



Introducing the 2017 Injury-Free NC Academy

Goal: Prepare community-based coalitions engaged or interested in implementing evidence based strategies to address shared risk and protective factors to prevent violence in North Carolina

What is the 2017 Injury-Free NC Academy

Different types of violence are connected and often share the same root causes. Understanding the overlapping causes of violence and the things that can protect people and communities can help us better prevent violence in all its forms. Some risk and protective factors, often called "Shared Risk and Protective Factors," are associated with multiple forms of violence and other health outcomes.

RISK FACTORS: INCREASE the likelihood a person will use violence. "They are contributing factors and may or may not be direct causes." (CDC) They are ARE NOT determinative. "Not everyone who is identified as at risk becomes a perpetrator of violence." (CDC)

PROTECTIVE FACTORS: BUFFER against risk. They are conditions, characteristics, and influences that may decrease the likelihood of perpetrating or being the victim of violence. They ENCOURAGE a positive, health-promoting focus. They are at the core of asset-based or strengths-based prevention strategies.

Check out www.PreventViolenceNC.org for a listing of risk and protective factors and how they are connected to multiple forms of violence.

To address the work in these areas, the 2017 Injury-Free NC Academy is pleased to announce a focus on risk and protective factors to prevent violence in North Carolina. All learning activities during this academy will focus on developing key public health skills in prevention and program planning, evaluation, and implementation of evidenced-based or evidence-informed strategies to reduce risk and strengthen protective factors among target populations.

We encourage you to apply if you...

- Are a North Carolina county, district, region, community group, or a coalition focusing on the prevention of sexual or domestic violence, sexual abuse, child maltreatment, or suicide, whose members represent multiple organizations, backgrounds or disciplines.
- Are using, planning to, or wanting to adopt a relevant, evidence based strategy for your community to collectively address shared risk and protective factors.
- Have a committed, core team of three to six members with an identified lead representative

What to expect at the 2017 Injury-Free NC Academy....

Each team will receive expert coaching on their own project throughout a 6-month program with two in-person training sessions. Example key skill development areas include...

- Finding and using data in NC and in your local community
- Collective impact
- Utilizing a decreasing risk and increasing protective factor approach to preventing violence
- Developing, implementing and sustaining effective programs
- Measuring success with program evaluation built-in from Day One
- Mobilizing and sustaining a community coalition
- Preparing for grant opportunities and leveraging funds

The Academy includes two, in-person sessions to be held **March 21-22** and **July 25-26** in Chapel Hill, NC. If accepted, your team must be able to meet on these dates in Chapel Hill. Though there are no tuition costs for attending the Academy, your team will be responsible for room, board (dinner only), and travel costs. Approximately six teams will be invited to participate following the application review.

Please apply by February 14, 2017
Please see attached PDF for the application

Need more information? Visit us at bit.ly/InjuryFreeAcademy2017 or email Eva Bland at ebland@unc.edu

APPLICATION FORM

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APPLICANT INFORMATION: TEAM LEADER

Primary Contact (Team Leader)	_____	County	_____
Organization Name	_____	Street Address	_____
Title	_____	City, State, Zip	_____
Email	_____	Telephone	_____
Biography (100 words or less)	_____		

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NOTE: Proposed teams can consist of up to five members

Team Member #2	Name	_____	County	_____
	Title	_____	Street Address	_____
	Organization	_____	City, State, Zip	_____
	Email	_____	Telephone	_____
	Biography (100 words or less)	_____		

Team Member #3	Name	_____	County	_____
	Title	_____	Street Address	_____
	Organization	_____	City, State, Zip	_____
	Email	_____	Telephone	_____
	Biography (100 words or less)	_____		

Team Member #4	Name	_____	County	_____
	Title	_____	Street Address	_____
	Organization	_____	City, State, Zip	_____
	Email	_____	Telephone	_____
	Biography (100 words or less)	_____		

Team Member #5

Name _____

County _____

Title _____

Street Address _____

Organization _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email _____

Telephone _____

Biography (100 words or less)

APPLICATION NARRATIVE

NOTE: Please attach extra pages if more space is needed

In which NC county is your coalition active? _____

Please describe your coalition. Be sure to include:

- Length of time the coalition has existed
- Current/Proposed activities of the coalition
- What your team hopes to achieve through the Academy
- Challenges your team has experienced/anticipate experiencing

Please list other potential individuals/groups/organizations you would like to bring to the coalition, or involve with the coalition work, and your strategy to include them.

TRAINING, STRATEGIES & TOPIC AREAS OF INTEREST

Please check the evidence-based strategies categories your coalition has worked on currently or in the past

Bystander Intervention and Norms Change Strategies

(EX: Safe Dates, Arizona Safer Bars Alliance, Green Dot, Bringing in the Bystander, Coaching Boys into Men, Shifting Boundaries, Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP), Shifting Boundaries)

Home Visitation and Positive Parenting/Engagement Strategies

(EX: Nurse-Family Partnership, Healthy Families America, Parents as Teachers, Families for Safe Dates, Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters, Triple P, Early Head Start, Essentials for Childhood)

Screening, Counseling, and Referral Strategies

(EX: Safe Environments for Every Kid (SEEK), Motivational Interviewing, RISAS Student Assistance Program)

Community Strategies

(EX: Communities that Care, Essentials for Childhood)

None Of The Above

Based on the list above, please list any evidence-based *programs* your team is currently working on or has worked on in the past

Please list any evidence-based programs your team is interested in addressing in their work with the Injury-Free NC Academy.

Please check the type of skills you would like to learn through the Injury-Free NC Academy

Evaluation	Building a Coalition
Communication Campaign	Sustainability Best Practices
Grant Writing	Implementation
Public Health Approach	Data, Assessment & Surveillance
Collective Impact Approach	Creating a Community Action Plan

Please check the partners/sectors/organizations your team is currently working with or would like to work with

Local Health Department
Local Management Entities/Managed Care Organizations
Local Social Services
Local Housing Authority
Local Judicial System
Local Law Enforcement
Rape Crisis Center
Domestic Violence Center
Homeless Shelters
Woman Centers
LGBTQ Resource Centers
Smart Start
School System /PTAs
Community College/University Campuses
Exchange Clubs or Civic Organizations
The Ys/YMCAs/Rec/Community Centers Services
Prisons/Jails
Clinics/Health Systems
Faith Communities
Community Child Protection Team
Child Fatality Prevention
Coordinated Community Response Teams
Other (please list below)

LETTERS OF COMMITMENT

INSTRUCTIONS: On letterhead from their respective agencies, each evaluation team member (including the Team Leader) must provide the text below along with his or her signature. Electronic signatures are acceptable and will be considered as binding as a handwritten signature. A letter of commitment from each evaluation team member must be included with the application.

"I agree to serve as a team member as part of the Injury-Free NC Academy. By providing my signature below, I commit to participating in all Injury-Free NC Academy activities, which include:

- *Completing all assigned individual and team-related work associated with the Injury-Free NC Academy*
- *Attending both sessions of the multi-day Academy in Chapel Hill, NC*
- *Participating in technical assistance interactions with coaches*
- *Submitting a final evaluation plan*
- *Submitting a summary "next steps" report, which will document all evaluation planning and implementation activities undertaken to date*
- *Participating in a process of evaluation with NC Injury Violence Prevention Branch and UNC Injury Prevention Research Center, which may include completing*
- *surveys and participating in focus groups"*

LETTER OF SUPPORT

INSTRUCTIONS: A letter of support (on agency letterhead) from each team member's agency-level leader must be submitted with the application, if you are not that person. The letter should include:

- Confirmation that the direct supervisor (and/or agency) of the team member supports his or her participation in the Injury-Free NC Academy; and
- Confirmation that the organization will provide the support necessary for the team member's coalition to conduct related activities leading up to, during and following the Injury-Free NC Academy

APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Upon submission, complete applications must have all of the following documents combined into one PDF file:

1. Completed application form;
2. Signed Letters of Commitment from all evaluation team members
3. Signed Letters of Support from the relevant agency-level leaders of each team member

Completed applications must be submitted via email to Eva Bland at ebland@unc.edu

THE APPLICATION DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 14, 2017