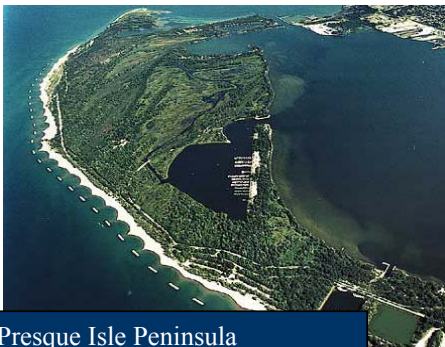




Certifying Center for Safe Communities

**On behalf of the WHO Collaborating Centre on Community Safety Promotion,
Department of Public Health Sciences, Division of Social Medicine,
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**Erie County, Pennsylvania
USA
Safe Community # 214**



Presque Isle Peninsula



Flagship Niagara

Name of the Community:	Erie County, Pennsylvania
Country:	United States of America
Number of inhabitants:	280,843
Program started year:	2008
Year of International Designation:	2010

Website address for the Program:

<http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#!/group.php?gid=138880112797513&ref=ts>

Full Application report:

www.phs.ki.se/csp/pdf/applicationreports/erie.pdf

Primary Contact Person: Patty Puline
Job Title: Injury Prevention Coordinator
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Country: U.S.A.

The following information shall be short, as the complete application report will be attached on the web page as well. Include just safety promotion activities, related to accidents, Violence prevention (intentional injuries) and Suicide prevention (self-inflicted injuries). Note health promotion activities are not included in the International Safe Community Program.

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Community Website:
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Lead Organization Website: www.ecdh.org

The program covers the following safety promotion activities:

For the age group:
Children 0-14 years:





For the age group: Children 0-14 years:

- ✓ Airway Obstruction
- ✓ American Red Cross Safety Courses
- ✓ Animal Bite Prevention
- ✓ ATV Safety
- ✓ Back is Where It's At
- ✓ Bike Rodeos
- ✓ Buckle Up Child Passenger Safety Program
- ✓ Car Seat Safety Checks
- ✓ Carbon Monoxide Poisoning
- ✓ Child Death Review Team
- ✓ Child Passenger Safety Technician training/certification (SKWW)
- ✓ Child Passenger Safety Week
- ✓ Child Sexual Abuse
- ✓ Concussion Management
- ✓ Cribs for Kids Campaign (SIDS prevention)
- ✓ Fire Safety (Protect the Place You Call Home – EFD)
- ✓ Good Secrets, Bad Secrets
- ✓ Gunlocks (Firearm prevention)
- ✓ Halloween Safety
- ✓ Home Safety Kits
- ✓ Pedestrian Safety (Walk to School Day)
- ✓ Playground Safety
- ✓ Poison Prevention (LECOM)
- ✓ Prevention Programs for Kids
- ✓ Protection from Abuse Task Force
- ✓ Railroad Safety- Operation Lifesavers
- ✓ Safe Kids Erie projects
- ✓ Safe Kids Day/Safe Kids Erie projects/Safe Kids Week
- ✓ Safe Passage – elementary schools - EPD
- ✓ School Bus Safety
- ✓ Skateboard Helmet Project
- ✓ Suffocation/Choking
- ✓ Toy Safety
- ✓ Traumatic Brain Injury
- ✓ Unattended Kids in Cars
- ✓ United Way Success by 6
- ✓ Water Safety (Drowning)
- ✓ Wee Lead and Seed
- ✓ WIC Oktoberfest Client Fair
- ✓ Winter Sports (Ski/Snowboard/Sledding)

Youth 15-24 years:

- ✓ Aggressive Driving Enforcement/Education
- ✓ American Red Cross Safety Courses
- ✓ ATV Safety
- ✓ Autiiq Peer Mentor Program for Youth
- ✓ Boy Scout/Girl Scout Safety Patch Projects
- ✓ Blue Cross- Highmark Healthy High 5 Program
- ✓ Bullying Prevention Initiatives
- ✓ Cell Phone Law
- ✓ Click-it or Ticket Seatbelt Enforcement/Awareness
- ✓ Coalition Pathways D & A Program
- ✓ DUI and Distracted Driving
- ✓ DUI Prevention and Alcohol Awareness
- ✓ Eagle Task Force
- ✓ Firearm Safety
- ✓ Gunlocks and Handouts
- ✓ IMPACT Concussion Sports Management Program
- ✓ Neighborhood Watch
- ✓ Northwest Regional Highway Safety
- ✓ Olweus Bullying Prevention Project
- ✓ Ophelia Project for Girls
- ✓ PA Attorney General D&A Program
- ✓ RAMP Training
- ✓ School Resource Officer Safety Program (Sheriff)
- ✓ Skatepark Safety – Skateboard Helmets
- ✓ Suicide Prevention
- ✓ Teen Driving Competition
- ✓ Yellow Ribbon Campaign (Suicide Prevention)



Adults 25-64 years



- ✓ Click-it or Ticket Seatbelt Enforcement/Awareness
- ✓ Cyber Terrorism Task Force
- ✓ Distracted Driving
- ✓ DUI Checkpoint

- ✓ DUI Prevention
- ✓ DUI Task Force
- ✓ Distracted Driving Program
- ✓ Falls Prevention
- ✓ Fire Safety/Hearing Impaired smoke alarms
- ✓ Firearm Safety
- ✓ Highway Safety
- ✓ Homicide/Suicide Prevention
- ✓ Internet Neighborhood Crime Watch
- ✓ Lead and Seed – Coalition Pathways
- ✓ Nuisance Bar Task Force
- ✓ Play Safe, Be Safe Teacher Workshops
- ✓ Poison Prevention
- ✓ Project Safe Neighborhood
- ✓ RAMP- Responsible Alcohol Management Program
- ✓ Safe Boating Task Force
- ✓ Smart Transportation
- ✓ Suicide Prevention
- ✓ Teen Driving Competition
- ✓ Violence Against Women Task Force

Elderly – 65 + Years



- ✓ Aggressive Driving Enforcement/Education
- ✓ Car Seat Check
- ✓ Car Seat Installation
- ✓ Click-it or Ticket Enforcement/Awareness
- ✓ DUI

- ✓ Erie County Care Management Elderly Program
- ✓ Falls Risk Screening/Prevention/ (ECHA)
- ✓ Firearm Safety (MATV)
- ✓ Fishing Safety
- ✓ Grandparent Safety Project
- ✓ Hearing Impaired Smoke Alarms Project
- ✓ Healthy Steps for Older Adults
- ✓ Highway Safety
- ✓ Older Driver Education (AAA, AARP)
- ✓ Poisoning Prevention (Prescription)
- ✓ St. Vincent Health Center Grandparent Safety Program
- ✓ Suicide Prevention

In the following Environments:

Home:



- ✓ 9-1-1 Public Safety
- ✓ Carbon Monoxide Poisoning
- ✓ Child Sexual Abuse
- ✓ Cribs for Kids Campaign (SIDS)
- ✓ Environmental Safety
- ✓ Falls Prevention
- ✓ Good Secrets/Bad Secrets
- ✓ Gun Locks/Firearm Safety
- ✓ Home Safety Kits
- ✓ Homeless Shelters
- ✓ OCY/Training for case managers
- ✓ Poisoning Prevention
- ✓ Protect the Place You Call Home S/A Installation
- ✓ Window Locks/Choking/Strangulation

Traffic:



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American train. 7-year-old (left) of Dan- hear the train coming. He took the advice he
for his was told by one of the outliners that if heart. The train arrived shortly thereafter.

- ✓ Aggressive Driving Enforcement/Education
- ✓ Buckle Up Seatbelt Safety PSA
- ✓ Car Seat Check Up – TIPP

- ✓ Car Seat Discount Program – Women’s Care Center
- ✓ Car Seat Installation – PA State Police
- ✓ Child Passenger Safety Week
- ✓ Click-it or Ticket Enforcement/Awareness
- ✓ Distracted Driving and Cell Phone Prevention
- ✓ DUI – Drunk Driving
- ✓ Northwest Regional Highway Safety Project
- ✓ Older Driver Safety Campaign – Millcreek Township
- ✓ Pedestrian Safety
- ✓ Streets of Speed – WSEE

Workplace Safety:

- ✓ Barber National Institute Safety Project
- ✓ GE Black Belt – Six Sigma Safety Course
- ✓ GE Employee Safety Program
- ✓ Occupational Health programs
- ✓ OSHA Training
- ✓ Voices for Independence Wheelchair Safety Program

School:



- ✓ Aggressive Driving/Distracted/Cell Phone
- ✓ Animal Bite Pre School Programs (Safe Kids coloring book)
- ✓ Attorney General Drug and Alcohol Program (SAMHSA)
- ✓ Booker T Washington Center After School Program
- ✓ Coalition Pathways Youth Mentoring Program
- ✓ DUI Prevention and Alcohol Awareness
- ✓ Fire Safety Education (Erie Insurance coloring book)
- ✓ JFK Center Mentoring Program
- ✓ IMPACT Concussion Management
- ✓ Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit Schools Program
- ✓ NW IU 5 Migrant Education Program
- ✓ Olweus Bullying
- ✓ Ophelia Project
- ✓ Pedestrian Safety (Walk this Way)
- ✓ Poison Prevention
- ✓ Railroad Safety – Operation Lifesaver
- ✓ RAMP (Responsible Driving) Program
- ✓ Safe Communities Erie Youth Advisory Board
- ✓ School Resource Program (Sheriff)
- ✓ Student Assistance Program

- ✓ Students Against Destructive Decisions (Prep)
- ✓ Teen Screen Suicide Initiative (SOS)
- ✓ Winter Sports – ski, snowboard, sledding

Sports& Leisure:

- ✓ ATV Safety
- ✓ Bike Helmet Program
- ✓ Safe Kids Day
- ✓ Skateboard Park –Helmet Safety
- ✓ Sports Medicine Treatment and Prevention
- ✓ Traumatic Brain Injury - IMPACT
- ✓ Zoo Boo

Violence Prevention:

- ✓ CVC Homicide Support Group
- ✓ Child Abuse Task Force
- ✓ Cyberterrorism Task Force
- ✓ DUI Task Force
- ✓ Eagle Task Force
- ✓ House of Healing Women Project
- ✓ Lead and Seed
- ✓ Mothers Against Teen Violence
- ✓ Neighborhood Crime Watch Project
- ✓ Nuisance Bar Task Force
- ✓ PA Attorney General Fraud Prevention
- ✓ Project C.A.L.L.
- ✓ Project Safe Neighborhoods
- ✓ Protection from Abuse Task Force
- ✓ Safe Passage
- ✓ Safe Net Safety Prevention Project
- ✓ Sisters of St. Joseph Take Back the Site
- ✓ Stop Violence Against Women Task Force
- ✓ Take Back the Night – Crime Victim Center
- ✓ Weed and Seed
- ✓ Violence Prevention Task Force
- ✓ Weed and Seed

Suicide prevention (self-inflicted injuries):

- ✓ Crisis Intervention – Stairways
- ✓ PALS Support Group – Survivors of Suicide
- ✓ Suicide – SOS – Suicide Prevention for Schools
- ✓ Teen Screen – Suicide Prevention for Schools
- ✓ Yellow Ribbon Campaign – LECOM
- ✓

Programs aiming at “High risk-groups”:

- ✓ Dallas Helps Safe Kids Erie TV PSA Program



- ✓ Achievement Center
- ✓ AG Fraud Prevention
- ✓ Aggressive and Distracted Youth Drivers
- ✓ Animal Bite Prevention Program for Preschools
- ✓ Barber Institute
- ✓ Bicycle Rodeos
- ✓ CASA
- ✓ Child Death Review Team
- ✓ Child Sexual Abuse
- ✓ Children's Advocacy Center Groups
- ✓ Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)
- ✓ Cribs for Kids (SIDS)
- ✓ DUI Prevention and Alcohol Awareness
- ✓ Erie County Emergency Preparedness Program
- ✓ Erie Community Foundation Safety Projects
- ✓ Falls Prevention and Screening
- ✓ Gaudenzia Crossroads DEBI Interventions
- ✓ Housing Authority of the City of Erie Outreach Project
- ✓ Home Safety Kits
- ✓ ECCM Homeless Program
- ✓ Multi-Cultural Health Education Delivery Systems
- ✓ Mothers Against Teen Violence
- ✓ National Night Out – (six safety partners)
- ✓ OCY
- ✓ Older Driver Safety Education
- ✓ Operation Lifesaver
- ✓ Ophelia Project
- ✓ Poison Prevention
- ✓ Poison Prevention at Millcreek Mall
- ✓ Protect the Place You Call Home (smoke detectors)
- ✓ Railroad Safety
- ✓ Safe Kids Day
- ✓ Safe Kids Week
- ✓ Sisters of St. Joseph Neighborhood Network Program
- ✓ Stairways Behavioral Health – You Are Not Alone Program
- ✓ Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD)
- ✓ Suicide Prevention (prison)
- ✓ Teen Screen
- ✓ Trinity Center Neighborhood Youth Project
- ✓ United Way Success by 6
- ✓ Voices for Independence/CRI
- ✓ WIC/GECAC Client Awareness Programs
- ✓ Workplace/OSHA
- ✓ Zem Zem Shriners Burn Program
- ✓ Zoo Boo

Surveillance of Injuries:

The Erie County Department of Health employs two epidemiologists who review injury data annually. Erie County injury data is obtained from all of the sources listed below. The Erie County Adult Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey (BRFSS) provides information on injury prevention behaviors within the adult community, such as adult seatbelt use, child car safety seat use, bicycle helmet use by children, smoke detector use and operational checks, and household fire escape plans. Other sources listed below provide information on incidence, prevalence, hospitalization, and deaths related to injuries.

In addition, Safe Communities collaborates with partners to collect data through surveys and programs. Partnerships within the SCE gather data, and share through reports and research agencies. Other sources include Child Death Review, death certificates and hospital records. data from each of these sources is used by the Erie County Department of Health and its community partners to focus and direct community action as well as evaluate the effectiveness of these actions.

- 2007 Erie County Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey
Source: PA Department of Health; Erie County Department of Health
- “Injuries in Pennsylvania: County Profiles 2005”
Source: PA Department of Health
- “Injury Deaths and Hospitalizations in Pennsylvania: 2001-2005”
Source: PA Department of Health
- “Traumatic Brain Injuries in Pennsylvania: County Profiles, 1995-1999”
Source: PA Department of Health
- “2007 Pennsylvania Crash Facts & Statistics”
Source: PA Department of Transportation
- Vital Statistics Database: Deaths
Source: PA Department of Health; Erie County Department of Health
- “Firearm-Related Injuries in Pennsylvania”
Source: Research Briefs, Issue No.6, August 2005; PA Health Care Cost Containment Council

Numbers per year: continuing and varies

Population base: 118, 367

Started year: ECDH first assessment was conducted in 1991

Produced information material, pamphlets:

“Am I At Risk?” – resource guide

“Eat Smart Move More” – Resource Guide

“Good Secrets, Bad Secrets” Coloring Book

“One and Only Shot” – video production

A Walk through Clinic – Video Production

ABC’s of Safety – Safe Kids Erie

Babysitting – American Red Cross

BRFSS Surveys

Buckle Bear – Buckle Up Right – Safe Kids Erie

Child Safety – car seat Public Service Announcements

Coalition Pathways “Lead and Seed” brochure

ECHA Adult Resource List
Ernie teaches Fire Safety – Erie Insurance
Fraud Prevention Tips for Older Adults
Hang Tag – Helmet Distribution Program
Human Resources Guide - Gannon
Pediatric HIV Infection
Poverty Study – Erie County Government
Safe Kids Erie Animal Bite Prevention teaching modules
Teens and HIV Infection Video Production
Various brochures, pamphlets, video, PSA, from 76 partner agencies

Staff:

Number: 1

Professions: Injury Prevention Coordinator, FTE

Permanent: 1

Temporary: .5 (Annual intern placement)

Organization: Erie County Dept of Health, Erie County Government

Specific Intersectoral Leadership Group: Safe Communities Erie

General Public health/health promotion group: Safe Communities Erie, PA
Department of Health, Violence and Injury Prevention Grant, ICPG State health
promotion group, Safe States Alliance

International Commitments:

Below are some of the ways that Safe Communities Erie has participated in state, national and international networks:

Lead and Seed is a program that is offered through an international connection with Alutiiq, a research based, evidence based drug prevention program heralded by US federal agencies. Lead & Seed follows the 5-step SAMHSA's Strategic Prevention Framework planning process.

Safe Sleep Conference in Pittsburgh, PA—attended to launch the Safe Kids Campaign in Erie which was addressed during the first Safe Communities Coalition meeting. Members tasked Patty Puline with finding someone to attend the meeting, bring back information, form a committee, and then to address the needs. A member of the committee attended, we formed a new chapter, found and secured funding, the health department coordinated the venture, and Saint Vincent Health Center took the lead. We have to date given out over 160 pack and play cribs, and reduced the amount of SIDS deaths in Erie by 65% overall.

Safe Kids Worldwide National Conference in Washington, DC—Patty Puline presented abstract and poster presentation on “Protect the Place You Call Home” fire safety project with the local fire department. Our program started due to 13 fire deaths in an 18 month period. We have not had one fatality since we started our program of smoke detectors. We have given out over 5,000 alarms and have created a database for all fire departments to access in case of a fire.

Safe States Alliance (STIPDA) National Conference in Ann Arbor, Michigan—Patty Puline presented abstract and poster presentation on “Skateboard Park in Erie, PA” highlighting the pitfalls and triumphs of trying to pass helmet requirements in the park for children.

Lifesavers Conference—A representative from our Northwest Regional Highway Safety Network attended this National Highway safety meeting dedicated to reducing the tragic toll of deaths and injuries on our nation's roadways. This annual event provides a forum for relevant solutions to critical highway safety problems and addresses a wide range of safety topics, from child passenger safety and occupant protection to roadway and vehicle safety and technology.

Safe Communities Erie/Canadian National Rail Partnership—Formed international partnership for rail safety, as CNR educates children about rail safety and the dangers of playing near railroad tracks. Due to the deaths of children in a certain area, we spearheaded a railway safety program in that neighborhood. Besides CNR, CSX and Safe Kids Worldwide created an educational project for schools. Last year over 600 kids learned about rail safety in the area where two train deaths occurred.

Hosting Safe Communities Reception and Breakfast: October 30, 2010

Hosting Safe Kids Conference: October 30, 2010