

### Johns Hopkins Center for Injury Research & Policy

***The Johns Hopkins Center for Injury Research and Policy conducts research and practice to inform, create and disseminate programs and policies designed to reduce injury in Baltimore. Examples of our work follow.***

#### **Injury is a major public health problem in the U.S. and Baltimore.**

- Injury is the #1 cause of death for people ages 1-44 in the U.S. and in Baltimore. The majority are caused by car crashes, violence, falls, house fires, burns, poisoning, drowning, and choking.
- Approximately 30,000 Baltimore children are treated for an injury each year.

#### **Center research demonstrates that children in Baltimore are at high risk for injuries.**

- Children in Baltimore receiving medical assistance suffer injuries at a rate twice the U.S. average.
- Families in low income neighborhoods and poor quality housing face many barriers to protecting their children.

#### **Innovative Center programs are addressing Baltimore's child injury problem.**

- The Center created the first hospital based Children's Safety Center in the country to provide free personalized education and access to low cost safety products such as car seats, carbon monoxide alarms and bike helmets.
- Through partnerships with local community agencies, the Center now runs three safety centers to serve Baltimore – the original Children's Safety Center, Safety Lane, and the CARES Mobile Safety Center. These centers reach an estimated 6000 visitors annually.

**CARES Mobile Safety Center**



**Safety Lane**



**Children's Safety Center**



#### **Community-partnered Center research is addressing a number of other injury problems in Baltimore.**

- The Center is working closely with the Baltimore City Fire Department conducting large scale community based research that will enhance their home visiting program and data systems.
- Working with a number of local agencies and organizations, the Center seeks to improve the built environment in ways that promote safe physical activity and reduce pedestrian injury.
- The Center is partnering with the House of Ruth to build capacity for academic-community partnered research and find new solutions to the problem of intimate partner violence.

#### ***About the Johns Hopkins Center for Injury Research and Policy***

- Founded in 1987, the Center is a leader in redefining injury as a public health problem and promoting injury prevention as a scientific discipline.
- Guided by a commitment to ensuring its high quality research is translated into programs and policies, the Center's work reduces the burden of injury around the globe.
- The diversity of disciplines needed to advance the science of injury control, from prevention to acute care to rehabilitation, are well-represented among the Center's world-renowned faculty.

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