

National Month of Safety

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This June, we encourage you to learn more about important safety issues like preventing poisonings, transportation safety, and slips, trips, and falls. You can make a difference! Learn how to reduce the risk of these safety issues.

- **Poisonings:** 9 out of 10 poisonings happen right at home. You can be poisoned by many things, like cleaning products or another person's medicine.
- **Transportation safety:** Doing other activities while driving—like texting or eating—distracts you and increases your chance of crashing. Almost 1 in 6 crashes where someone is injured involves distracted driving.
 - Using a car seat reduces the risk of death. Many child deaths and serious injuries can be prevented through the proper use of car seats, booster seats, and seat belts.
- **Falls** are the most frequent cause of injuries of young children. Children in this age group are more likely to be hit by objects, stung, or bitten, and choke on objects.
- **Unintentional injuries** are the primary cause of fatalities for young children. Of these drowning is the leading cause of death. Safety when around pools and lakes is very important. Ensure that children have life jackets and are always with an adult.
- In the home, ensure that **smoke detectors** and **carbon monoxide detectors** are working properly.
 - Use wall safety plugs in outlets, keep all medications locked; cleaning supplies should also be placed out of reach for children.

★ Catalina Torres, Parent Involvement Coordinator

Around Town

THE IMPORTANCE OF FATHER ENGAGEMENT

(Child and Family Research Partnership at the University of Texas in Austin)

- 39 percent more likely to earn mostly A's in school
- Twice as likely to go to college and find stable employment after high school
- 45 percent less likely to repeat grades
- 60 percent less likely to be suspended or expelled from school
- 75 percent less likely to have a teen birth
- 80 percent less likely to spend time in jail

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS: Please spread the word among your relatives, neighbors, and friends about the early childhood services provided at the Illinois Action for Children Early Learning Programs. The Early Learning Programs provide high quality early childhood development and other essential services to qualifying families at no cost. We have open registration year round. Remember we have four direct operated sites serving children 0-5 years of age: Chicago Heights serves children 0-3 at home and 3-5 at the Center; Dolton serves children 0-3 at home and 6 weeks -5 years of age at the center; Ford Heights serves children 0-3 at home and 2-5 at the center; and Harvey-South Holland serves children 0-3 at home and 3-5 at the Center.

Parents, you are very resourceful! Please share any community services you may have had access to, with your Center's staff. Any service (health, nutrition, mental health, financial, social, etc.) that was beneficial to you may also help other families.

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