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Created in 1990 by the Iowa State Legislature [Code of IA 262.78]

Mission: To make Iowa the world's healthiest and safest agricultural environment in which to live and work.

Partners: I-CASH is a state-wide organization in principle partnership with **The University of Iowa, Iowa State University, Iowa Department of Public Health, Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship** and a diverse group of private and public agricultural health and safety organizations, including:

- The AgriSafe Network
- Farm Safety 4 Just Kids
- AgriWellness
- Proteus
- National Education Center for Agricultural Safety
- Iowa Farmer's Union
- Iowa Pork Producers
- Successful Farming Magazine
- Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau
- Iowa Office of Rural Health and Primary Care

The organizational hub is the Institute for Rural and Environmental Health located in The University of Iowa's College of Public Health. I-CASH is one of only a few state legislated collaborative agricultural health and safety organizations in the United States.

Activities

Among its many accomplishments in the past decade, I-CASH has:

- Founded the **AgriSafe Network**, a national organization, representing rurally-based hospitals, clinics, and county health departments that provide preventive occupational health services for the farming community.
- Serve as the Iowa AgriSafe State Affiliate organization to promote membership and coordinate services.
- Created the **Certified Safe Farm Program**, which has shown to **reduce disease and save 45% in medical care costs**.
- **Trained and certified** over 700 nurses, physicians and other health care providers in agricultural medicine.
- 2007-2011 through a NIOSH grant expanded the **Agricultural Medicine** course to 406 professionals from 34 states, DC, Puerto Rico and eight countries.
- Developed **MS and PhD graduate training programs** and a 1-year certificate program in Agricultural Health and Safety.
- Promoted the development of **Farm Safety 4 Just Kids**, a non-profit organization dedicated to preventing injuries and fatalities of children and youth in farm environments
- Promoted the development of **AgriWellness**, a non-profit dedicated to promoting accessible behavioral health services to the rural/agricultural community.
- Developed the first **Farm Safety Day Camp for kids** program in Iowa.
- Awarded over \$108,000 in grants in 57 Iowa communities for prevention of farm youth injuries and \$218,000 in grant money for the Iowa AgriSafe Providers.
- Played a role in significantly **reducing agricultural deaths and injuries in Iowa—by 44% and 32% respectively—since 1990**.
- Providing health and safety education to small, mid-sized, and large scale agricultural producers.
- Collaborating with Iowa Department of Transportation to improve **rural roadway safety**.

Funding

Funding in 1990 was \$250,000 in a line item for I-CASH. The current year budget is \$245,549 as part of The University of Iowa general funds through the College of Public Health.



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