

Safe Kids Savannah

Monthly meeting, March 10, 2009

Attendance:

Elaine Bromley, AWARE Training Services	Jimmy Brown, City of Tybee Island
Sharon Carson, CCDFCS	Cathy Cribbs, ENA
Steve Davidson, DHR and Safe Kids GA	Linda Denhardt, ENA
Isabel Duque, Babies Can't Wait	Kristi Emerson, Backus Children's Hospital
Jane Garrison, CCHD	Alison Gramza, CCHD
Jennifer Hammond, YFA	Lisa Heusel, AWARE training Services
Penny Maggioni, R.O.C.K.	Karen Martin, United Community Bank
Johnnye Rogers, CCR & R	Jennifer White, Starfish Aquatics
Joey Wright, SCMPD	

- Welcome and Introductions:** Chairman Joey Wright welcomed members.
- Did You Know?:** Jane Garrison demonstrated the new web-site at www.safekids.savannah.org via the internet. Thanks were given to Jeff Heusel for setting up the web pages. Members were asked to critique and respond with new ideas. Email Jane at jbgarrison@dhr.state.ga.us.
- Old Business**
 - **Safe Kids Week will be celebrated April 26-May 3.** Committee members are being recruited and will be contacted for a meeting date. Any member organization events can be included on the web-site for that week. Hunter Army Airfield School Age Youth Services is participating on April 28 with a poison safety program presented by Alison Gramza. (Contact Mrs. Riner at 315-5708 if you would like to present at HAAF.) Confirmation of other activities tbd.
 - **Safe Gnats displays:** Members can volunteer to set up a Safe Kids Savannah display at the Sunday afternoon baseball games. Everyone is welcomed to volunteer and you get into the game free. Games begin at noon on April 13, May 3 and 24, June 14 and 28, July 19, Aug 7, 16 and 30. Members signed up to man the booths. Anyone else interested in helping can contact Alison or Jane. (It's more fun with 2 people.)
- New Business**
 - **SKIP Tip of the Week:** WJCL has agreed to host a Safe Kids Injury Prevention Tip of the Week. Thanks to Michele Hartzell for naming the weekly information spot. Alison Gramza and Jane Garrison met with Casey Jones (WJCL), Janice Bentley (Media chair) and Dr. Diane Weems (Chatham County Health Dept) to discuss how to proceed with this media opportunity. We are currently recruiting Physicians, families and children to appear on a 30 second safety spot. Kick-off for SKIP Tip will be during Safe Kids Week.
 - **Annual Awards Luncheon:** The luncheon will be held on Tuesday, May 12 from 11:30 AM until 1:00 PM. An awards nomination form was distributed. A committee will be formed to help with invitations, decorations, agenda, etc. A sign-up sheet was passed around.
- Reports**
 - **Coordinator's report** Alison Gramza 912 353-3148, amgramza@dhr.state.ga.us)
 - **Safe Kids Savannah events (volunteers welcomed)**
 - **Bike Rodeo Workshop:** March 25 from 4-7PM at Savannah/Chatham Police precinct on Wilmington Island
 - **Rotary Club Presentation:** Alison will be presenting information to the club about about Safe Kids Savannah. Karen Martin is an active member of Rotary and helped to make the arrangements.
 - **Teddy Bear Hospital:** Backus Children's Hospital will be holding this event on Saturday, March 28th from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM at the Hoskins Center on the Memorial Campus. We will help Kristi Emerson with a display and activities.
 - **Springfest:** This annual community health fair will be held April 4 in the Cuyler-Brownville neighborhood. We will have a bike safety display, distribute helmets and hope to have one of the local bike shops assist with bike repairs.
 - **Week of the Young Child:** EOA on Anderson Street, Wednesday, April 22 from 9am until noon. We will provide a display on child occupant safety.
 - **Member organization events**
 - Bowl out for Health - 3/10/09 - 3:00-6:00 pm (Amerigroup Event - @ Victory Lanes - See Donna Williams)
 - DFCS Baby Shower - 3/25/09 - 9:30-11:30 am (Amerigroup Event - See Donna Williams)
 - Curtis Cooper - 3/26/09 - 9:00-11:00 am (Amerigroup Event - See Donna Williams)
 - Babies R Us Baby Shower - 3/27/09 - 2:00-5:00 pm (Amerigroup Event - See Donna Williams)
 - It's A Family Affair - 3/28/09 (HMHB is putting on at Savannah High - See Donna Williams)
 - Covering the Uninsured Event - 3/31/09 - 9:00 am-12:00 pm (@ Eisenhower Health Dept. - See Donna Williams)
 - Healthy Kids Day - 4/25/09 - 10:00 am-2:00 pm (@ May St. YMCA - contact Peter Dolibier)

- Savannah High TAP Program looking for presentations - contact Natasha Dawson @ 201.5530 x303
- Touch a Truck- sponsored by R.O.C.K.-4/18/09 at Savannah Mall in the parking lot of Bass Pro from 10-4pm (*Contact Penny Maggione at 356-8404*)
- Early Childhood Summit, sponsored by First Steps and Youth Futures Authority, 4/30/09, 12 to 4pm.

- **Membership** Donna Williams (220-7571, dwilli@amerigroupcorp.com)
 - Donna presented the idea of a phone tree to replace the mentor program as a better way to contact members for meetings and events. Members agreed that a phone tree would be helpful. Details will be covered at the next meeting.
- **Resource Development** (Alison Gramza reporting for) Thandi Thurman-Beck (345-4483, tthurma@amerigroupcorp.com)
 - **Bear sales** continue. Return unsold bears to Alison at 420 Mall Blvd and continue to see any when you have the opportunity. We have collected \$1282 at this point.
 - **'Dress down' day** with schools is still being considered to raise awareness of Safe Kids, as well as additional funds. Cathy Cribbs suggested contacting Memorial Day School and Calvary for participation. Michelle Hartzell will consider sending information through the public school contact email. More details at the next meeting.
- **Public relations** Janice Bentley (350-8861, bentlja1@memorialhealth.com)
 - **TV spots on WJCL:** Casey Jones, anchor at WJCL, is working on a weekly spot providing information on child health and safety to be sponsored by Safe Kids Savannah. Members were asked to consider Pediatricians that might be willing to be interviewed. One week will be reserved for injury prevention each month. Planning is under-way for this great public awareness opportunity.
- **Advocacy** vacant
 - See www.legis.state.ga.us for current legislation and contact information of legislators.
 - Steve Davidson reported that the GA. Senate passed a bill requiring seat belt use in trucks. The bill was sent to the House where it has stalled in the agriculture committee. Contact your legislator to encourage movement of the bill to the floor for a vote. GA loses millions of federal funds each year as GA is the only state that does not require seat belt use in trucks.
- **Fire** Kevin Tomko, Wayne Ifill reporting as interim
 - No report.
- **Occupant safety** Linda Denhardt (748-4374, nannyrn@aol.com)
 - **Opportunities for Child Passenger Safety Technicians. Volunteers needed.**
 - Check out GTIPI website at www.ridesafegeorgia.org for CEU information and other cps events.
 - **Friday, April 3 from 3-5pm:** Car seat check event at Hunter Army Airfield at the child care center.. The Army base requires you to show insurance card and car registration before entering, so allow time for the gate check-in. This event is open to families at the child care center and has become an annual event well attended.
 - **CPS 'Family' Reunion:** June 5 from 10:00 AM until 5:00 PM at Dekalb Board of Health in Atlanta. Contact Alison if you would like to participate.
- **PACE** Jane Love (651-1443, lovej@thempc.org)
 - Alison Gramza reported for Jane Love..
 - City of Savannah Traffic Calming: A committee has been established to work on pedestrian issues in city neighborhoods. Alison and other PACE members participated in a bus tour of city. Slowing speeding cars and erecting more Stop signs were issues that were discussed. City of Savannah is developing a new policy as part of this committee's work.
- **Water Safety** Jennifer White (912 657-2280, jennifer.white@starfishaquatics.com)
 - Press release regarding new standards for pool drain covers is scheduled for Wed, March 11.
 - Chatham County Aquatic Center will hold 'Make A Splash' water safety event on May 16.
 - Jennifer attended the **National Drowning Prevention conference** in Miami that also included a Summit of 30 national organizations attended by 17 of those to initiate a national collaborative for water safety. Group is plans to develop a national water safety month in May of each year.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, February 10, 2009
 Community Room
 Southside Fire Department
 10703 White Bluff Road
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