Policy Setting and Moving Injury Policy in States

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Public Policy

• Course of action or inaction taken by governmental entities with regard to a particular issue or set of issues
  Wolf, Robert “Definitions of Policy Analysis”

• System of “courses of action, regulatory measures, laws, and funding priorities concerning a given topic promulgated by a governmental entity or its representatives.
  Kilpatrick, Dean, “Definitions of Public Policy and Law”
Using Government & Regulations to Reduce Injuries

• At all levels – local – state - national

• New or existing
Howard County, Maryland Bicycle Helmet Law

Requires children and youth between the ages of 1-16 to wear CPSC approved bicycle helmets when on public roads.

Triggered the creation of 3 other local/county laws and eventually a statewide law.
Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act, 2007

Federal Legislation
Michigan Lawmakers Want To Repeal Mandatory Motorcycle Helmet Law. Idiots Rejoice.

Posted by: David Kiley on June 07
Family Awarded $20 Million in Son’s ATV Accident Death
April 23rd, 2007

The parents of a 13-year-old boy who died after losing control of a borrowed all-terrain vehicle (ATV) was awarded $20 million in economic and non-economic damages …
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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Executive Order Number 95-1

an order establishing a New Hampshire child fatality review committee

WHEREAS, as Governor I have expressed special interest in improving services to children who are victims of abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Advisory Board on Child Abuse and Neglect has recommended that efforts be made to address the issue of child fatalities; and

WHEREAS, the formation of a standing committee composed of representatives of state agencies and relevant professional fields of practice will establish a useful repository of knowledge regarding child deaths; and
MA Hospital Licensure Regulations

130.615.2: Organized family-education program ... including, but not limited to:

(c) Normal newborn care and well child care, including recommended immunization and developmental assessment schedules and infant safety, including information about shaken baby syndrome.
RFR to fund State Home Visiting Program:

A home safety evaluation utilizing best practice tools will be conducted.
4513-1026 Suicide Prevention & Intervention Program

For the provision of statewide and community-based suicide prevention, intervention, aftermath response and surveillance activities, and the implementation of a statewide suicide prevention plan $3,750,000
American Academy of Pediatrics

• Safe Transportation of Preterm and Low Birth Weight Infants at Hospital Discharge
• Abusive Head Trauma in Infants and Children
Shaping Policy

• Multifaceted
• Complex
• Interplay between many players
• Variety of tools and tactics
Implementation

• Understand intent
• Develop plan of action
  – Who
  – How
  – Unfunded vs. funded
Key Questions?

• What fundamental core beliefs are involved?
• Who benefits from current situation?
• Who benefits from changing the current?
• Who has the most power?
• Others?
What we want is not always what we get!

Living with bad policy