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Director, Safe Kids New Jersey

Carol Ann Giardelli, a recognized leader in childhood injury prevention in New Jersey, proudly serves as the founding Director of Safe Kids New Jersey. Established nearly thirty years ago, Safe Kids New Jersey is a member of Safe Kids Worldwide, a global network of organizations dedicated to preventing unintentional childhood injury. Led by Central Jersey Family Health Consortium with generous support from Safe Kids Worldwide's Founding Sponsor Johnson & Johnson, Safe Kids New Jersey has been nationally recognized for outstanding leadership and programs.

Carol Ann led the effort to establish a statewide network of local Safe Kids coalitions who continue to bring together health and safety experts, educators, corporations, foundations, governments and volunteers to educate and protect families from the number one killer of kids – preventable injury.

The state coalition, together with its partners have been instrumental in gaining passage of key state child safety legislation including occupant protection, pedestrian safety, helmet use, sports safety, concussion prevention, furniture fall prevention and window guard installation.

At the request of the Governor, she serves on New Jersey's Advisory Council on Traumatic Brain Injury. Other leadership roles include being a founding member of the New Jersey Coalition for Prevention of Developmental Disabilities; founding member of the Regional Child Passenger Safety Conference Advisory Board; New Jersey's Child Fatality and Near Fatality Review Board and NJ Department of Health's Healthy Homes Advisory Committee to name a few.

Carol Ann is also the proud recipient of the coveted Champion of Safe Kids Award for the best State Safe Kids Coalition in the nation and was most recently recognized by Safe Kids Worldwide for Excellence in Home Safety in the United States for its signature *Home Safe Home* program.

Carol Ann has dedicated her entire career to children, first as an elementary school teacher, followed by Safe Kids. She continues her commitment to ensuring a safe environment for kids, not the least of which include her 5-year-old grandson Jackson and 3-year-old granddaughter Adelynn.

She is a graduate of Seton Hall University and holds a Master's Degree in Education from William Paterson University. Carol Ann resides in Red Bank, NJ with her husband George.