

Childhood Agricultural Safety Network

Copper Mill Restaurant
2427 N. Main Street, Logan, UT
Monday, June 26, 2017

Mission: “Set a vision and provide leadership and coordination of childhood agricultural injury prevention efforts in a manner that is both geographically and ethnically diverse”

Meeting Notes

The meeting began at 6:00 p.m. with an opportunity for networking during a short reception. This was followed by a short welcome by Dr. Barb Lee. Participants at each of the tables introduced themselves and dinner was served.

The meeting discussion began with Dr. Barb Lee leading an interactive discussion on the current status of child agricultural injury prevention (CAIP), which then led to a discussion on what future CAIP initiatives/action plans might encompass.

Frank Gasperini, President and CEO of the National Association for Agricultural Employers then gave a short talk on the need to partner with media to help educate farmers and farm parents on effective injury prevention strategies for children who are on farms and ranches.

Marsha Salzwedel then provided updates on the NCCRAHS mini-grant program. After briefly outlining the current “Call for Proposals”, Marsha encouraged all CASN participants to help disseminate this information through their networks.

Updates on the AgInjuryNews.org website were provided by Bryan Weichelt. The system has more than 350 users representing 150+ organizations. The growing dataset contains nearly 3,500 injury incidents. A national steering committee has been formed to help advise this project. The system is planning for numerous enhancements over the next several months, including adding international incidents and customizable email notifications.

A brief discussion was then held about CASN initiatives.

- Child injury incidents – Participants indicated that they felt the sharing of child injury and fatality incidents via email was extremely beneficial, not only to help keep them apprised of the most recent incidents, but also as a “reminder of how much work we still have to do”.
- CASN Campaign Materials – As part of this discussion, participants were reminded that the materials for “Keep Kids Away from Tractors” and “I Didn’t Know” (ATV campaign) are still available. Copies of these materials were available at the meeting, and they are also free to download from the website (www.childagsafety.org). The website is also kept updated with upcoming and past events/meetings that may be of interest to the group. A final reminder was given that if any CASN participants have information and/or resources to share, they can send them to Marsha Salzwedel, who will disseminate them to the entire group.

The evening closed with a “Round Robin”. Each participant was invited to share updates and information about child agricultural injury prevention work that they were participating in. Most of the 40 participants provided updates from their organizations.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.
Respectfully submitted, Marsha Salzwedel