Dallas, Texas
USA

Internet Application Summary

**Name of the Community:** Dallas, Texas

**Country:** USA

**Number of inhabitants:** 2.4 million (Dallas County)

**Program started year:** 1994

**International Safe Communities Network Membership:** designation year: 1996; 2007

**Redesignation years:** 2007, 2011

**Info address on www for the Program:**
www.injurypreventioncenter.org

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**The program covers the following safety promotion activities:**

For the age group
**Children 0-14 years:**

- Child Passenger Safety Fitting Stations
- Tween Occupant Protection
- Tailored Injury Prevention Program
- HIPPY Burn Prevention Project
- Operation Installation Residential Fire Injury Prevention Program
- Vickery Meadows Pedestrian Safety Project
- Bringing Families Together
- Citizens for Traffic Safety Coalition
- Child Abuse Prevention Coalition
- Dallas Area Pedestrian Safety Coalition
- Parkland Health & Hospital System Child Passenger Safety Work Group
- Infant Falls Work Group
- Family Violence Prevention Council
- Dallas County Child Death Review Team

**Youth 15-24 years:**

- Operation Installation Residential Fire Injury Prevention Program
- Citizens for Traffic Safety Coalition
- Dallas County Child Death Review Team
- Domestic Violence Awareness Coalition
- Family Violence Prevention Council
- Dallas County Intimate Partner Violence Fatality Review Team
- Bringing Families Together
- Dallas Area Pedestrian Safety Coalition

**Adults 25-64 years:**

- Operation Installation Residential Fire Injury Prevention Program
- Citizens for Traffic Safety Coalition
- Domestic Violence Awareness Coalition
- Family Violence Prevention Council
- Dallas County Intimate Partner Violence Fatality Review Team
- Bringing Families Together
- Northhaven Tai Chi
- Dallas Area Pedestrian Safety Coalition

**Older Adults 65+ years:**

- Operation Installation Residential Fire Injury Prevention Program
- Citizens for Traffic Safety Coalition
- Domestic Violence Awareness Coalition
- Family Violence Prevention Council
- Dallas County Intimate Partner Violence Fatality Review Team
• Northhaven Tai Chi
• Dallas Area Pedestrian Safety Coalition
• Dallas Area Falls Prevention Coalition
In the following Environments:

Home:
- Operation Installation Residential Fire Injury Prevention Program
- Domestic Violence Awareness Coalition
- Family Violence Prevention Council
- Dallas County Intimate Partner Violence Fatality Review Team
- Northhaven Tai Chi
- Dallas Area Falls Prevention Coalition
- Bringing Families Together
- Dallas County Child Death Review Team
- Tailored Injury Prevention Program
- HIPPY Burn Prevention Project

Traffic:
- Child Passenger Safety Fitting Stations
- Tween Occupant Protection
- Tailored Injury Prevention Program
- Vickery Meadows Pedestrian Safety Project
- Citizens for Traffic Safety Coalition
- Dallas Area Pedestrian Safety Coalition
- Parkland Health & Hospital System Child Passenger Safety Work Group
- Dallas County Child Death Review Team

Occupational:
- Citizens for Traffic Safety Coalition

School:
- Tween Occupant Protection
- Vickery Meadows Pedestrian Safety Project
- Citizens for Traffic Safety Coalition
- Dallas Area Pedestrian Safety Coalition

Leisure:
- Dallas County Child Death Review Team
- Tween Occupant Protection
- Vickery Meadows Pedestrian Safety Project
- Citizens for Traffic Safety Coalition
- Dallas Area Pedestrian Safety Coalition

Violence prevention (intentional injuries):
- Bringing Families Together
- Child Abuse Prevention Coalition
• Family Violence Prevention Council
• Dallas County Child Death Review Team
• Dallas County Intimate Partner Violence Fatality Review Team

**Suicide prevention** (self-inflicted injuries):

• Family Violence Prevention Council
• Dallas County Child Death Review Team

**Programmes aiming at “High risk-groups”:**

• HIPPY Burn Prevention Project
• Operation Installation Residential Fire Injury Prevention Program
• Vickery Meadows Pedestrian Safety Project
• Dallas County Child Death Review Team
• Dallas County Intimate Partner Violence Fatality Review Team
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• Dallas Area Falls Prevention Coalition
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**Surveillance of injuries:** Where? Dallas County

Data available to the IPC

Medical Examiner Data (1997–2011)
Dallas County Child Death Review Team Data (2006-2011)
Dallas County Intimate Partner Violence Fatality Review Team (2008-2011)

**Numbers per year:**

From 1997-2007, there were over 1,100 deaths from injuries each year in Dallas County. Sixty percent of the deaths were unintentional and 40% were intentional (suicides and homicides). Traffic injuries were the leading cause of injury death accounting for over one-quarter of all deaths (26%) followed by homicide (22%) and suicide (18%).

Population base: 2.4 million

**Publications: (Scientific)**

Produced information material, pamphlets:

- Tween Buckle Up Posters
- Young at Heart Fall Prevention Fact Sheet
- Sobriety Checkpoint Legislative Briefing Paper
- Legislative Fact Sheets
Staff

Number: 10
Professions: part-time or full-time: 9 full-time; 1 part-time
Permanent: 10
Temporary: 0


Organization:

The Injury Prevention Center of Greater Dallas is housed at Parkland Memorial Hospital. Named one of Modern Healthcare’s “25 busiest community hospital emergency department,” Parkland Memorial Hospital is consistently honored with the title of one of the Best 100 Hospitals in the U.S. by *US News & World Report*. Parkland is the principle health care facility for the Dallas County Hospital District, and is also the principal teaching hospital for the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center (UTSW). Nearly half of the unfunded patient population in Dallas County is treated at Parkland each year. Parkland’s place in history may have been solidified on November 22, 1963, when President John F. Kennedy was brought to the hospital after being shot.

**Specific intersectoral leadership group:**

Dallas Safe Communities Advisory Council

**General public health/health promotion groups:**

- Citizens for Traffic Safety Coalition
- Child Abuse Prevention Coalition
- Dallas Area Pedestrian Safety Coalition
- Family Violence Prevention Council
- Domestic Violence Awareness Coalition
- Dallas Area Falls Prevention Coalition

**International commitments:**

Study visits:

- Edmonton (1995)
- Stockholm (1996)
• Amsterdam (1998)
• Rotterdam (1998)
• Madison/Dane County, WI (2009)
• Shawnee, OK (2009)
• Erie, PA (2010)

Participation in Safe Community conferences: Where?

• Australia (1996)
• Dallas (Hosted 1996)
• Rotterdam (1998)
• Prague/Vienna (1999)
• Bergen (2005)
• South Africa (2006)
• Safe Communities Canada (Winnipeg, Manitoba 2008)
• Safe Communities America (Chicago, Illinois 2010)
• Safe Communities Canada (Toronto, Ottawa 2010)

World Injury Conferences:

• Merida, Mexico (2008)

Hosting Safe Community Conferences: When?

• Dallas (1996)

Hosting “Travelling Seminars”:

The IPC and Dell Children’s Medical Center organized and hosted the first Texas Injury & Violence Prevention Conference, which was held in Austin, Texas on August 16-18, 2010. The goal of the conference was to focus on the nine core competencies for injury prevention and provide skills-based (rather than topic-based) training for injury prevention professionals in Texas. Conference faculty included Andrea Gielen, Ph.D. and Carolyn Cumpsty Fowler, Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins University; Larry Cohen, M.S.W., Executive Director of the Prevention Institute; and Lee Anne, Ph.D. and Ruth Shults, Ph.D., from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.