Preventing Accidental Injury
Rosemarie C. Ennis, EMT Director, Public Health Education Dept. of Professional & Public Health Education Director, New York State Safe Kids Coalitions and Chapters presented Key Club attendees with a Trainer’s Guide at the Injury Prevention/ Safety Education Day held December 2008, sponsored by the Nassau County Safe Kids Coalition and the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center, Schneider Children’s Hospital at North Shore.

Director for the NYS Safe Kids Coalitions and Chapters Rosemarie Ennis welcomed guests to the first New York State Key Club Injury Prevention / Safety Education Day. She offered, “Listen closely to today’s presenters, read your Trainer’s Guide and spread today’s message and information within your hometown. Consider becoming involved within your county and local community in keeping our State’s young citizens safe.

Through the combined efforts of our State’s Safe Kids Coalitions and Chapters and their members (hospitals, government agencies, corporations, public health and advocacy organizations, private groups and community citizens), New York State has seen remarkable achievements in preventing and reducing childhood injuries and deaths due to preventable accidents.

From 1985 to 2000, there has been a 55.3% decline of unintentional injury/death rate among children ages 14 and under in New York State - one of the most dramatic declines ever seen in a children’s health issue. However, despite this tremendous progress, accidental injury remains the number one killer in young children in the United States today. These facts underscore both the value of what we have done and the need to continue doing what we do - educate adults and children, create safe environments, conduct research and advocate for effective laws for our young. Every New York State resident has a role to play in helping to prevent all types of accidental childhood injuries.

Ennis asked that you join with your State’s Safe Kids Coalitions and Chapters in building our partnership with Safe Kids Worldwide. Make a commitment to place a priority on childhood injury prevention. She encouraged all to contact your local county Safe Kids Coordinator, Police Department, Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services and help them do whatever you can to create a New York where all our children are truly “Safe Kids.”

Bicycle Helmet Safety facilitators present plan for teaching safely to youngsters. Key Clubbers gained an understanding of the importance of wearing a bike helmet, how to choose and fit a bike helmet properly, and they became aware of the damage that might be caused to the brain if an accident should occur to riders without a helmet.

Standing left to right: NYD Circle K/Family Relations Chair Rickie Santer, discusses Circle K involvement in KPTC with KPTC Foundation Board President DPG Joe Corace. Seated: Adelphi Secretary Annie Benzle, Adelphi Treasurer Lauren Schneider, LJ Circle K Lt. Governor Christina Boquin and Adelphi member Angela Allegritti add their support to this worthwhile goal.

NYD Key Clubs and Circle K’s Represented at KPTC/Safe Kids Training
KEY CLUBS
Division 3
Huntington HS Key Club
Division 4
Great Neck North HS Key Club
North Shore HS Key Club
Wheatley HS Key Club
Division 5
Calhoun HS Key Club
Farmingdale HS Key Club
Kennedy HS Key Club
Massapequa HS Key Club
Division 6
Division Avenue HS Key Club
East Meadow HS Key Club
G. C. Tech Key Club
Island Trees HS Key Club
Uniondale HS Key Club
W. Tresper Clarke HS Key Club
West Hempstead HS Key Club
Division 7
Blawnox Key Club
Oceanside HS Key Club
Division 8
Bayside HS Key Club
Benjamin N Cardozo HS Key Club
Francis Lewis HS Key Club
Forrest Hills HS Key Club
Division 9
Brooklyn Tech HS Key Club
Midwood HS Key Club
Division 11
Bronx HS of Science Key Club
High School for Math, Science and Engineering Key Club
High School for American Studies at Lehman College Key Club
Hunter College HS Key Club
Division 10
John Dewey HS Key Club
Stuyvesant HS Key Club
CIRCLE K
Adelphi University Circle K
NY University Circle K
Queens College Circle K
Wagner College Circle K
(In the Process of Chartering)