

Project Starfish

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Willing is not enough; we must do."

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Background: TSA-R will serve as the clearinghouse for Project Starfish. The Project's long term goals are: 1. to contribute to improvement of the State's health status by helping achieve an accelerated reduction in injury-related morbidity and mortality, and disability; 2. to stimulate and participate in interdisciplinary research and the translation of research into injury prevention and interventions through a myriad of activities.

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List (Committee members, others;
anyone interested participating)

Purpose

The purposes of this program are:

1. To support injury prevention and intervention on priority issues as delineated by surveillance data and regional needs.
2. To integrate collectively, in the context of a state-wide scale primary, secondary and tertiary preventive efforts
3. To identify and communicate current and new interventions for the prevention and intervention of injuries
4. To bring the knowledge and expertise of 22 Trauma Service Areas to bear on the development and improvement of effective programs for injury prevention and intervention
5. To demonstrate the ability to disseminate injury prevention and intervention efforts.

Project Description

Project Starfish is developed around a multidisciplinary and multi-trauma service area collaborative effort where participation is voluntary with the goal of discovering, understanding and disseminating injury prevention and intervention information. The steps involved in this process include:

1. Utilizing the standardized Texas Injury Prevention Plan as a reference guide, where each,
2. TSA-RAC self identifies community-defined: injury causes (mechanism of injuries); age/population at risk (cohorts); intervention strategies (countermeasures); evaluation methods (outcome data) and phases of intervention (primary, secondary or tertiary), and
3. Identification of a key contact in the TSA or multiple contacts as needed.
4. TSA-RACs may submit to the Project multiple programs and interventions addressing various areas of prevention and intervention.
5. TSA-R will collate the Project programs and interventions into a Proceedings publication for distribution.

Project Communication and Information Transfer

Members of Project Starfish through the Project Chairperson will report the Project activities to the GETAC standing Injury Prevention and Data Informatics Committee. The Project will establish a communication program with two divisions. The first division is a participant newsletter to serve the information needs of those who volunteer to participate in the Project. The second division will focus on the collation of program submissions and the preparation of a Proceedings document.

Project Outcome Goals

1. To encourage new prevention projects
2. To develop liaisons across professions and disciplines
3. To strengthen interactions among those working in injury prevention and intervention throughout the state
4. To improve techniques for the measurement and analysis of injury and its sequelae
5. To develop a body of injury prevention information and expertise and make it available.

Explore Methods for Self-sustainment and Fiscal Support

1. Seek recognition from GETAC Injury Prevention Committee for Project Starfish as a multi-regional prevention outcomes initiative
2. Seek funding from state resources directed to trauma, injury prevention, and community and population health
3. Seek funding from community, professional, philanthropic, and voluntary organizations

Getting Started

Any TSA-RAC interested in participating in Project Starfish may contact the Project Chairperson for program details.