



Welcome!

This newsletter will serve as a way of keeping you up to date on recent activities, upcoming events, and news from our partners. It will be shared during the month in between our action team meetings. If you'd like to share some news or info on an event, or join our action team, please reach out to Eric at eric.gonzalez@cookchildrens.org.

About Us

In 2017, a four year old was transported to the emergency department at Cook Children's after he was accidentally shot by his six year old brother. While playing in the kitchen, the children came across a gun that was in a cabinet above the refrigerator. The gun discharged accidentally, ultimately resulting in the death of the four year old.

Following this case, Dr. Daniel Guzman, an emergency department physician at Cook Children's, founded the Aim for Safety[®] program in an effort to educate the community on the importance of safe gun storage and provide resources to families so that no other family has to experience a tragic loss such as this one.

Recent Events

On March 5, 2024, we held a Train-the-Trainer event at our Calmont office location in Fort Worth, Texas. We've added 15 new trainers across several organizations including:

Texas Christian University
Be SMART
Arlington Police Department
THR Fort Worth
National African American Gun Association (NAAGA)
Cook Children's Employee Veteran's Group
Boys and Girls Club – Las Vegas Trail Branch
Alvarado Fire Department
Fort Worth ISD
Hood County Substance Abuse Council

A HUGE welcome to our newly trained members!



Upcoming Events

March 13th – Cambridge Apartments Spring Break event, Fort Worth

March 21st – Injury Prevention Collaborative, 12pm, virtual *Come learn more from our entire prevention team!

March 23rd – Safety Pop-up, LVT Rise Community Center, Fort Worth

April 4th – Aim for Safety action team meeting, 1pm, virtual

April 20th – April Pools Day, Swim Lesson People, Weatherford

May 4th – Desoto Police Department Presentation

May 18th – Super Safety Saturday, THR Burleson

The Challenge

We challenge you to speak with at least two different families about the importance of gun safety and safe storage.

Some tips:

- Keep the conversation non-political and positive
- Do not discuss whether or not someone should own a gun
- Feel free to direct them our website for more information.

www.aimforsafety.org

Did you know?



30%

of safe gun storage practices are driven by family discussion.

Source: American Journal of Public Health



Questions? Comments? Or interested in volunteering for an event? Contact us at:

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