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**HEALTH IMPROVEMENT COALITION**

*Partners Integrating Efforts and Improving Population Health*

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# **Injury & Violence Prevention Action Teams Highlights**

**Healthy Connecticut 2020  
State Health Improvement Plan**

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# Action Team: Injury & Violence Prevention

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# Injury & Violence Prevention Highlights

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- **Greatest Accomplishment**
  - Expanded partnerships and stakeholder engagement including local health departments, the Dept. of Aging and Disability Services (formerly DORS), Connecticut Community Care (CCC)/CT Healthy Living Collective (CHLC), and state university Physical Therapy/Occupational Therapy faculty
- **Currently Working On**
  - Prevention of sexual violence, suicide, and motor vehicle crashes.
  - CT Falls Compendium of evidence-based falls prevention programs
- **Highest Priority to Complete by Dec 2020**
  - Integration of overlapping priorities of the Injury and Mental Health and Substance Abuse Action Teams.

# Injury & Violence Prevention Strategies

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- Promote implementation of evidence-based multi-faceted programs for community dwelling older adults that integrate fall risk reduction strategies
- Education and statewide enforcement of laws regarding distracted driving, impaired driving, speeding, and unrestrained driving
- Coordinate and implement suicide prevention program and training around the state
- Disseminate best practices and effective primary prevention strategies of sexual violence to professionals around the state, including evidence-based services to victims

# CHANGE the **SCRIPT**

Opioid misuse is a public health issue that can be prevented and treated.

**Recovery is possible.**

Learn more at  
**[drugfreect.org](https://drugfreect.org)**

# Action Team: Mental Health & Substance Abuse

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# Mental Health & Substance Abuse Highlights

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- **Greatest Accomplishments**
  - Increased **MH** awareness among first responders via **MH First Aid** training
  - Child Trauma Screening (CTS) tool developed collaboratively by **CHDI, DCF** and **Yale**
  - CT Medicaid administration endorsed development of a trauma screening billing code
- **Continuing to Work On**
  - Reducing by 5% the use of opioids including heroin for ages 12 and older
  - Increasing by 5% trauma screening by primary care and behavioral health providers
  - Decreasing by 5% the rate of Mental Health Emergency Department visits
- **Highest Priority to Complete by Dec 2020**
  - Identify appropriate data to track and report change related to objectives

# Mental Health & Substance Abuse Strategies

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- Increase knowledge and implementation of behavioral health screening by primary care providers for youth (age 12-17) and adults (age 18 and older)
- Increase mental health literacy of public safety officials
- Increase access to community-based mental health services offered on a sliding fee scale and/or at no cost by school based and community based health centers
- Implement strategies recommended by the ADPC and CORE Initiative to increase public education on overdose prevention
- Increase provider trauma screening training opportunities for medical and behavioral health providers across all settings (private offices, FQHCs, SBHCs)
- Create a billing code for primary care providers to bill for trauma screening
- Train Primary Care, OBGYNs, Dental and other professionals on alternatives to opiate use for pain management and reduction of stigma