What are our priorities?

The National Children’s Center for Rural and Agricultural Health and Safety (NCCRAHS) is one of 11 agricultural research and prevention centers funded by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health. Funded through a 5-year cooperative agreement (2014-2019), this is the only Center with an exclusive focus on childhood agricultural safety. NCCRAHS works with partners in industry, labor, trade associations, professional organizations, and academia. The Center focuses on preventing traumatic injuries among children who work, live or play on farms.

What do we do?

- Develop and implement the national childhood agricultural injury prevention strategy with key partners.
- Conduct research and promote interventions.
- Communicate with stakeholders.
- Generate consensus and build capacity for sustained strategies.
- Collaborate with major agricultural organizations, health and safety professionals, and youth-serving groups.

What have we accomplished?

- Published 2016 Child Agricultural Injury Fact Sheet, a brief summary of injury statistics and resources.
- Updated AgInjuryNews.org, a web-based database that stores, searches and reports agricultural injury news clippings. It has been added to the Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries (CFOI) Online Resource list and disseminated to US Bureau of Labor Statistics states’ representatives.
- Published safeagritourism.org, a mobile responsive website to keep children safe while visiting agritourism operations.
- Had more than 29,000 visits to our websites this past year.
- Published, “We’re all in! Working together to provide services for children whose parents work in agriculture” for agricultural employers.
- Published, “Insurance Companies, Children & Agricultural Safety: Survey Results and Opportunities for Insurers”, based on a survey of insurers’ practices and promotion of injury prevention.
- Published prevention briefs on ATVs, no extra riders on tractors, assigning age appropriate tasks, and keeping children out of the agricultural worksite.
- Developed and tested an evaluation tool for Agricultural Health and Safety Mobile Applications for developers and agricultural health and safety professionals.

What’s next?

- Publish a series of 3 manuscripts on insurers, employers and parents and their “Spheres of Influence” in the Journal of Agromedicine.
- Create, publish, promote and disseminate the next generation of interactive, online, youth agricultural work guidelines.
- Expand our online hub of childhood agricultural health and safety resources.