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Safe Kids USA is a member country of Safe Kids Worldwide, a global network of organizations with a mission of preventing unintentional childhood injury. Safe Kids has coalitions and chapters in all 50 states and in 19 countries. With nearly 30 million children participating in organized sports and more than 2.5 million of those children visiting emergency departments annually, Safe Kids is in a unique position to deliver public health programs and communicate injury prevention messages to parents, coaches, health professionals, and children through its coalition network. However, we realize that collaboration is the key to effective public health outreach.

In November 2009, Safe Kids Worldwide co-hosted the Partnerships for Prevention Youth Sports Injury Prevention meeting with the goal of developing and coordinating a national partnership **to reduce and prevent sport injuries to children and youth** and to formulate a national educational campaign and programmatic effort. We were proud to have NATA attend the meeting and commit to the partnership efforts.

By hosting the **Alliance to Address the Youth Sports Safety Crisis in America**, NATA will raise the issue of youth sports injuries to legislatures, which is a critical component in addressing this public health crisis. Safe Kids USA is proud to support this initiative and looks forward to attending the summit in January.

Sincerely,

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