



At Riley Hospital for Children, Indiana University School of Medicine

Annual Injury Prevention Conference Continues to Draw a Fantastic Crowd

Safe Kids Indiana and the Automotive Safety Program hosted their 2011 Indiana Injury Prevention Conference on June 6-7. Overall, the conference was a great success! More than 150 individuals attended the conference from all facets of the child safety realm. A special thanks to our presenters for their willingness to pass on their knowledge and insight. The presenters and their topics this year included:

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| Dr. Marilyn Bull | <i>"Airlines, Car Seats, and Kids"</i> |
| Lorrie Walker | <i>"Making Tween Passengers Good Teen Drivers"</i> |
| Dr. Steve Nolt | <i>"Understanding Amish Culture and Society"</i> |
| Kim Herrmann | <i>"Supersized Vans, Supersized Issues"</i> |
| Brandon Halleck | <i>"Fundraising 101"</i> |
| Ryan Klitzsch and
Dr. Joseph O'Neil | <i>"The Law versus Best Practice"</i> |
| Dr. Roberta Hibbard | <i>"When Is a Bonk Not Just a Bonk?"</i> |
| Dr. Laura Jana | <i>"Daycare Dangers"</i> |
| Lorrie Walker | <i>"Is Bigger Always Better?"</i> |
| | <i>A Fresh Look at LATCH, HWH and Boosters"</i> |
| Jason Carlton | <i>"Building Engaging Relationships through Social Media"</i> |
| Kim Herrmann | <i>"Low Speed Vehicles, High Risk Travel"</i> |
| Michelle Chappelow | <i>"Car Safety Seat Evaluation of High Risk Infants"</i> |

At the end of the first day of the conference, a free child passenger safety check clinic was coordinated at the Indianapolis Zoo. This clinic was not only to assist families with seat checks from certified technicians, but it gave all technicians and
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A glimpse into the Indianapolis Zoo clinic moments before it begins.

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Annual Injury Prevention Conference (cont')

instructors an opportunity to complete their community education hours and five seat checks for their recertification. The conference also offered them continuing education units toward recertification. The technicians inspected 56 seats for both English and Spanish speaking families. Radio Disney provided music and games for the children.

At the Indianapolis Zoo clinic, Dr. Joseph O'Neil, Dr. Marilyn Bull, and Ryan Klitzsch, Traffic Safety Division Director, Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) participated in a press conference with James Payne, Director of the Department of Child Services (DCS), to present the media with the release of the annual State of Indiana Child Abuse and Neglect Fatality Report for State Fiscal Year 2009. The results of the report indicated that several child deaths in 2009 were due to children either unrestrained or not properly restrained in vehicles; therefore, DCS felt it appropriate to partner with the Automotive Safety Program and Safe Kids to hold this media conference in hopes of reaching a target audience for these issues. The clinic and press conference were aired on several local television stations that evening.

The 15th Annual Child Safety Advocate Awards Luncheon and Ceremony followed day two of the conference. Dr. Laura Jana was the guest speaker and presented "Communication Challenges in Child Passenger Safety." Dr. Jana is an Omaha-based pediatrician, health communicator, award-winning author, child passenger safety instructor, and serves as a media spokesperson for the American Academy of Pediatrics. The luncheon was attended by 120 safety advocates.

The Awards are presented to honor those individuals, agencies, and businesses that have exhibited true dedication to improving the health and well-being of children in their communities. This year's recipients were:

AmSafe Commercial Products

Michelle Chappelow, Riley Hospital for Children

Cara Fast, Riley Hospital for Children

The Kroger Company

Hollie Lambert, Safe Kids Elkhart County

Debra Sims, Community Support, Plainfield Police Department

Cara Wickens, IU Health Bloomington Hospital

Making a Difference

The Schererville Police Department received the following letter from a grateful parent following her car seat inspection at the department's permanent fitting station:

"In December 2010 my family and I were in a car accident when we were on our way to see Barney for our 3 year old's birthday. A car turned right in front of us and we did not have time to stop. We hit her and spun her around so far that I didn't even know where her vehicle went. Our airbags deployed and we had over \$11,000 worth of damage to our vehicle. The other vehicle was totaled. I am happy to say our son was buckled in his car seat and did not move. He was completely unharmed by the accident. I owe this to the Child Passenger Safety Program. I had the car seat checked at the police station. They made some adjustments and the seat was 100% secure and did exactly what it was supposed to do. Thanks to the program we were still able to go see Barney.

I cannot thank the program enough. I had them check the seat when I installed it rear facing and again when we changed it to forward facing. We bought an additional vehicle since the accident and recently attended an event to have your program check the new car seat as well as our newborn's seat. I will be back when our newborn moves up to the next seat to have it checked as well.

While everyone hopes that they never get in an accident, it happens. I highly recommend to my friends and family that they get their car seats checked. Thank you so much for having the program, I know there aren't a lot of places to have the seats checked which is disappointing because it really is important.

Thanks again and you can expect to see me again."

Thank you to the Schererville Police Department and all of the certified child passenger safety technicians throughout the state for all that you do to keep our little Hoosiers safe while travelling. You really do make a difference!

New Permanent Fitting Stations

Please join us in welcoming the following two new sites to Indiana's network of permanent fitting stations:

Rushville Police Department, Rush County, coordinated by Michael Ervin

Four Seasons Fire Department, Lake County, coordinated by Ryan Burgess

Tech Updates

The first Automotive Safety Program refresher course for 2011 was scheduled in Warrick County at The Women's Hospital in Newburgh, IN on June 22, 2011. A great deal of thanks goes out to Gretchen Lyons from The Women's Hospital for her assistance in providing the excellent facility where the class was held and also for the lunch that was provided.

First 2011 CPST Refresher Course **a Success!**



A total of 39 technicians and instructors were present from around the state. The refresher course covered topics pertaining to the Automotive Safety Program, Special Needs, and Safe Kids program updates. Also, legislation, recertification, review of recent research, emerging issues, vehicle OP system updates, and child restraint review, updates, and new products were covered.

Marnita Louzon and April Brooks presented the information to those registered for the course. All technicians received four continuing education units for attending the course and they also had the opportunity to obtain their five required child restraint seat check-offs for recertification. The staff received very positive feedback about the information presented and the technicians expressed their gratitude for the information they learned during the class. Several manufacturers were kind enough to provide samples of their new products for the technicians and instructors to familiarize themselves with during the course.

This course is designed to help Indiana's child passenger safety technicians and instructors stay current with the most up-to-date information in the child passenger safety field, while reviewing CPS concepts. Although this course is not required for national recertification, it is strongly recommended that all technicians and instructors attend one refresher course. To be eligible to attend, you must be a current certified NHTSA CPS technician. At least one technician from each permanent fitting station that receives funding from the Automotive Safety Program is required to attend one of these refresher courses, if they did not attend the Injury Prevention Conference this year. Please refer to your *Permanent Child Safety Seat Inspection Station Agreement* for details. There is no registration fee for attendance to this course. Lunch has been donated for each class by local organizations.

In an effort to be accessible to as many technicians as possible, the courses have been scheduled in various regions of the state and are still available for the following locations and dates:

July 21st — Shelby County — Blue River Career Center — Shelbyville, IN
August 25th — Elkhart County — Elkhart County Corrections Center — Elkhart, IN

Registration forms were emailed to all instructors and technicians in April, 2011. If you did not receive your registration form, please contact April Brooks, State CPS Coordinator, at apbrooks@iupui.edu or 317-944-8380.

Tech Updates (cont')

State Farm Safety Days Still in Full Effect



Jessica Crim went above and beyond her duties as a State Farm Safety Day Site Coordinator and made a special t-shirt so that she could be easily identified the day of the event.

The annual State Farm Safety Day clinics have been a success so far this summer and they will continue throughout the next several months. Clinics were held at the following locations thus far: Lafayette, Batesville, Greenfield, Bremen, Chesterton, New Palestine, Terre Haute, Columbus, Crown Point, and Indianapolis. There will still be sixteen locations in the future throughout the state hosting a State Farm Safety Day in their area.

A huge thank you to the CPST's who have worked one or more of these events! Your presence is crucial for these clinics and your willingness to assist has not gone unnoticed. We would also like to show our gratitude to State Farm and the agents involved in these events. It has been a true pleasure working with State Farm and we look forward to more Safety Days next year.

If you are willing to work any of the future Safety Days below, please contact April Brooks as soon as possible to let her know. She can be reached at apbrooks@iupui.edu and 317-944-8380. Please note; you can earn your "community events" for recertification by attending at least one of the State Farm Safety Day clinics!

1. Fowler (Benton County)
 - ◇ July 23, 2011
 - ◇ 9 am to 2 pm
 - ◇ Location: Benton County Fairgrounds
2. Lowell (Lake County)
 - ◇ July 23, 2011
 - ◇ 10 am to 1 pm
 - ◇ Location: Lowell Fire Department
3. Elkhart (Elkhart County)
 - ◇ July 30, 2011
 - ◇ 10 am to 1 pm
 - ◇ Location: YMCA of Elkhart County
4. Kendallville (Noble County)
 - ◇ August 6, 2011
 - ◇ 10 am to 6 pm
 - ◇ Location: Noble County Fairgrounds
5. Muncie (Delaware County)
 - ◇ August 17, 2011
 - ◇ 10 am to 1 pm
 - ◇ Location: Menards (Nebo Rd.)
6. Bloomington (Monroe County)
 - ◇ September 9, 2011
 - ◇ 10 am to 1 pm
 - ◇ Location: TBA

Tech Updates (cont')

7. Carmel (Hamilton County)
 - ◇ Waiting for reschedule date
 8. Evansville (Vanderburgh County)
 - ◇ Waiting for reschedule date
 9. Gary (Lake County)
 - ◇ Waiting for reschedule date
 10. Indianapolis (Marion County) – Sunnyside Rd.
 - ◇ Waiting for reschedule date
 11. Plymouth (Marshall County)
 - ◇ Waiting for reschedule date
 12. Rensselaer (Jasper County)
 - ◇ Waiting for reschedule date
 13. Schererville (Lake County)
 - ◇ Waiting for reschedule date
 14. Wabash (Wabash County)
 - ◇ Waiting for reschedule date
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ASP Staff Sweats Out Summer Surveys

Staff members from the Automotive Safety Program have been spending much of their time in the sun seeking out participants for the observational studies conducted each summer. These studies are conducted in 25 different locations throughout the state of Indiana. They are usually in Kroger or other grocery store parking lots. The purpose of the observational study is to gather data about parents' perceptions of proper child restraint use and to see how the parents are securing children into the vehicles. Each family is provided a \$10 gift



card for the grocery store if they agree to participate. The surveys started on June 13 and will be completed in early August. The Automotive Safety Program has requested the assistance of police officers to help recruit participants for the staff on survey days. The police officers will be compensated for their time. If you are a police officer and interested in assisting with the surveys, please contact April Brooks as soon as possible at apbrooks@iupui.edu or 317-944-8380.

Automotive Safety Program's Marnita Louzon explains the observational study requirements to a potential participant in Rochester.

Staff Update

We would like to welcome our new Safe Kids Indiana coordinator, Jamie Smith. Jamie was born and raised in Indiana, and she received her Bachelor's degree in anthropology from IUPUI. She travelled West for graduate training: first to New Mexico to study biological anthropology and then to Arizona where she received her MPH in Community Health. As an anthropologist, she worked in genetics, forensics, and grave excavation and analyzed human skeletal remains. Her MPH research was on Hurricane Katrina survivors' health outcomes. Her previous position was as the Program Manager for Child Fatality Review at the Arizona Department of Health Services. She has recently returned to Indiana to be closer to her family and brought her beloved dog, Bishop, with her.

New Products

Evenflo Symphony™ 65 e3 All-in-One Seat

- Rear-face from 5-40 lbs.
- Forward-face from 20-65 lbs.
- Belt-positioning booster from 40-100 lbs.
- Multi-position recline
- One-hand adjustable headrest
- SureLATCH connectors
- No harness rethreading
- Retail price \$229.99
- www.evenflo.com



Britax B-Safe Infant Seat

- Rear-face up to 30 lbs.
- Lightweight and travel-friendly for vehicle and stroller compatibility
- Adjustable base with 5 positions for proper seat angle and positioning
- 4 position recline adjustment
- 4 harness heights and 2 buckle positions
- Built-in lock-offs
- Front harness adjuster
- Retail price \$179.99
- www.britaxusa.com



Safety 1st Comfy Carry Elite Plus Infant Seat

- Rear-face 4-22 lbs. and up to 29 inches
- 4 harness slot heights
- 3 crotch strap/buckle positions
- Height of shell 19 inches
- 5 point harness with front harness adjuster
- 3 position handle
- Narrow stay-in-car base with recline foot (2 positions) and hook-style lower LATCH connectors
- Recline foot is the only difference between Comfy Carry Elite and Comfy Carry Elite Plus
- Retail price \$89.99
- www.safety1st.com



The First Years Via Infant Seat I470

- Available August 2011
- Rear-face 5-35 lbs.
- No rethread, one hand adjust harness
- Color-coded belt paths
- Side impact tested to International standards
- Built-in lock-off
- Retail price \$169.99
- www.thefirstyears.com



New Products (cont')

The First Years Tru-Fit C670 Premier Convertible

- Premier has rebound bar
- Rear-face 5 to 35 lbs.
- Forward-face up to 65 lbs.
- No rethread harness
- Retail price \$199.99
- www.thefirstyears.com



Evenflo Momentum 65™ LX e3 Convertible

- Rear-face 5 to 40 lbs.
- Forward-face 20 to 65 lbs.
- No rethread harness
- Quick-Connector LATCH
- Multiple position recline
- Retail price \$199.99
- www.evenflo.com



Safety 1st EasyFit 65 Convertible

- This is a new platform that will be available mid-2011
- The platform is based on the Enspira, with a compact design for smaller vehicles
- Rear-face 5-40 lbs.
- Forward-face 22-65 lbs.
- Retail price \$99.99
- Expect to see this first at Babies R Us under their in-house brand (Babies R Us)
- www.djgusa.com

Safety 1st Alpha Elite 65 Convertible

- This CR will be available in July 2011
- Rear-face 5-40 lbs.
- Forward-face 22-65 lbs.
- Booster 40-100 lbs.
- 3 position adjustable base
- Quick-Fit no rethread harness system
- Retail price \$169
- Expect to see this first at Babies R Us
- www.djgusa.com

New Products (cont')

Safety 1st Aquos 65 Convertible

- This a new item for mid-2011
 - Rear-face 5-40 lbs.
 - Forward-face 22-65 lbs.
 - 3 position adjustable base
 - Quick-Fit No Rethread harness system
 - Retail price \$139 - \$149
 - Expect to see this first at Babies R Us under their in-house brand (Babies R Us)
 - www.djgusa.com
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Eddie Bauer Comfort 65 Convertible

- This CR is available in mid-2011
 - Increased harness weight range and eliminated the booster mode
 - Rear-face 5-40 lbs.
 - Forward-face 22-65 lbs.
 - 3 position adjustable base
 - Retail price \$169 - \$179
 - Quick-Fit no rethread harness system
 - www.djgusa.com
-

Eddie Bauer XRS 65 Convertible

- This is another new item, based on the Enspira, also available in mid-2011
 - Rear-face 5-40 lbs.
 - Forward-face 22-65 lbs.
 - Retail price \$119 - \$129
 - Expect to see this first at Target and Sears
 - www.djgusa.com
-

Maxi Cosi Pria 70 Air Convertible

- This CR will be available in mid-2011
- Fits small occupants and fits rear-facing in small vehicles
- Rear-face 4-40 lbs.
- Forward-face 22-70 lbs.
- Air Protect Next generation side impact protection system
- Tiny Fit System - seat within a seat design to better fit small occupants and small vehicles
- Perfect Fit no rethread harness System - adjusts with one hand, providing micro adjustments for an optimal fit
- 3 position, deep reclining base for easier rear-facing install.
- Retail price \$229.99
- www.djgusa.com

New Products (cont')

The First Years B830 Unite Combination Seat

- Forward-face with harness 20-65 lbs.
- Belt-positioning booster 30-100 lbs.
- Two position recline
- Six position headrest
- Three position adjustable shoulder belt path
- Internal harness storage (for use with BPB)
- Color-coded belt paths
- Retail price \$229.99
- www.thefirstyears.com



Britax Frontier 85 SICT Combination Seat

- SICT – Side Impact Cushion Technology
- Harness mode fits children 25-85 lbs. and 30-57 inches
- Booster mode fits children 40-120 lbs. and 42-65 inches
- Tangle free, 5-point harness
- Quick-Adjust, no rethread harness
- Color-coded vehicle belt guides
- Retail price \$339.99
- www.britaxusa.com



Britax Parkway SGL Highback Booster

- Weight capacity of 120 lbs.
- ISOFLEX Flexible Lower LATCH Connection System
- SecureGuard prevents child from sliding under the lap belt portion of the safety belt during impact
- Color-coded vehicle belt guides
- Removable back to convert into backless booster
- Retail price \$149.99
- www.britaxusa.com



Evenflo Amp™ Highback Booster

- High back 30-100 lbs. and 38-57 inches
- Backless 40-100 lbs. and 40-57 inches
- Harness mode fits children 22-65 lbs.
- Booster mode fits children 40-100 lbs. and 57 inches
- Amp is now high back booster as opposed to just a backless booster
- www.evenflo.com

Mark Your Calendar

NHTSA Child Passenger Safety Technician Trainings

July 12-15, 2011

LaPorte First Church of God — LaPorte, IN

Cost - \$75.00

Contact — Sue McLain — 219.363.6440

bucklemap@frontier.com

Aug. 4-5/11-12, 2011

Rochester Fire Department — Rochester, IN

Cost - \$75

Contact — Sue McLain — 219-363-6440

bucklemap@frontier.com

Aug. 10-11/17-18, 2011

Mishawaka Fire Department — Mishawaka, IN

Cost - \$75

Contact — Timothy Williams — 574-258-1678

Twilliams2@mishawaka.in.gov

Aug. 20-21/27-28, 2011

Batesville Fire Department — Batesville, IN

Cost - \$75

Contact — Robert Duckworth — 812-663-8125

Robert.duckworth@comcast.net

NHTSA Child Passenger Safety Technician Renewal Course

Sept. 10, 2011

Batesville Fire Department — Batesville, IN

Cost - \$75

Contact — Robert Duckworth — 812-663-8125

Robert.duckworth@comcast.net

Child Passenger Safety Technician Refresher Courses

July 21, 2011

Blue River Career Center — Shelbyville, IN

Cost - Free

Contact — April Brooks / Marnita Louzon — 317-944-2977

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August 25, 2011

Elkhart County Corrections Center — Elkhart, IN

Cost - Free

Contact — April Brooks / Marnita Louzon — 317-944-2977

apbrooks@iupui.edu / mlouzon@iupui.edu

Special Needs Transportation Training

September 7-8, 2011

Riley Hospital for Children — Indianapolis, IN

Cost - \$300

Contact — Laura Novak — 800.755.0912

lwillia2@iuhealth.org

*TRAINING APPLICATION AND REGISTRATION CAN BE DONE

ONLINE AT WWW.PREVENTINJURY.ORG/TRAININGOPP.ASP

7th Annual Kidz In Motion Conference

August 11-13, 2011

The Omni at ChampionsGate Hotel

ChampionsGate, FL (Just SW of Orlando, FL)

National Conference Dedicated to

Child Passenger Safety Professionals

www.kidzinmotion.org

National Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Week

September 18-24, 2011

National Seat Check Saturday

September 24, 2011

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