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Dear Community Partner:

Marinette County recently established a Safe Kids Coalition in 2014. Safe Kids is a global organization dedicated to preventing injuries in children, the number one killer of kids in the United States. Around the world, a child dies from an unintentional injury every 30 seconds and millions of children are injured in ways that can affect them for a lifetime.

When a child dies or is seriously injured, the lives of families and entire communities are changed forever. But these tragedies don't have to happen. The important thing to remember about preventable injuries is that they are preventable. They often occur in predictable ways and can be completely avoided with the right education, awareness and planning.

There are more than 500 Safe Kids Coalitions in the United States and partners in 25 countries around the world to reduce injuries from motor vehicles, sports, drownings, falls, burns, poisonings and more. Since 1988, when Safe Kids was founded, there has been a 56 percent decrease in the unintentional injury rate among children 19 years and younger.

Several members of the community have come together to join Safe Kids Marinette County. Some of the agencies involved so far include: Marinette County Health & Human Services, NWTC, Bay Area Medical Center, UW Extension, Marinette Fire Department, Marinette Police Department, and Marinette County Sheriff's Department.

One of our projects that we will be working on is issuing a quarterly newsletter to community partners. Enclosed you will find our first edition. Please feel free to make copies of this newsletter and share it with your staff, clients, patients, and families you serve. We would be happy to also provide you with an electronic copy. Email me at mbonjean@marinettecounty.com if you would like to also receive this electronically.

We are always looking for more community members to join our coalition! If you are interested in joining, please email me or contact Marinette County Public Health at 715-732-7670. To learn more about Safe Kids, please visit www.safekidswi.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Molly Bonjean RN".

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