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The Safe Kids Weber-Morgan Coalition Wins Outstanding Safe Kids Day Event at International Gathering of Safety Professionals

August 9, 2017 – Ogden, Utah – The Safe Kids Weber-Morgan Coalition was named Outstanding Safe Kids Day Event for its outstanding work in preventing childhood injuries in their community. The award was presented by Safe Kids Worldwide at its International Childhood Injury Prevention Convention in Baltimore, where more than 500 safety professionals from more than 30 countries around the world gathered to collaborate on efforts to enhance the safety of children on the road, at home and at play.

Safe Kids Weber-Morgan Coalition was selected from more than 400 communities across the U.S. and from 30 countries around the world. The award is given every other year to recognize excellence in protecting children.

"I'm absolutely thrilled to award Outstanding Safe Kids Day Event to the Safe Kids Weber-Morgan Coalition," said Torine Creppy, Acting President and Chief Programs Officer for Safe Kids Worldwide. "The Safe Kids Weber-Morgan Coalition is an inspiration to our entire network as we work to reach more families, prevent more injuries and save more lives."

Preventable injuries are the number one cause of death for children in the United States. Throughout the world, almost one million children die of an injury each year, and almost every one of these tragedies is preventable.

"This is an exciting honor for our whole community," said Jann Fawcett, Safe-Kids Weber-Morgan Coalition Coordinator. "We have been doing Safe Kids Day for 17 years, and have wonderful coalition members and partners. For the past two years, we have developed a great partnership with the YMCA of Northern Utah and it has been great to combine our Safe Kids Day and with the YMCA's Healthy Kids Day. We are all so grateful for all the wonderful sponsors, exhibitors, and our communities that support the event to help make it possible to have Safe Kids Day & Healthy Kids Day in our community each year."

About Safe Kids Weber-Morgan Coalition

Safe Kids Weber-Morgan Coalition works to prevent unintentional childhood injury, the number one cause of death for children in the United States. Members include Proud Partners: Health Choice Utah, Healthy U, McKay Dee Hospital, North Ogden Police Department, Ogden Bicycle Collective, Ogden City Fire Department, Ogden City Police Department, Ogden Clinic, Ogden Regional Medical Center, OWCAP-Head

Start, Peasant View Police Department, Riverdale Fire Department, Roy City Fire Department, Roy City Police Department, South Ogden City Police Department, Utah Highway Patrol, Utah Highway Safety Office, Utah Safety Council, Weber Area 911 Dispatch Center, Weber human Services, Weber School District, Weber County Sheriff Office, YMCA of Northern Utah.

Safe Kids Weber-Morgan Coalition is a member of Safe Kids Worldwide, a global network of organizations dedicated to preventing unintentional injury. Safe Kids Weber-Morgan Coalition was founded in 1998 and is led by the Weber-Morgan Health Department. For more information, visit safekids.org or webermorganhealth.org.