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Activities of the Childhood Agricultural Injury Prevention Initiative

The usefulness of the Childhood Agricultural Injury Prevention Initiative (CAIPI) has been invaluable for documenting risk and injury to youth on farms and in agricultural work, providing leadership and resources for childhood agricultural injury prevention, and for documenting progress in reducing risk exposure and injury since its inception in 1996. The CAIPI has been able to instigate a wide variety of injury prevention efforts toward pre-school, adolescent and minority youth living, working and visiting farms. Because of the CAIPI, a National Children's Center for Rural and Agricultural Health and Safety (NCCRAHS) has been able to effectively gather broad-based stakeholder input, marshal expertise to help develop resource materials, educate the media and policy-makers on issues pertinent to agricultural childhood injury prevention, and direct research and demonstration projects. They have also been able to fund pilot projects from around the U.S. to help test and evaluate small scale projects that further the aims of the CAIPI.

The CAIPI is viewed as a model for how national-level agricultural injury prevention programs are organized and managed. It is critical that it be continued. Its funding should be increased to not only restore buying power to original levels, but enhanced by at least 25%. Intramural injury surveillance should be continued and increased so that state-level injury rates can be established. The NCCRAHS should also be continued. Increased funding should allow external research and demonstration pilot projects that are multi-year and up to \$25K in direct costs. An increased emphasis should be on practical childcare options for rural farm families and hired workers.