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Today is [National Injury Prevention Day \(NIPD\)](#)!

NIPD "shines a green light for safety" to help raise awareness and promote injury prevention efforts.

In observance of NIPD, the [Injury Prevention Unit](#) is shining a green light for our new feature, [Champions of Texas Injury Prevention](#). Champions are Texas community members that make a difference in public health, public safety, and injury prevention fields. These are everyday Texans working to prevent injuries and to help Texas #BeInjuryFree.

In this first edition of our new feature, we are excited to highlight three public health professionals who were nominated not only because of their passion for injury prevention, but also because of their dedication to and support of their local communities. They put injury prevention into practice daily and help create a safer Texas. Below, you'll find a brief overview of our Texas Champions of Injury Prevention. You can read their full responses and learn more about their work by visiting the [Champions of Texas Injury Prevention webpage](#).

Alanna Boulton is the Director of Operations for Mental Health and Addiction Care at Central Health. She was nominated because of her passion for developing patient-centered programs for those struggling with opioid use disorder. Her work and dedication have supported countless community members and saved lives.

"Knowing that I'm working to improve the lives of my neighbors and people everywhere is a huge driver for me. This work is hard and heavy but knowing that I'm making an impact and getting to do it with some of the best colleagues out there motivates me immensely."

Judge Kyle Hartmann is the Justice of the Peace in Fayette County, Precinct 1. He was nominated because of his commitment to his community through expanding and enhancing toxicology testing and his diversion programming. His commitment to supporting his community and collaborating across agencies make him an injury prevention champion.

"Passion and curiosity drive my approach to public service. I'm deeply committed to making a meaningful difference in the lives of others – that's the heart of what public service should be. Curiosity pushes me to continually seek new ways to improve and expand our impact. Innovation, collaboration, and relationship-building are the core principles that shape how I serve my community."

Cindi Wynia is the Safe Kids Program Manager for Amarillo Public Health. Cindi and her team were nationally recognized by the National Child Passenger Safety Board as the Child Passenger Safety Team of the year. She was nominated because of her commitment to educating families, teaching proper car seat installation, and advocating for child passenger safety. Her work has made an immeasurable impact and has helped keep Texas children safe on the road.

"I am passionate about serving families in my community. [This includes] helping families learn concrete ways they can keep their children safe through one-on-one conversations and education opportunities. When a caregiver asks if they can hug me for helping them keep their children safe, I know I am on the right path."

Learn more about these Texas Injury Prevention Champions and read their complete responses on the [Champions of Texas Injury Prevention webpage](#).

Do you know someone who is a Champion of Texas Injury Prevention? Submit a nomination through the [Champions of Texas Injury Prevention form](#) or email the Injury Prevention team at injury.prevention@dshs.texas.gov.

General Injury Prevention Resources

- Learn more about our programs: [Injury Prevention | Texas DSHS](#)
- Find state and national Injury Prevention resources: [Injury Prevention Resources | Texas DSHS](#)
- Locate more Injury Prevention-related news, events, and observances: [Injury Prevention Calendar | Texas DSHS](#)

Questions? Is there a Texas Injury Prevention Champion you would like to nominate? Email us at injury.prevention@dshs.texas.gov for more information.

Thank you!

The Injury Prevention Team

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