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THE 2010 INDIANA INJURY PREVENTION CONFERENCE

Mark your calendars! The 2010 Injury Prevention Conference is scheduled for May 13th and May 14th in downtown Indianapolis. University Place Conference Center and Hotel will once again host the conference. The conference will again include two tracks for participants to follow. One track will focus on child restraint and vehicle safety issues. The second track will include topics on some of our most pressing injury prevention concerns. There will be two plenary sessions as well. The conference boasts some extraordinary speakers, so no matter what your injury prevention passion may be, you will find the conference to be a wonderful experience!

Participants can earn child passenger safety technician CEUs, as required for recertification, and law enforcement officers can receive credits for their attendance at the conference sessions as well.

Plan to join us for the car seat clinic extravaganza on Thursday, May 13th from 4:30 to 7:30pm. This clinic will be held at the Indianapolis Zoo. It's a great way to satisfy your community education requirement for recertification and assist many children and families!

Invitations and supporting materials were emailed to all technicians and Safe Kids affiliates at the end of February. Please note that the conference registration and payment are due no later than May 7th. If you did not receive an invitation, please contact our office at 1.800.KID.N.CAR. You will also find the conference materials online at www.preventinjury.org under *training dates*.

The \$100 registration fee includes breakfast and lunch both days, on-site parking, beverages, snacks, and conference materials. This is a conference that you will not want to miss!

STATE FARM INSURANCE'S SPONSORSHIP OF THE 2010 INJURY PREVENTION CONFERENCE

For many years, State Farm Insurance has been a valuable community partner in the world of child restraint safety. Through a very generous donation made to Safe Kids, State Farm has agreed to once again be a sponsor of the Indiana Injury Prevention Conference. With these dollars, Safe Kids Indiana and the Automotive Safety Program can continue to enhance the conference itinerary, bringing in top-notch speakers and making it one of the best injury prevention conferences available to technicians and advocates alike! A special thank you to Ed Perez, Public Affairs Specialist, and State Farm Insurance for continuing to make the world a safer place for children and families.



Wal-Mart and Sam's Club Foundation Makes Generous Donation

On 02.19.10, Wal-Mart and Sam's Club Foundation made a \$1,000 donation to Safe Kids Indiana and the Automotive Safety Program. These funds will be used to provide bicycle helmets and child restraints to families in need. A huge thank you to Wal-Mart and Sam's Club employees for their belief in, and support of, our injury prevention initiatives.

Pictured: Autumn McNichols, Safe Kids Indiana State Coordinator; Liz Broaddus, Sam's Club Manager; and Judith Talty, Director of the Automotive Safety Program



Have a bicycle rodeo planned? Safe Kids Indiana has a set of bicycle safety easel signs that can be used for your rodeos. The signs allow you to design a course perfect for any age and skill level of rider. To reserve the signs, contact Safe Kids Indiana at 1.888.832.3219.



The 2010 traffic safety mini-grants are now available for Safe Kids chapters. This grant is provided by the Automotive Safety Program. The funds can be used to further traffic safety initiatives in your community. This includes motor vehicle occupancy, bicycle, and pedestrian safety programs. The grants range from \$250 to \$1,000, and are determined based on your chapter's activity level in 2009. The funds must be used by September 30th. If you have misplaced your application, you can find this posted on our website at www.preventinjury.org under Indiana Safe Kids Coalition forms.



The 14th Annual Child Safety Advocate Awards Luncheon

Please join us for the 14th Annual Child Safety Advocate Awards (CSAA). The luncheon and awards ceremony will be held at University Place Conference Center on Friday, May 14th from 1:00pm to 3:00pm in conjunction with the 2010 Indiana Injury Prevention Conference.

Since 1997, these awards have been given to honor those who exhibit true dedication to improving the health and well-being of the children in their community and who demonstrate extraordinary efforts in preventing injuries and deaths to Indiana's children.

This is an excellent opportunity to network with fellow injury prevention advocates and celebrate the achievements of the nominees and recipients.

Nomination forms for the awards are available at www.preventinjury.org or by calling the Automotive Safety Program at 1.800.KID.N.CAR. There will be five Child Safety Advocate Awards presented, along with the Connie K. Gibbs award. Please consider nominating an injury prevention specialist who has made a significant impact on children and families! All nomination forms and supplemental material must be received by April 23, 2010.

If you have any questions about the Child Safety Advocate Awards, or if you would like to RSVP for the luncheon, please contact our office.