The National Center Staff Contributes to Lifesavers Conference

The staff of the National Center were delighted to be able to teach “Safe Travel for All Children” as a pre-conference session at the annual Lifesavers Conference in Orlando, Florida, June 12-13. Hosted by Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children, 19 participants learned about issues that surround transporting children with special healthcare needs. Participants also had the opportunity to work with children with special needs, evaluating the child and providing their families with recommendations to increase their safety during travel. Participants came from all over the United States as far as Hawaii, California, and Virginia.

The National Center’s co-medical director and child passenger safety pioneer, Dr. Marilyn Bull, was invited to speak at three sessions at Lifesavers. A world renowned child passenger safety advocate, Dr. Bull covered a wide range of topics, including airline travel and ambulance transportation. In addition, she discussed the leaps and bounds special needs transportation has taken since the 1980s. Dr. Bull was also invited to be a member on a panel of experts at an open forum for “Questions & Answers” from the conference attendees.
Upcoming “Safe Travel for All Children” Class at Riley Hospital

The National Center for Safe Transportation of Children with Special Healthcare Needs is hosting the class “Safe Travel for All Children: Transporting Children with Special Healthcare Needs” at Riley Hospital for Children on August 27-28, 2012. The class is an enrichment course for child passenger safety technicians. The cost of the course is $300 and includes breakfast and lunch both days. The registration deadline is August 2, 2012. Please contact Jody Yoder at the National Center, 1-800-755-0912 or jodyoder@iupui.edu for more details or visit www.preventinjury.org/trainingOpp.asp to see the application form and register online.

Updates, Updates!

The National Center staff has completely revamped the National Center Brochure! The brochures is now a 5 1/2” x 11” brochure that opens to be a 22” x 11” poster. It includes a description of our program as well as a picture and brief description of 16 different types of specialized child safety restraints. The brochure is free and can be ordered in bundles of 25, with quantities limited to 200. To order, please visit http://www.preventinjury.org/literature.asp.

Our website, www.preventinjury.org, will no longer have a Special Needs Technician Database but will now link to the Safe Kids database, http://cert.safekids.org. This change was made in order to provide the most accurate information to our viewers; Safe Kids automatically deletes expired technicians. Our Special Needs Database will still provide names and contact information for all individuals who are approved instructors of “Safe Travel for All Children: Transporting Children with Special Healthcare Needs.” This database can be viewed at http://www.preventinjury.org/SNTtrainedPpl.asp.