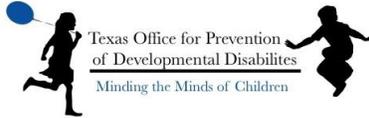


The Texas Office for Prevention of Developmental Disabilities
(TOPDD)

Presents the:

2013 J.C. Montgomery Child Safety Awards





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Welcome!

On behalf of The Texas Office for Prevention of Developmental Disabilities (TOPDD) Executive Committee, staff and the members of the Child Safety and Injury Prevention Task Force, welcome to the 3rd Annual J.C. Montgomery Child Safety Awards!

Special thanks to:

- State Senator Fraser and his office for sponsoring the Lieutenant Governor's Reception Room for the awards ceremony.
- My colleagues on the Executive Committee of TOPDD and the Child Safety & Injury Prevention Task Force for their vision and leadership in planning this wonderful event.
- To today's award recipients for their inspiring leadership.
- To all the guests joining us to celebrate the amazing child safety work being done across Texas.
- The extraordinary individuals volunteering their time today to ensure a positive and well-organized event.

We appreciate you taking time out of your busy schedule to join us as we honor these amazing individuals and organizations. Your hard-work and dedication to this cause is instrumental for Texas. Together, we can write a new chapter in the health of Texas children.

Sincerely,

Ashley Givens

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Chair, Child Safety Injury Prevention Task Force
TOPDD Executive Committee Member



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*August 22nd, 2013
Lt. Governor's Reception Room
Texas State Capitol*

Welcome

Ashley Givens
*Director of Special Events
Texas Scottish-Rite Hospital*

Opening Remarks

Dr. Angelo Giardino
*Medical Director,
Texas Children's Health Plan*

Award Presentations

Ashley Givens

Building a Child Safety Learning Community

Dr. Richard Garnett
*Chair, TOPDD Executive
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Janet Sharkis, MS, LPC
Executive Director, TOPDD

On behalf of everyone at TOPDD, we thank you all for your time and efforts to make childhood safety and injury prevention a continued priority. Thank you again for participating in this year's J.C. Montgomery Child Safety Awards Ceremony.

To learn more about our work, and to stay connected with TOPDD and with one another, please "Like" us on Facebook. You can find up-to-date information on various important health issues there, and learn from one another about upcoming/ongoing child safety activities. We urge you to stay connected with us and the other wonderful individuals/organizations present today so that together, we can prevent childhood injuries!

About the Texas Office for Prevention of Developmental Disabilities (TOPDD)



MISSION: To prevent the economic and human costs associated with preventable developmental disabilities in order to improve the public health of Texans.

The Texas Office for Prevention of Developmental Disabilities (TOPDD) is the state's convener on preventable developmental disabilities.

- TOPDD convenes leaders from throughout the state to develop and implement plans to prevent developmental disabilities at the state, regional and community level.
- The agency uses evidence-based practices to:
 - Educate communities and professionals
 - Organize intervention services
 - Implement policies to improve services
- TOPDD develops reports to highlight special areas of interest around developmental disabilities, and also provides reports to the legislature on a biennial basis.

TOPDD adheres to evidence-based research and practices to ensure that the work it does has a palpable and positive impact on communities throughout Texas, making research relevant to the practical needs of people.

SPECIAL FOCUS AREAS: Child Safety & Injury Prevention and Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) and are two major focus areas of the agency. TOPDD continually assesses needs in developmental disabilities to develop goals.

STRUCTURE: TOPDD is a unique volunteer-driven state agency overseen by an independent executive committee. Over 70 volunteers and leaders from diverse organizations organize statewide planning around the prevention of developmental disabilities. initiatives.

TOPDD SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS:

- Low-cost customized consultation, training and education
- Convening meeting(s) in specific regions with influential leaders
- Opportunities to influence statewide planning
- Learn about national models of prevention through active collaboration with one of TOPDD's committees

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Child Safety and Injury Prevention (CSIP) Task Force:

TOPDD facilitates the CSIP Task Force, which seeks to promote child safety by building the capacity of organizations doing safety work, identifying strengths/gaps in services, and by increasing coordination of safety services. The annual J.C. Montgomery Child Safety Awards Event was established to recognize the most outstanding safety advocates in the state and to create opportunities for synergy between the individuals/organizations. Members in the CSIP Task Force are:

Name	Organization
Adrian Billings, M.D., PH.D.	Pearce Clinic & Big Bend Medical Center
Sam Cooper III, LMSW-IPR	Texas Department of State Health Services
Richard Garnett, Ph.D.	Chairman of TOPDD's Executive Committee
Angelo Giardino, M.D., Ph.D.	Texas Children's Health Plan
Ashley Givens (CSIP Chair)	Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children
Valerie Kiper, DNP, RN, MSN, NEA-BC	Universal Health Services, Inc.
Kathy Kramer, Ph.D.	Texas Health and Human Services Commission
Charlie Mohrle	Mohrle-Morris & Associates
Sonia Quintero	Communications Axess Ability Group CAAG- S.TX

Brief History of the Award:

J.C. Montgomery joined the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children located in Dallas in 1974 and was named president in 1989. He was appointed to the executive committee of the Texas Office for Prevention of Developmental Disabilities by Governor Ann Richards in 1994, and served as vice chairman from 2004 until becoming chairman in 2007. As a member of the executive committee, J.C. Montgomery was instrumental in increasing awareness about child safety education.

The J.C. Montgomery Child Safety Awards Ceremony highlights the importance of injury prevention, and demonstrates the vast activities currently being implemented to combat this public health crisis. 2013 is the third year of the J.C. Montgomery Child Safety Awards, and each year a wonderful selection of recipients exemplify what it means to do childhood injury prevention.

Through the awards program, we recognize the work of safety leaders in an effort to inspire, ignite and celebrate child safety efforts. Ultimately we seek to bring together leaders who represent the diversity around safety to build a statewide learning community around this issue.

The CSIP Task Force thanks everyone for their participation in the J.C. Montgomery Child Safety Awards. If you would like to find out more about the CSIP Task Force, please contact Gerardo Rodriguez at gerardo.rodriguez2@hhsc.state.tx.us or 512.206.4544.

2013 J.C. Montgomery Award Recipients

Individuals:

- *Carter, Sean*
- *Frost, Mary*
- *Sperry, Bryan*
- *Woolbright, Earl*

Organizations:

- *Northwest Texas Healthcare System Amarillo*
- *Texas Association for Infant Mental Health (TAIMH)*
- *W.A.T.C.H. Coalition*

Profiles of Award Recipients

Carter, Sean

Sean Carter is renowned throughout Texas and the United States for his powerful message about the danger of mixing alcohol, asphalt and automobiles. He shares his inspirational story of how he overcame severe injuries sustained as a passenger in a drunk-driving accident. He is committed to raising awareness of Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), to make young people aware of the consequences of their choices, and to challenge minors to be alcohol free.

Sean and his Mother, Jenny, have been giving powerful presentations to groups since 2007 on the dangers of drinking and driving. Their audiences have included law enforcement professionals, trauma/EMS personnel, high schools, colleges, churches, and even DWI offenders. Sean and Jenny have reached tens of thousands of audiences throughout Texas. However, they do not limit their message to the great state of Texas; with such a powerful message, Sean and Jenny have spoken to audiences in New York, Washington, Kentucky, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Minnesota, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Louisiana. Education on the risks behind drinking and driving transcends borders and audiences, and it is a message everyone must hear. Sean and his Mother work very hard to prevent others from experiencing a TBI.

Frost, Mary

From 1983-1993, Ms. Frost was certified as an EMT and EMT-Paramedic and was active in her local EMS and volunteer fire department. She attended nursing school at North Harris County College in 1989 to receive an AAS, and then obtained a BSN from the University of Texas El Paso in 2007. For more than 20 years, she has been an Emergency Department nurse working in trauma centers and community hospitals in the Houston area. She has had the unique opportunity to be part of the trauma system in many capacities, but became interested in trauma and injury prevention as a full-time pursuit in 1998 when she became a trauma coordinator at a small Level IV hospital. Since then, she has successfully launched or maintained trauma center designation in Level I, Level III and Level IV trauma centers. Her trauma system activities span regions and even reach the state level. As such, she has been active in trauma registry development, injury prevention and trauma system development. The one constant element throughout her career in the trauma system is the need for more injury prevention education. Many of the patients she cared for suffered from a preventable injury; an injury that could have been avoided with proper safety education.

In the current trauma center where she works, the Center for Childhood Injury Prevention, there is a team of dedicated individuals with expertise on child safety injury prevention. Thousands of families each year benefit from programs addressing child passenger safety, home safety, safe sleep and water safety. A quote from Dr. Everett Koop epitomizes the importance she gives to injury prevention education, and highlights the need to continue working in this field. "If disease were killing our children in the proportion that injuries are, people would be outraged and demand that this killer be stopped."

Sperry, Bryan

Bryan Sperry, President of the Children's Hospital Association of Texas (CHAT), works tirelessly on public policies to promote better health for children. "Keeping Kids Safe" is one of CHAT's priorities under Bryan Sperry, and he makes certain that all Texas children, insured and uninsured, have access to injury prevention programs. Through his continuous meetings with legislators and policy makers, Mr. Sperry strives to highlight the importance of healthcare and prevention methods for children. Through his close work with the advocacy and injury prevention leaders at the eight not-for-profit children's hospitals in Texas, Mr. Sperry makes sure the children's needs are a priority. His work helps keep children safe in Texas.

Woolbright, Earl

Earl Woolbright has been a Firefighter, EMT and hazmat Technician with Dallas County Fire Rescue for over 20 years. He currently holds the rank of Battalion Chief over operations at the all volunteers Dallas County Fire Rescue Department. Mr. Woolbright developed the Special Operations Unit, which consists of Tactical Emergency Medical for the Dallas Sheriff's SWAT Team, Terrorism Response, Wildland Fire Strike Team, Urban/Rural Search and Rescue. He has already been awarded the *Star of Texas Awards*, which honors and commemorates selected first responders who made profound commitments while performing their duties as peace officers, firefighters and emergency medical first responders. Mr. Woolbright received a *Star of Texas Award* for saving the life of an eighteen-month old girl by clearing her airway and performing CPR.

Married for 25 years, he has a son and daughter, plus he owns two donkeys. Mr. Woolbright says that it is his pleasure and blessing to serve the citizens of the great State of Texas and Dallas County.

Northwest Texas Healthcare System: Amarillo, TX

Northwest Texas Healthcare System is an exciting place rooted in history, anchored in the present and invested in the future. Since 1924, when Northwest Texas Hospital opened as a 75-bed community facility, it has continued to expand, adding needed services, important certifications and distinguished accreditations. Today, comprising a 475 bed acute and behavioral system, Northwest Texas Healthcare System is a trusted healthcare institution owned and operated by a subsidiary of Universal Health Services, Inc., one of the largest hospital companies in the nation. Northwest answers the needs of people near and far, within a 160-mile radius and 26 counties throughout the Texas Panhandle and parts of New Mexico, Oklahoma, Colorado and Kansas. Northwest's recognized specialties bring future medicine to present day Amarillo and the Texas Panhandle. In addition to high quality healthcare, Northwest is dedicated to the communities by providing free community health and wellness services. A program that Northwest takes great pride in is the Kohl's Cares Hospital Partnership. The Children's Hospital at Northwest and Kohl's to date has distributed 26,700 helmets thru the generous funds provided by the Kohl's Cares Hospital Partnerships. One hundred volunteers from Northwest, Kohl's and the community come together each spring to fit every child in select elementary schools throughout the Texas Panhandle. Each child is personally fitted with a bike helmet and provided education and materials for his or her family. Classrooms complete surveys and the results clearly show the importance of educating children and the need for

helmets. The outreach project has reached 42 schools and participated in dozens of community events.

Texas Association for Infant Mental Health (TAIMH)

TAIMH is a statewide organization that advocates and educates on behalf of infants and toddlers. It is the only non-profit in Texas that focuses specifically on the birth to three population. TAIMH trains professionals who work with infants, toddlers and their families on issues of infant mental health, including brain development, attachment, sensory integration, temperament and typical/atypical development. TAIMH also supports local chapters across the state in Austin, San Antonio, Corpus Christi, Lubbock and Houston, who spearhead local trainings and advocacy efforts on behalf of our youngest citizens. During the interim and during session, TAIMH works hard to ensure that infants and toddlers are a top priority for the state. Along with partner organizations, TAIMH led the movement behind HB 1741, which requires all licensed child care centers who own large vans or buses that transport children to install an electronic safety alarm at the back of the vehicle, which goes off each time the engine is shut off. The alarm has to be turned off manually, which forces the driver to walk to the back of the vehicle, noticing any child who may have been accidentally left behind. With the extreme heat in Texas, and the special vulnerability of young children to this heat, it is imperative that every measure is taken to ensure that no child is ever left behind in a child care vehicle. It takes very little time for tragedy to strike. This simple but effective law is sure to save lives of children in Texas.

W.A.T.C.H. Coalition

The Bexar County Child Fatality Review Team and local advocacy groups teamed up with first responders and area hospitals to form the W.A.T.C.H. Coalition – Water Awareness Through Community Help. Together, they launched a campaign aimed at saving children’s lives. On April 1, 2013, the coalition sponsored the first “April Pools Day” event in San Antonio.

The W.A.T.C.H. Coalition created a web page, www.voicessa.org/watersafety.html that encourages parents/caregivers, organizations, and home owners to plan and conduct water safety awareness events throughout the summer season. Everyone, both public and private, can plan and host activities in their homes or communities that emphasize parental/adult supervision, water safety skill practice, life jacket education and “hands-on water” safety demonstrations. Sixteen school districts in Region 8 also participated by putting up the WATCH poster in their schools. Our poster asks, “Are YOU Watching Me?”, which is all it takes to protect a child in a pool, tub, or other body of water – a vigilant adult committed to watching the child every moment.



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