Michigan Injury & Violence Prevention Needs Assessment Survey Results

The UM Injury Center, in collaboration with the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH), conducted a statewide needs assessment for injury and violence prevention from December 2012 through January 2013. Here are the findings.

Introduction
The online questionnaire was designed to help determine what injury prevention resources exist, what needs are unmet, and what types of assistance organizations engaged in injury prevention might benefit from. The questionnaire was distributed to 228 injury prevention practitioners in health care, public health and non-profit organizations. In total, 113 people from the sample took the survey, a response rate of 50%. Respondents were from all regions of Michigan, including the Upper Peninsula.

Key Findings
Types of organizations represented:
- Hospital or health system: 59.3%
- State health department: 11.5%
- Local health department: 9.7%
- Other: 19.5%

Populations served:
- More than 50% of organizations serve infants, children, adolescents, adults and seniors
- Only 25.7% serve non-English speakers

Injury prevention areas addressed:
Most common: Motor Vehicle Occupants (71.7%); Home Safety (56.6%); Bicycle Injuries (55.8%); Elderly Falls (55.8%); Substance Abuse (49.6%); Sports Injuries (49.6%)
Within Substance Abuse: Alcohol (95%); Prescription drug abuse/misuse (71%); Illegal drugs (66%)
Least common: Agricultural (13.3%); Other Occupational (16.8%); Elder Abuse (19.5%)

Top three injury prevention priorities:
- Motor Vehicle Occupants: 53.1%
- Elderly Falls: 38.1%
- Substance Abuse: 26.5%

Most needed injury prevention resources:
- Access to local data: 46%
- Opportunities for staff training: 44%
- Summaries of research findings: 42%
- Data summaries or fact sheets: 39%