



Name of the Community: Hagerstown, Maryland

Country: USA

Number of inhabitants: Approximately 40,000

Program started year: 2008

Year of International Designation: 2010

Website address for the Program: <http://www.hagerstownmd.org>

Full Application report:

<http://www.phs.ki.se/csp/pdf/applicationreports/hagerstown.pdf>

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The program covers the following safety promotion activities:

For the age group

Children 0-14 years:

- SAFE Kids
- Child Fatality Review Team
- Pre-School Fire Safety Education
- Primary School Fire Education
- Youth Fire Sitter Prevention /Intervention
- Stranger Danger
- Kids Alive Fest
- Infants Sleeping on their Back
- Choking/Suffocation Prevention
- Stranger/Don't' Leave Child Unattended
- Child proofing the home
- Don't Play with Matches
- Babysitting Training
- Family Story Time
- Pre-School Story Time
- Infant Story Time
- Toddler Time

Youth 15-24 years:

- Passport to Manhood
- Torch Club
- Youth for Unity
- Club Tech
- SMART Moves
- SADD & MADD Actives
- Family Advocate Program
- Alcohol/Drug Use
- Prom Promise Alcohol Awareness & Education

Adults 25-64 years:

- Grandparent Support Program
- Counseling for Military Families

Older Adults 65+ years:

- Project Life Saver
- Home and Caregiver Safety
- Adult Abuse and Neglect Investigations
- Older Adult Falls/Fire Prevention
- AARP Mature Driving Class
- Guardianship Program
- Nursing Home Diversion
- Senior Mental Health Program
- Safety Assessments by Family Practice Providers At Well Visit
- Transportation for Veterans
- Senior Care Program

In the following Environments:

Home:

- Holiday Safety
- Poison Control
- Smoke Alarm Installation
- Hard of Hearing Smoke Alarm Installation
- Community Canvass
- Open House (Burn House Tours)
- Home Chemical Safety Program
- Home Escape Plans
- Firearm Safe Storage
- Safety Assessments by Family Practice Providers At Well Visit
- Poison Center toll Free Hotline 1-800-222-1222
- 911 System Use
- Community First Aid Safety
- Adult, Infant & Child CPR
- Pet First Aid
- Home Safety
- Fire Safety
- 911 Emergency Assistance
- Hot Liquid Safety



Traffic:

- Safe Routes to School
- DUI/Speed Reduction Enforcement
- Bicycle Safety Events
- Car Seat/Booster Seat Safety
- Community Traffic Safety Program
- Child Passenger Safety
- Pedestrian Safety
- Bike Safety
- Pedestrian Safety
- Vehicle Passenger Safety
- Riding Toys in Traffic environment
- Keep Kids Alive Drive 25
- Car Seat Inspections/Installations

Occupational:

- First AID, CPR and AED Certification
- Poison Safety On-Demand Training for Various Agencies
- Chemical Safety/Fire Suppression/ Spills & Clean ups
- Blood Borne Pathogen
- Restraint Training
- Clinical Training Site
- Blood Borne Pathogen Module
- Workplace Fire Safety

- Slips, Trips & Fall Prevention Classes
- Ladder & Roof Safety
- Maintenance & Operation Training
- Hazardous Materials/MSDS
- Dealing with Difficult People
- Back Care Safety
- Chlorine Safety
- First Aid, CPR and AED Certification
- Electrical Safety
- Office Safety
- Outdoor Safety
- Welding Cutting Safety
- CPR for Professional Rescuer

School:

- After Schools Programs
- School Fire Drills
- Lockdown drills
- Reverse Evacuation
- Duck & Cover
- Active Shooter
- Classroom & School Safety Sheet
- Door Security
- School Resource Officer
- Internet Safety
- Bus evacuation
- Bus Driver Training
- Food safety

Sports:

- Protective devices in Sports
- High School Football Game Standby
- Sport Safety Training
- Swimming Safety
- Water Safety

Leisure:

- Community First Aid Safety
- Block Party/Fire Safety Education
- Special Events Standby
- Saturday Morning Story
- Support Neighborhood Groups

Disaster:

- Disaster Education
- Community Emergency Response Training
- Shelter in Place Containers

Other:

- 1 on1 Injury Prevention (Trauma Patients)
- Trauma/Substance Abuse
- Mobile Crisis Stabilization Service
- EMS Bike Team
- Cold Weather Shelter

Violence prevention (intentional injuries):

- Mobile Crisis Stabilization Service
- Gang Prevention

Suicide prevention (self-inflicted injuries):

- Drop in Center (Soul Haven)
- Listening Line
- Garrett Lee Smith Youth Suicide Prevention
- Mental Health Therapy
- Poison Center toll Free Hotline 1-800-222-1222
- Mental Health Therapy

Programs aiming at "High risk-groups":

- Investigate Child Abuse and Neglect
- Healthy Families
- Flu Clinic
- Homeless Outreach Program

Surveillance of injuries: Hagerstown, MD

Numbers per year: 771

Population base: Approximately 40,000

Started year: 2006

As demonstrated in our application, Hagerstown greatly relies on data analysis to inform the design of new programs in response to injury risks. For example, the Home Safety Makeover Program was developed in direct response to a realization that falls among the elderly constitute a great proportion of injury risk within the community.

In addition to the snapshots of injury risks presented in this application, the newly formed Safe Communities coalition understands

and appreciates the importance of analyzing trends. Trend data for Hagerstown was not available at the time of this application, but the coalition plans to continue its partnership with the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to obtain that information.

Publications: (Scientific)

– Gielen AC, et.al. *Teaching safety: Evaluation of a Children's Village in Maryland*. Injury Prevention,1996: Mar;2(1):26-31.

Produced information material, pamphlets:

– Each partner on the Safe Communities Hagerstown team has developed its own set of information materials. Inventories of these materials are located within each organization.

Staff

Number: 2

Professions: part-time or full-time: 1 full, 1 part time

Permanent: 2

Temporary: 0

Organization: Hagerstown Fire Department

Specific inter-sectoral leadership group: Safe Community Hagerstown

General public health/health promotion group: Washington County Health Department

International commitments:

Study visits: The Hagerstown Fire Department's Life Safety Education Officer, a leader in the newly developed Safe Communities Coalition in Hagerstown, interacts frequently with fire service professionals from abroad due to his relationship with the National Fire Academy.

Participation in Safe Community conferences:

When designated as a Safe Community, Hagerstown would welcome the opportunity to participate in Safe Communities conferences, both nationally and internationally.

Hosting Safe Community Conferences:

Since 1952 Hagerstown has maintained a strong international relationship with its sister-city in Wesel, Germany. Hagerstown appreciates the opportunity to interact with other communities, both on the local, national, and international level. While Hagerstown has not yet had the opportunity to host a Safe Community Conference, When designated as an International Safe Community, Hagerstown would welcome the opportunity to host a Safe Community Conference.

Hosting “Travelling Seminars”: Hagerstown Fire Department’s Education Officer and new member of the Hagerstown Safe Community Coalition, is a nationally recognized expert in the field of community risk reduction who has taught at the National Fire Academy.

All students enrolled in the National Fire Academy risk reduction curriculum visit Hagerstown to see first-hand how the city has institutionalized prevention as a core value. Approximately a dozen representatives from other countries are included in this annual cohort of visitors.

