

VIRGINIA

Core State Violence and Injury Prevention Program

BASE COMPONENT | \$250,000

OVERVIEW

Injuries represent the leading cause of death for persons ages 1–44 in Virginia. Virginia is working to decrease injuries and violence by implementing evidence-based programs and strategies.

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



Preventing child abuse and neglect: Virginia is implementing the [Safe Environment for Every Kid \(SEEK\) Program](#). This model is designed to help detect child abuse and neglect in primary care settings through screening and referral to services. Virginia is working to pilot the SEEK model in the Care Connection for Children network and compile a resource guide for practitioners. Care Connection for Children is a statewide network of centers of excellence for children and youth with special health care needs that provide leadership in the enhancement of specialty medical services.



Preventing intimate partner violence/sexual violence: Virginia is working to implement [Project Connect](#), which seeks to develop comprehensive models of public health prevention and intervention to better enable early childhood home visitors and reproductive health workers to identify and respond to those experiencing sexual/domestic violence. This program is being implemented in home visiting programs and family planning clinics.



Preventing traumatic brain injury: Virginia is working to increase the effectiveness of Virginia's *Return to Play* and *Return to Learn* laws. They are conducting a survey among schools to identify barriers to implementing the law. Virginia will develop a document highlighting examples of how schools with varying resource levels can successfully implement the state's *Return to Play* and *Return to Learn* laws.



Preventing motor vehicle crash injury and death: Virginia is implementing a regionalized approach to child passenger safety (CPS). Virginia developed a regional CPS action plan that includes participating in *Child Passenger Safety Week*, *Click-it-or-Ticket* events, monthly meetings, and tracking the number and types of events, and the number of safety seats inspected by each region.

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