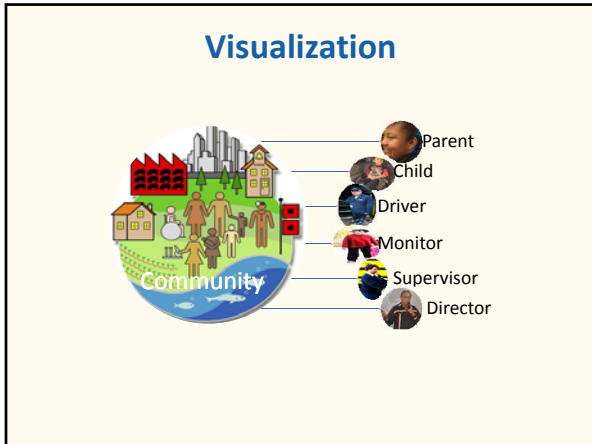


Transport Children Safely

Implement and enforce policies and procedures for drivers, monitors, children and families

- Using school buses
- Driving to/from program
- Walking

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Model Safe Behaviors



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Teach Families about Safety




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Considerations for Families:


- The right car seat, installed correctly
- The impact of temperature
- National Car Safety Campaign



Heat Exhaustion




Hypothermia



where's baby?
Look before you lock.

Know Your Children and Families



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Know the preferences, culture, and traditions of your families



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Questions to Consider

- What are the key messages that you will take back from this training?
- What needs to change to promote a culture of safety in your program?
- What will your first steps be?

Questions



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Website: <http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/tta-system/health/center>

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