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Trauma System Grant Funding Opportunities

The Indiana Department of Health's Division of Trauma and Injury Prevention has been provided funding to support quality improvement projects and the ongoing development of the statewide trauma system. To aid in the implementation of trauma system projects, the Indiana Department of Health will fund the following strategies. Applicants must implement projects that target at least one strategy but can address multiple strategies if appropriate.

- **Strategy 1:** Trauma System Development
- **Strategy 2:** Quality Improvement
- **Strategy 3:** Trauma and Non-Trauma Center Engagement
- **Strategy 4:** Injury Prevention Programming

This request for applications (RFA) is designed for all interested entities wishing to submit proposals for trauma system development under the core strategies outlined above. Funding decisions for all proposals submitted under this program will be made following a review process by the Indiana Trauma Care Commission (TCC) and the Indiana Department of Health (IDOH).

Eligible applicants might include hospitals, hospital networks, first responder agencies, statewide organizations, and entities with previous experience leading quality improvement activities. An entity may submit more than one proposal.

Applicants will be allocated a set dollar amount based on the project scope and potential impact to address outlined strategies and improve Indiana's trauma system.

All submissions will be coordinated through Indiana Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute (CTSI) with application reviews and approvals of awards being finalized by the Trauma Care Commission and IDOH. For more information, follow the link here: <https://indianactsi.org/researchers/services-tools/translational-research-development/open-funding-opportunities/#TCC2024>

If you have any questions regarding these opportunities, please contact indianatrauma@health.in.gov.

Indiana Trauma Care Commission Inaugural Meeting

The newly created Indiana Trauma Care Commission had its inaugural meeting on Nov. 3. The 13 commission members were appointed by Gov. Eric J. Holcomb and established by Indiana Senate Enrolled Act 4. It consolidates the previous Indiana State Trauma Care Committee to help provide a focused approach Indiana's statewide trauma system. The commission will be responsible for developing and promoting a system in cooperation with state, regional and local public/private organizations, use trauma data to promote/support quality improvement initiatives, develop and implement a trauma system performance improvement plan, support state level multi-disciplined disaster planning and identify opportunities programming. Presenters at the first meeting included:

- Mike Lopez, IDOH's Director of Strategic Planning, who provided a summary and findings from the trauma summit hosted by the Indiana Hospital Association in August
- Brian Busching, IDOH's division director for Trauma and Injury Prevention who discussed trauma quality improvement funding, which will allow both trauma and non-trauma centers to apply for funding, made available for the first time ever as a result of House Bill 1001, which directed funds to IDOH and the Division of Trauma and Injury Prevention for trauma system development
- Crowe, LLP, which will help IDOH and the Trauma Care Commission develop the state's first trauma system plan
- The Indiana Department of Homeland Security which provided updates regarding funding it received and future plans

Study: Health equity important to pediatric quality of care

A new multi-site study led by IU School of Medicine found increasing pediatric readiness in emergency departments reduces, but does not eliminate, racial and ethnic disparities in children and adolescents with acute medical emergencies. To read the article and Dr. Peter Jenkins' research article, [CLICK THIS LINK](#)

Safe States Annual Injury & Violence Prevention Conference summary

Two members of DTIP attended the Safe States Annual Injury and Violence Prevention Conference held Sept. 11-13 in Denver. This year's theme was "Learning from the Past. Shaping the Future" celebrating 30 years of being an alliance.

Morgan Sprecher, the Indiana Violent Death Reporting System epidemiologist, attended several sessions including enhancing death scene investigations, state approaches to suicide prevention, and the intersection of suicide, overdose, and adverse childhood experiences.

Maria Cariaso, IDOH prevention program coordinator, attended sessions on Strategies to Optimize Program Delivery through Collaboration and Automation, Integrating Alternative Modalities as Upstream Approaches to Injury/Violence Prevention, Aging Without Injury, Motor Vehicle & Mobility Safety, Trends and Registries Impacting Firearm Injury and Prevention, and Developing Multidisciplinary Partnerships and Prioritizing Harm Reduction to Prevent Injuries.

They also attended the Great Lakes Mid-Atlantic Regional Network Meeting which includes injury prevention professionals from Delaware, Illinois, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Washington DC, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. The GLMARN provides structured coordination to states within the region to increase competency, research-practice collaboration, and sharing of data and best practices. It also supports resources that enhance the sustainability of injury prevention programs. The three-day conference resulted in better understanding of innovative violence prevention that can be brought to Indiana.

Emerging drug notification

In August, the Indiana Department of Health issued an alert about an emerging drug called bromazolam. Bromazolam is a novel or designer benzodiazepine and is being found on the street under other names, such as "XLI-268," "Xanax," "Fake Xanax," and "Dope." According to the World Health Organization, bromazolam is sold as tablets, powders and gummies, and is frequently mixed with opioids. In toxicology results of Indiana decedents from Jan. through Nov. 20, 2023, 64 tested positive for Bromazolam. Bromazolam was not tested for prior to 2023.

Adverse effects of this drug include loss of coordination, dizziness, drowsiness, blurred vision, slurred speech, muscle relaxation, difficulty breathing, amnesia and death. Signs and symptoms of an opioid overdose may include troubled breathing; small pupils; unconsciousness or unresponsiveness; snoring, choking, or gurgling; cold or clammy skin; pale or blue skin; and discolored lips or fingernails. If an overdose is suspected, call 911 and administer naloxone right away, if available.

QI tool to measure and improve pediatric emergency care

The National Pediatric Readiness Quality Initiative is a new quality improvement (QI) tool for hospitals, EDs, and trauma centers to measure their pediatric emergency care. [NPRQI](#) provides a way to truly understand what's happening with individual pediatric encounters and assess the quality of pediatric emergency care that is being provided. **NPRQI offers a free, centralized, web-based, secure, and confidential data portal** that integrates evidence-based quality measures for the most common pediatric conditions. This allows hospitals and EDs to engage in pediatric QI efforts regardless of pediatric volume or available resources. Through the data portal, sites will see patient level data transformed into clinical performance data which can then be used to help drive ongoing QI efforts. All sites are welcomed to participate, however, NPRQI was designed specifically for rural and low pediatric volume sites in mind.

The goal is for all Indiana EDs to participate if your pediatric volume is less than 10,000.

Tai Chi for Arthritis and Fall Prevention (Coming January 2024)

WHAT: A free virtual Tai Chi class

****Community option (in person) available for Indianapolis****

WHEN: Every Friday Jan. 5 - Feb. 23

WHAT TIME: 9:30-10:30 a.m. EST

REGISTER: https://uindy.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMqdeuqqTqiE9fCJxBuVJC_JZZ9ul2cgJ2k#/registration

About Tai Chi:

Tai chi is a practice that involves a series of slow gentle movements and physical postures, a meditative state of mind, and controlled breathing. Tai chi is often described as "meditation in motion," but it might as well be called "*meditation* in motion." There is growing evidence that this mind-body practice, has value in treating or preventing many health problems.

*Join either virtual, in-person, or in hosting your own community broadcasting livestream! Do this fun but impactful weekly exercise with a friend or family members!

For more information about this program, please reach out to Maria Cariaso (mcariaso@health.in.gov) or **Becky Fee** (feer@uindy.edu) for more details.

Questions?

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