



AUTOMOTIVE SAFETY PROGRAM

At Riley Hospital for Children, Indiana University School of Medicine

Car Seat Clinics Highlight National Child Passenger Safety Week

The goal of Child Passenger Safety Week, an annual campaign sponsored by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, is to make sure all children are secured properly in the appropriate seats – every trip, every time. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to visit permanent fitting stations and car seat clinics throughout the country.



Vigo Co. CPST works with family

This year the Automotive Safety Program, with funding from the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute, provided funding to twenty organizations throughout Indiana to conduct car seat clinics during child passenger safety week. Groups participating in these events included AAA Hoosier Motor Club, Bloomington Hospital, Brownsburg Fire Territory, Community Hospital Anderson, Decatur Co. Sheriff’s Dept., Dupont Hospital, French Lick Police Dept., Harrison Co. Hospital EMS, Jefferson Co. Health Dept., Kathryn Weil Center, Linton Police Dept., MOM Project/Healthy Families, Putnam Co. Hospital, Safe Kids Allen Co., Safe Kids Delaware Co., Safe Kids Elkhart Co., Schneck Medical Center, St. Vincent Primary Care Center, and Tipton Hospital.



Discarded CSS take their last ride to the dump after the Vigo Co. clinic

In addition, the Automotive Safety Program partnered with the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute and Safe Kids Vigo County / C.H.A.N.C.E.S. for Indiana Youth to conduct a car seat clinic in Terre Haute.

The week concluded with *National Seat Check Saturday* with events held across the nation on Saturday, September 25th.

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Thank you to all of you for making this week such a success!

Making a Difference

Officer Joe Robinson, Zionsville Police Department and Permanent Fitting Station Coordinator, received the following letter from a grateful parent:

“Dear Joe ~

Enclosed please find Steve’s and my check in the amount of \$200 for your car seat program for children.

Words cannot express our gratitude for your professional devotion for the welfare of others.

You are an amazing man and police officer.”

Terri Jones, Clarian Arnett Health and Permanent Fitting Station Coordinator, received the following letter from a family visiting from Pittsburgh:

“Dear Ms. Jones,

In mid-August (I think it was around the 22nd) you helped my dad install my son’s TrueFit car seat in the back of his Cadillac CTS. He needed to drive us home to Pittsburgh, so we needed to move my son’s seat. After wrestling with the seat for quite some time, I suggested we take it to a car seat technician for help. I believe the local police referred him to your office.

I just wanted to thank you for your help! The seat was in securely, and I am so thankful that you installed it rear-facing.

I understand the benefits of rear-facing beyond the standard 1-year, 20-something weight limit. My son is 20 months old, 28 or so pounds, and has a large head. I know that he will be significantly safer in a crash if he’s rear-facing up to 35 lbs., which is the upper limit for our seat. I plan to keep him rear-facing until that time, which hopefully will be beyond his second birthday.

I couldn’t convey the safety points in a way that my dad could understand. He seemed to think that “everyone” would be more comfortable if my son was forward-facing. I think the way we had originally installed the seat rear-facing, it obstructed my dad’s view somewhat. But when you installed it, it provided the driver with better visibility.

Anyway, I just wanted to thank you for your valuable services and for taking the time to educate my dad on the benefits of extended rear-facing.

Keep up the good work!”

Brochures Now Available Online

The Automotive Safety Program now has several child passenger safety brochures available for download. Click [here](#) to view a complete list of brochures, order on-line, or download for immediate access.

New Products

Britax Advocate 70 CS Convertible Seat

- Rear-face from 5-40 pounds
- Forward-face from 1 year and 20-70 pounds
- Rear and forward facing recline
- Click & Safe® Snug Harness Indicator is an audible aid that provides extra assurance when the harness is within range of appropriate snugness
- Side Impact Cushion Technology
- SafeCell™ Technology designed to compress in a crash, lowering the center of gravity
- Integrated Steel Bars strengthen the connection to the vehicle and reduce forward flexing of the child seat during a crash
- Energy Absorbing Versa-Tether®
- Retail price \$369.99
- www.britaxusa.com



Britax Boulevard 70 Convertible Seat

- Rear-face from 5-40 pounds
- Forward-face from 1 year and 20-70 pounds
- Rear and forward facing recline
- SafeCell™ Technology designed to compress in a crash, lowering the center of gravity
- Integrated Steel Bars strengthen the connection to the vehicle and reduce forward flexing of the child seat during a crash
- Energy Absorbing Versa-Tether®
- Retail price \$309.99
- www.britaxusa.com



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- Energy Absorbing Versa-Tether®
- Retail price \$329.99
- www.britaxusa.com



New Products (cont')

Britax Marathon 70 Convertible Seat

- Rear-face from 5-40 pounds
- Forward-face from 1 year and 20-70 pounds
- Rear and forward facing recline
- SafeCell™ Technology designed to compress in a crash, lowering the center of gravity
- Integrated Steel Bars strengthen the connection to the vehicle and reduce forward flexing of the child seat during a crash
- Energy Absorbing Versa-Tether®
- Retail price \$279.99
- www.britaxusa.com



Britax Roundabout 55 Convertible Seat

- Rear-face from 5-40 pounds
- Forward-face from 1 year and 20-55 pounds
- Rear and forward facing recline
- SafeCell™ Technology designed to compress in a crash, lowering the center of gravity
- Integrated Steel Bars strengthen the connection to the vehicle and reduce forward flexing of the child seat during a crash
- Energy Absorbing Versa-Tether®
- Retail price \$199.99
- www.britaxusa.com



Combi Navette 22 Infant Seat

- Fits children birth-22 pounds and 29 inches
- 5-point harness with padding
- Three shoulder slot positions
- Front adjust harness
- For institutional use; available through Child Source
- Institutional price \$64.50
- www.child-source.com



Cosco Scenera® 40RF Convertible Seat

- Rear-face from 5-40 pounds
- Forward-face from 22-40 pounds
- 4 harness height positions
- 3 crotch buckle positions
- Retail price \$54.99
- www.coscojuvenile.com



New Products (cont')

Safety 1st Rūmi™ Air Harnessed Booster

- Air Protect® Revolutionary Side Impact Technology
- Harness mode fits children 22-65 pounds
- No re-thread harness
- 12-position headrest adjusts with one hand
- Booster mode fits children 40-100 pounds and 57"
- Retail price \$179.99
- www.djgusa.com



Safety 1st onBoard 35 Infant Seat

- Fits children 4-35 pounds
- Customizable Premie insert
- Low harness slots
- Non-adjustable base
- For institutional use; available through Child Source
- Institutional price \$75.00
- www.child-source.com



Recalls

Cyberx – Model: Solution X-fix

- Manufactured February 1, 2010 – February 28, 2010 for model numbers 0500200xx and 0500760xx.
 - Booster seats have an incorrect warning statement about restraining unoccupied seats.
- Contact Regal Lager (distributor) at 1.800.593.5522 for replacement sticker and owner's manual.

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Recalls can be checked by visiting [NHTSA](http://www.nhtsa.gov) or [UNC Highway Safety Research Center](http://www.unc.edu/research/safety).

You may also sign up to receive email notifications of child restraint recalls from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) by clicking [here](#).

Staff Update

April Brooks joined the Automotive Safety Program on September 20, 2010 as a Project Manager and will oversee CPS training for the state of Indiana. She has been an IUPUI employee for 2.5 years, previously employed with the Office of Research Administration as a Research Compliance Coordinator, in which she worked with the Institutional Review Board (IRB). She also works part time for Easter Seals Crossroads as a Team Leader for the Parent's Night Out program which provides services to children with special needs and their siblings. April has a Bachelor's degree in public relations from Ball State University. She currently resides in Fishers, IN with her three year old black lab named Wrigley.

Mark Your Calendar

Child Passenger Safety Renewal Course

October 4, 2010

St. Mary's Medical Center

Evansville, IN

Cost - \$75.00

Contact: Debbie Baize, 812.485.4246

dbaize@stmarys.org

NHTSA Child Passenger Safety Technician Training

October 28-29 and November 1-2, 2010

Booker T. Washington Community Center

Terre Haute, IN

Cost - \$75.00

Contact: Brandon Halleck, 812.232.5190

brhalleck@cfiy.org

Lifesavers Conference

March 27-29, 2011

Phoenix Convention Center

Phoenix, AZ

National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities

www.lifesaversconference.org

Indiana Injury Prevention Conference and 15th Annual Child Safety Advocate Awards

June 6-7, 2011

University Place Conference Center and Hotel

Indianapolis, IN

7th Annual Kidz In Motion Conference

August 11-13, 2011

The Omni at ChampionsGate Hotel

ChampionsGate, FL (Just SW of Orlando)

National Conference Dedicated to
Child Passenger Safety Professionals

www.kidzinmotion.org

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