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DEPARTMENT SELECTED FOR NATIONAL CHILD SAFETY INNOVATION AND IMPROVEMENT NETWORK



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Tallahassee, Fla.—The Florida Department of Health has been selected by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to participate in the Child Safety Collaborative Innovation and Improvement Network (CS CoIIN), a groundbreaking initiative that serves to make advances in child safety and reduce child injuries and deaths.

“Collaboration and innovation are core values of the department,” said State Surgeon General and Secretary of Health Dr. John Armstrong. “We are excited about the opportunity to join this select national collaborative network that will enhance the safety of Florida’s children.”

As a part of this national network, the department will address the highest incidences of injury and death for children and adolescents in Florida, as reported by the state’s Child Abuse Death Review Committee, vital statistics, and hospital/emergency room data.

The new CS CoIIN is aligned with the department’s strategic plan to increase life expectancy throughout the state, and participants in the network are tasked with identifying three to five child safety topics and related strategies for prevention to focus on. In Florida, drowning, unsafe sleeping practices and motor vehicle traffic crashes contribute to a high number of child and adolescent injuries and deaths. The department has designated its Injury Prevention Program, Children’s Medical Services Bureau of Child Protection, and the Division of Community Health Promotion as the strategic teams to be the lead participants in the CS CoIIN.

The CS CoIIN will be launched during a summit Dec. 14 and 15 at the Education Development Center in Waltham, Massachusetts. The summit will play a defining role in determining topic areas and specific child safety strategies that will be implemented and piloted in the overall CS CoIIN. A strategic plan for Florida’s specific goals is anticipated to be finalized in January 2016.

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