

# RHODE ISLAND

## Core State Violence and Injury Prevention Program

**BASE COMPONENT** | \$250,000

### OVERVIEW

Injuries are the leading cause of death for persons ages 15–44 in Rhode Island. Rhode Island is working to decrease injuries and violence by implementing evidence-based programs and strategies.

### BASE COMPONENT

Rhode Island is addressing all four required focus areas using injury and violence prevention strategies.



**Preventing child abuse and neglect and intimate partner violence/sexual violence:** Rhode Island is enhancing the following programs by incorporating emotional regulation training: [Rhode Island Student Assistance Services Student Assistance Program](#), [Healthy Families America](#), and [Parents as Teachers](#). These programs provide free support to women and families with infants and young children through family-centered and community services related to child development and behaviors.



**Preventing traumatic brain injury (TBI):** Rhode Island is expanding the use of neuropsychological baseline testing, a baseline screening for concussion for middle and high school youth. Baseline testing is conducted by the Brain Injury Association of Rhode Island. The Rhode Island Interscholastic Athletic League, which is made up of school coaching and athletic staff, receive training information about TBI and return to play information. This screening determines when it is safe for an athlete to return to play after a concussion. They are also presenting a concussion safety program to middle school and high school students, parents, nurses, and guidance counselors throughout the state.



**Preventing motor vehicle crash injury:** Rhode Island provides data to key decision makers regarding the expected impact of potential changes to motor vehicle laws in two areas:

- Requiring rear-facing car seats for children under age 2
- A mandatory parent education component as a requirement for licensing teen drivers

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