

## **Injury Prevention-related Community Meetings**

### **Alamo Area Coalition Against Trafficking**

**Lead Organization:** Bexar County

**Meeting Frequency:** Monthly

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The ultimate goal of the Alamo Area Coalition Against Trafficking (AACAT) is the total eradication of human trafficking from Bexar and the surrounding counties. AACAT members work to prevent the future commercial exploitation of people through community awareness, preparedness, training and a data-driven interdiction strategy. Human trafficking requires a multi-agency, multi-disciplinary response. Members come from diverse sectors and industries at a local, statewide and national level. For more information, visit [www.aacat.org](http://www.aacat.org)

### **Alamo Senior Advisory Committee Meeting**

**Lead Organization:** Alamo Area Council of Governments (AACOG), Alamo & Bexar Area Agencies on Aging

**Meeting Frequency:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 10a, bimonthly

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The Alamo Senior Advisory Committee serves as the advisory committee for the Alamo Area Agency on Aging. The AACOG Alamo Area Agency on Aging (AAAA) serves 12 rural counties – Atascosa, Bandera, Comal, Frio, Gillespie, Guadalupe, Karnes, Kendall, Kerr, McMullen, Medina, and Wilson. The AAAA is dedicated to building a community that supports older residents and allows them to age in place with dignity, security and enhanced quality of life. The range of services provided includes congregate meals, home-delivered meals, benefits counseling, care coordination, legal assistance, nutrition and counseling and training, caregiver support, and transportation services. County, agency and community representatives serve on this advisory council. For more information, please visit <https://www.aacog.com/65/Alamo-Area-Agency-on-Aging>

### **Baby Education for South Texas (BEST)**

**Lead Organization:** Baby Education for South Texas

**Meeting Frequency:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 12p, monthly

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Baby Education for South Texas (BEST) is a collaboration of regional leaders in pediatric health, advocacy and education working to keep the children of South Texas safe, especially while they sleep. With representatives of many of San Antonio's community organizations and each major health care system, BEST is pooling resources and coordinating citywide efforts to ensure every child born in Bexar County is safe and healthy. BEST works to decrease infant mortality utilizing community resources, education, advocacy and awareness. The mission of BEST is to decrease infant mortality and improve infant health in South Texas. For more information, please visit <http://best4baby.org/>

### **Bethel Prevention Coalition**

**Lead Organization:** Bethel Community Development Corporation

**Meeting Frequency:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 3p, bimonthly

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Bethel Prevention Coalition works to create and maintain a safe, healthy and drug-free community within the 78218 zip code, specifically targeting youth in grades 5 through 12. Community representatives work to support and implement Bethel Prevention programs and outreach at Walzem Elementary School, Krueger Middle School, Ed White Middle School, the George Gervin Academy and Roosevelt High School. Bethel Prevention Coalition organizes media awareness campaigns and hosts events focused on underage drinking, tobacco and marijuana abuse. For more information, visit <http://www.bethelcommunitysa.org/index.html>

### **Bexar County Child Fatality Review Team**

**Lead Organization:** Department of State Health Services

**Meeting Frequency:** 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday at 9a, monthly

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Child Fatality Review (CFR) is a public health strategy to understand child deaths through multidisciplinary review at the local level. Data are collected and analyzed to best understand risks to children. The lessons learned from the reviews inform local and statewide prevention activities and reduce preventable child deaths. CFR is practiced in every U.S. state and in other countries; this team is focused on child deaths in Bexar County. This is a CLOSED meeting but involves many area stakeholders such as law enforcement, hospital representatives, district attorney's office, child protective services, local school district representatives, etc. For more information, please visit: [https://www.dshs.texas.gov/mch/child\\_fatality\\_review.shtm](https://www.dshs.texas.gov/mch/child_fatality_review.shtm)

### **Bexar Senior Advisory Committee Meeting**

**Lead Organization:** Alamo Area Council of Governments, Alamo & Bexar Area Agencies on Aging

**Meeting Frequency:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday at 10a, monthly

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The Bexar Senior Advisory Committee serves as the advisory committee for the Bexar Area Agency on Aging. The AACOG Bexar Area Agency on Aging (BAAA) serves Bexar County and San Antonio residents who are 60 years or older or who are family caregivers of those 60 and older. BAAA serves grandparents who are 55 or older and raising grandchildren. A department of BAAA, the Alamo Service Connection, serves residents who are 60 and older, disabled adults of any age, and their friends or family who are helping them. All persons in these categories are assisted regardless of income, and BAAA places a priority on assisting people who are low-income and 85 years or older who are considered higher-risk. For more information, please visit <https://www.aacog.com/108/Bexar-Area-Agency-on-Aging>

### **Bicycle Mobility Advisory Committee (BMAC)**

**Lead Organization:** Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO)

**Meeting Frequency:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 9a, monthly

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The Bicycle Mobility Advisory Committee (BMAC) was established by the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Policy Board in 1995. The committee's purpose is to improve bicycle mobility within the Alamo Area MPO Study Area. BMAC's vision is for the region to be distinguished as a place where cyclists can safely travel on and off-road and cycling is recognized as a clean, healthy, and affordable form of transportation and recreation. Along with the Pedestrian Mobility Advisory Committee, BMAC directly advises the AAMPO Technical Advisory Committee and Transportation Policy Board on bicycle and pedestrian-related policy issues and projects. This committee provides a forum for collaboration among agencies, organizations, and the public to address bicycle-related issues and enhance the overall bikeability of the region. For more information, please visit <http://www.alamoareampo.org/Committees/BMAC/>

### **Car Seat Tech Network**

**Lead Organization:** Safe Kids San Antonio, led by University Health System

**Meeting Frequency:** 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday at 11:30, monthly

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Child passenger safety is an ever-changing field, so it is important to stay up-to-date on new products, vehicle technology, local events and current issues. Safe Kids San Antonio's Buckle UP program aims to bring together local certified child passenger safety technicians to create a regional support system to engage local technicians, increase individual knowledge and skills, reduce certification turn-over and coordinate child passenger safety programs and resources within the community. Our primary goal is to support local certified technicians in their efforts to increase the number of car seat checks available in the community and improve the quality of the interaction between the technician and parent/caregiver.

For more information, please visit <https://www.safekids.org/coalition/safe-kids-san-antonio>

### **Circles of San Antonio Community Coalition**

**Lead Organization:** San Antonio Council on Alcohol and Drug Awareness (SACADA)

**Meeting Frequency:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 3p, monthly

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The Circles of San Antonio is a collaborative community coalition of individuals, local, county, and state agencies that serves the community by promoting public awareness about health and social consequences of underage drinking and driving, and other drug use and/or misuse. The Circles of San Antonio Community Coalition was instrumental in working to pass the Social Host Ordinance in San Antonio. This ordinance allows police to write a \$300 ticket to a homeowner, or a person responsible for a property, where alcohol is being served to minors. Fines could increase for repeat offenders. The campaign uses the hashtag #NoPartyParents. The city stated, children who begin drinking alcohol before the age of 15 are 4 ½ times more likely to suffer from substance misuse. For more information, please visit <http://sacada.org/services/circlesofsa/>

### **Pedestrian Mobility Advisory Committee (PMAC)**

**Lead Organization:** Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO)

**Meeting Frequency:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 3:30p, monthly

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The Pedestrian Mobility Advisory Committee (PMAC) advises the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Policy Board on pedestrian issues for the metropolitan area. PMAC's goal is to plan for safe, effective and accessible network of sidewalks and pedestrian amenities throughout the region. PMAC is comprised of agency staff members and interested citizens, including the mobility impaired community. The PMAC participates in the promotion and implementation of the Walkable Community Program and other region-wide transportation initiatives. Provides a forum for collaboration among agencies, organizations and the public to address pedestrian-related issues and enhance the overall walkability of the region. For more information, please visit <http://www.alamoareampo.org/Committees/PMAC/>

### **Safe Kids San Antonio Coalition**

**Lead Organization:** University Health System

**Meeting Frequency:** 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday at 11:30a, monthly

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The Safe Kids San Antonio Coalition works to prevent unintentional childhood injuries, the number one cause of death for children in the United States. Using local trauma data to address community needs, the coalition implements evidence-based programs that help parents and caregivers prevent childhood injuries. Its members include the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, Alamo City Mom's Blog, Bexar County ESD #2 Fire Department, Bexar County Sheriff's Office, City of San Antonio, Department of Family and Protective Services, Department of State Health Services, Education Service Center – Region 20, FedEx, Nationwide Insurance, San Antonio Fire Department, San Antonio Police Department, Schertz EMS, Southwest Research Institute, Texas Burn Survivors Society, Texas Department of Transportation, UT Health San Antonio, Union Pacific and VIA. Safe Kids San Antonio is a member of Safe Kids Worldwide, a global network dedicated to protecting kids. For more information, please visit [safekids.org](http://safekids.org) or <https://www.safekids.org/coalition/safe-kids-san-antonio>

### **South Central Texas Water Safety Coalition**

**Lead Organization:** WORD (Water-Oriented Recreation District) of Comal County

**Meeting Frequency:** As needed

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The South Central Texas Water Safety Coalition was founded in 2008 with the notion to help educate the public on water safety and prevent needless water related deaths. The Coalition seeks to improve water safety knowledge and practices among all recreationalists through education and awareness programs, outreach events, and inter-agency cooperation, cost and resource sharing. Through its partners, the Coalition hosts educational events and activities to raise public awareness about water safety and drowning prevention. The goal of these programs is to reduce or eliminate water-related accidents and drownings within the region. For more information, please visit <https://www.texaswatersafety.com/>

### **STRAC Injury Prevention Committee Meetings**

**Lead Organization:** Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council (STRAC)

**Meeting Frequency:** 1<sup>st</sup> Friday at 9a, bimonthly

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The Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council (STRAC) is designated by the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to develop, implement and maintain the regional trauma and emergency healthcare system for the 22 counties in Trauma Service Area - P (TSA-P). STRAC oversees dozens of essential programs and projects for the trauma and emergency healthcare system in and around South Texas, partnering with hospitals, EMS agencies, local government and community organizations. The STRAC Regional Injury Prevention Committee meets to provide an open, consensus-driven environment across all relevant disciplines in the development of regional guidelines, processes and educational opportunities to facilitate injury prevention programs, projects and campaigns to improve public awareness in the communities we serve. For more information, please visit [http://strac.org/injury\\_prevention](http://strac.org/injury_prevention)

### **Traffic Jam Coalition**

**Lead Organization:** Texas Department of Transportation, San Antonio District

**Meeting Frequency:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 9a, monthly

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The San Antonio Traffic Jam Coalition's purpose is to educate and bring awareness for a safer community by focusing on issues, such as drinking and driving, texting and driving, drowsy driving, motorcycle safety and bicycle/pedestrian safety. The Coalition's primary responsibility is to save lives. The San Antonio Traffic Jam Coalition hosts a networking meeting to discuss traffic safety issues faced in the region and brainstorm solutions for a safer commute on Texas highways and roads. For more information, please visit <http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/district/san-antonio/san-antonio-traffic-jam.html>

### **Vision Zero – Communications Task Force**

**Lead Organization:** City of San Antonio, Transportation & Capital Improvements

**Meeting Frequency:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 10a, monthly

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Vision Zero is focused on eliminating motor vehicle, bicycling and pedestrian deaths within San Antonio. The purpose of this Communications Task Force is to grow a support system of stakeholders and use this network to leverage the resources available. It is also meant to be a platform for information sharing, so that we may assist one another as needed. As such, we continue to work towards an established calendar of Vision Zero-related events your organization is either putting on or participating in. Vision Zero is possible when we work together. For more information, please visit <http://www.sanantonio.gov/TCI/Vision-Zero>

## **Vision Zero – Quarterly Stakeholders Meeting**

**Lead Organization:** City of San Antonio, Transportation & Capital Improvements

**Meeting Frequency:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 10a, quarterly

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Vision Zero is focused on eliminating motor vehicle, bicycling and pedestrian deaths within San Antonio.

Organizers believe the responsibility for roadway safety is shared between those who design the road and those who use the road. Vision Zero is both an attitude toward life and a strategy for designing a safe transportation system. It maintains that the loss of even one life or serious injury on our roads is unacceptable. Every person in our community matters, and we can achieve Vision Zero together. The City of San Antonio's Transportation & Capital Improvements (TCI) department, along with partner agencies, is focused on five essential elements to create a safe transportation system: Education, Encouragement, Engineering, Enforcement and Evaluation. Get involved and help make Vision Zero, a reality.

For more information, please visit <http://www.sanantonio.gov/TCI/Vision-Zero>