



# AUTOMOTIVE SAFETY PROGRAM

Indiana University School of Medicine

## CPS Technicians Devote Time During CPS Week

Indiana had over twenty (20) car seat clinics during CPS Week this year, September 15-21, 2013. The Automotive Safety Program issued over \$11,000 in funding to various organizations throughout the state to help fund the CPS Week clinics.

On Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, the Automotive Safety Program partnered with St. Francis Health to host a CPS clinic on the south side of Indianapolis. The turnout was a success with 56 inspections done and 27 child restraints distributed. Of the 56 inspections completed, 15 were with Burmese families. Of the twenty-seven (27) child restraints distributed, 13 were provided to the Burmese community.

In the photo above, Chief Deputy Dave Wedding and Deputy Chris Roe from the Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Office staff their clinic at the Washington Square Mall in Evansville, IN on September 17<sup>th</sup>. They partnered with Lefler's Collision Center and together they conducted seventeen (17) inspections and provided five (5) new child restraints to families in need.

Press releases were sent out to the media across the state resulting in various newspaper articles and television interviews with certified technicians about Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Week and the importance of child passenger safety.

Some of the Indiana counties where clinics were conducted during CPS Week included: Marion, LaPorte, Vanderburgh, Jefferson, Vigo, St. Joseph, Porter, Monroe, Lake, Dubois, Lawrence, Delaware, Boone, Putnam, Kosciusko and Elkhart.



Crystal Young (l.) of White River Township Fire Dept. and Burmese family at St. Francis Hospital Clinic



Chief Deputy Dave Wedding (left) and Deputy Chris Roe of the Vanderburgh County Sheriff's office

The combined efforts of all those involved in training and education during CPS Week assured that countless numbers of children were safe on Indiana roads.

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## Making a Difference

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Officer Paul Sines, CPST and coordinator of the permanent child safety seat inspection station located at the Griffith Police Department, received the following note from a parent that he stopped who was traveling with four children who were all under nine years old. Three of the four children were not restrained properly.

*“Officer Sines,  
You pulled me over today and reminded me of the reality and dangers of driving my children around without them being properly secure in a car seat! A rude awakening, but much needed! Peace and Love.”*

After writing this note, the family visited the permanent child safety seat inspection station at the Griffith Police Department where they received education on properly restraining all of the children in the vehicle.

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Stacey Riegler, CPST and coordinator of the permanent child safety seat inspection station located at the Rensselaer Police Department, received the following text from a grateful parent.

*“I just wanted to tell you how grateful I am for the car seat that you helped me with. Thank you very much for helping me because you could save his life and mine. You don’t know how much it meant to me because I could not afford a car seat. Thank you again and God bless you.”*

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## Permanent Child Safety Seat Inspection Stations

During the third quarter of the 2012-2013 grant year (April – June) Indiana’s network of permanent child safety seat inspection stations reported a total of 2,182 inspections and distributed 833 car seats to children in need. In addition, 54 Project L.O.V.E. vouchers were redeemed.

Thanks to all those involved for your hard work and your dedication to child passenger safety!

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Please join us in welcoming the following new sites to Indiana’s network of permanent child safety seat inspection stations:

- Lebanon Fire Department                      Boone County                      Coordinated by Lanny Mitchell

Visit <http://www.preventinjury.org/fittingStation.asp> for a complete listing of Indiana’s permanent child safety seat inspection stations.

Please contact Marnita Louzon at [mlouzon@iu.edu](mailto:mlouzon@iu.edu) or 1.800.543.6227 if you are interested in establishing a permanent child safety seat inspection station.

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# Tech Tidbits!

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## TECH NEWS

Britax is now offering advocate pricing to currently certified child passenger safety technicians. If you are interested in this child restraint discount, you can email Sarah Tilton at [Sarah.Tilton@britax.com](mailto:Sarah.Tilton@britax.com) for the order form and details.

Safe Kids is looking for workshop session ideas for the 2014 Lifesavers Conference in Nashville, TN from April 27-29. The Occupant Protection for Children track is in need of ideas for new research, emerging and hot topic issues. To submit your workshop ideas or possible speaker suggestions, contact Lorrie Walker at [lwalker@safekids.org](mailto:lwalker@safekids.org).



**Lifesavers Conference, Inc.**

NHTSA and the National Child Passenger Safety Board have been working on revising the national CPS certification training program curriculum. The curriculum is scheduled to be implemented on January 1, 2014. One of the major changes of the curriculum is that it is designed to be taught in three days instead of four. The course has “need to know” information; however, the lead instructor can make the class longer if they deem necessary. Shipment of materials to instructors is scheduled to begin in October.

*Operation Kids: Next Generation – Child Passenger Safety Basic Awareness Course* is now available for use. This course was developed for community outreach by CPS Technicians to increase awareness about the importance of CPS for those who have not yet become technicians. OP Kids can be taught by CPS Technicians, not just CPS Instructors. The intended audience for this course is law enforcement personnel and health care providers. If you do decide to teach this course, review the materials before scheduling a class because your materials can be tailored to your target audience. However, you cannot alter any of the content as it has been reviewed and approved by NHTSA. You can get a copy of the course material by contacting April Brooks at [apbrooks@iu.edu](mailto:apbrooks@iu.edu) or by download at: <http://cpsboard.org/tech-instructor-curriculum/operation-kids/>.

Recently, Chrysler Group LLC, announced that the tether anchors in several Regular and Mega-Cab Ram pickup trucks can be used up to any weight recommended by the CR manufacturer. This information supersedes the information printed in the 2013/2014 vehicle owner’s manual and the 2013 *LATCH Manual*. The following is a list of the affected vehicles:

- Ram 1500 Pickup Trucks (Regular Cab) – 2009 and newer
- Ram 2500/3500 Pickup Trucks (Regular Cab and Mega Cab) – 2010 and newer
- Ram 3500/4500/5500 Chassis Cab Trucks (Regular Cab) – 2010 and newer

## Tech Tidbits! (cont'd)



Inflatable seat belts have become an option on several Ford, Lincoln, Lexus and Mercedes vehicle models. Since this feature is a newer technology, many of the child restraint manufacturers are not comfortable with the installation of child restraints in seating positions equipped with an inflatable seat belt. To see the most updated list of the inflatable seat belt policy for each CR manufacturer, visit:

[http://cert.safekids.org/sites/default/files/inflatable\\_seat\\_belt\\_policy\\_mfg\\_7\\_2\\_2013\\_pdf.pdf](http://cert.safekids.org/sites/default/files/inflatable_seat_belt_policy_mfg_7_2_2013_pdf.pdf).

**Photo courtesy of: Ford Motor Company**

### CEU OPPORTUNITIES



The National Child Passenger Safety Board (NCPSB) has a new online CEU available for technicians. CEU Session #6: “New Child Restraint Update” is a webinar and quiz and can be found at <http://cpsboard.org/certification-recertification/>. Additionally, NCPSB has issued the Spring '13 Tech Update – earn 1 CEU by reading the newsletter and taking a corresponding 5 question quiz (along with one other newsletter review). You can find information about taking this quiz at [www.cpsboard.org](http://www.cpsboard.org) at the bottom of the home page under “Online CEU Sessions.”

**National Child Passenger Safety Board**



Britax posted a new CEU opportunity for technicians on the Britax Advocate Extranet. The CEU covers Britax’s new CLICKTIGHT technology on the Frontier 90 and Pinnacle 90. To access the Britax Advocate Extranet, log in to your Safe Kids certification profile at <http://cert.safekids.org> and scroll down to “Online CEUs” under “Action Items” and then select “Britax Tech site.”

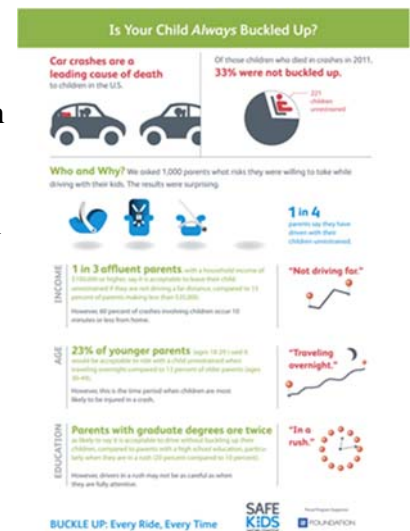
**Britax Child Safety, Inc.**

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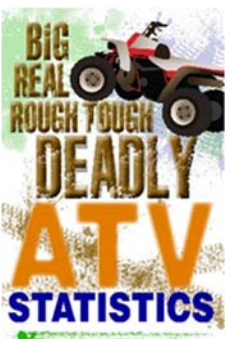
## RESOURCES

If you are looking for coloring books for children on passenger safety, you can find “On the Go with Safety Sam & Little Lucy” from Safeguard/IMMI at <http://www.safeguardseat.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/Safety-Sam-and-Little-Lucy-Coloring-Book.pdf> or “The Indiana Buckle-Up Bug’s Activity Book” from the Automotive Safety Program at <http://www.preventinjury.org/literature.asp>.

According to a recent report from Safe Kids Worldwide, 1 in 4 parents say they have driven with their children unrestrained. The report was based on 1,000 parent responses. Other results concluded that 1 in 3 affluent parents with an income of \$100,000 or higher said it was acceptable to leave a child unrestrained in the vehicle if they were driving a short distance. Safe Kids Worldwide created an infographic for CPS advocates to use when educating the community. You can find this infographic at <http://www.safekids.org/infographic/your-kid-buckled-every-ride>.



Infographic courtesy of: Safe Kids Worldwide



The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission recently released an ATV statistics infographic which shows that there were more than 100,000 ATV injuries in 2011, with 30% of those being children under the age of 16. On average, 149 kids die each due to ATV accidents. To learn more about this infographic, visit: <http://www.cpsc.gov/onsafety/2013/07/cpsc-infographic-big-real-rough-tough-deadly-atv-statistics>.

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

## Tech Tidbits! (cont'd)

### NEW VIDEOS & PSAs

NHTSA, the Ad Council, and Warner Bros. Home Entertainment have created Wizard of Oz™ public service announcements (PSAs) about child passenger safety. These PSAs encourage parents and caregivers to know for sure that their children are properly restrained. To view these PSAs, go to:

<http://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/CAMPAIGNS/Child+Safety/Wizard+of+Oz+Child+Safety+PSAs>.



Traffic Safety Marketing

Living Legacy Productions, Inc. recently released their *Simple Steps to Infant Safety* DVD. This DVD includes safe sleeping rules, rear-facing car seat installation, coping with a crying baby, choking prevention, etc. DVDs are available for \$2.90 to \$26 depending on the quantity. You can order them online at:

<http://www.livinglegacyweb.com/safety/products/infantdvd.htm>.



Living Legacy Productions, Inc.

### RESEARCH

In July 2013, the U.S. Department of Transportation and NHTSA released the 2011 *Traffic Safety Facts – State Traffic Data*. This report noted that there were 32,367 motor vehicle fatalities in the U.S. in 2011, a 2 percent decrease from 2010. There were 750 fatalities in Indiana in 2011. The report shows tables depicting alcohol involvement in fatal traffic crashes, speeding-related traffic fatalities, passenger vehicle occupants and motorcyclists killed, etc. To read the report, visit:

<http://www-nrd.nhtsa.dot.gov/Pubs/811801.pdf>.

The U.S. Department of Transportation and NHTSA also released the *Traffic Safety Facts – Seat Belt Use in 2012 – Use Rates in the States and Territories*. The report states that the nationwide seat belt use in 2012 was 86 percent and the seat belt use in Indiana was 93.6%, a large increase from 81.2% in 2005.

Go to <http://www-nrd.nhtsa.dot.gov/Pubs/811809.pdf> to get a copy of the report.

## NEW PRODUCTS

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### **Maxi-Cosi Mico AP Infant Seat**

- Rear-facing: 5-22 lbs.
- Up to 29 in. in height
- Air Protect® Side Impact Protection
- Cozi Dozi™ infant support for smaller babies
- Integrated canopy with flip-out visor
- Stay-in-car adjustable base for easier installation and removal
- MSRP: \$199.99
- [www.maxi-cosi.com](http://www.maxi-cosi.com)



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### **Safety 1<sup>st</sup> Elite 80 Air + 3-in-1**

- Rear-facing: 5-40 lbs.
- Forward-facing: 22-80 lbs.
- Belt-positioning booster: 40-100 lbs.
- 10-position headrest
- No rethread harness
- 4-position recline for optimal fit in vehicle
- Air Protect® Side Impact Protection
- GCell HX™ protection for torso
- Color-coded belt paths and installation labels
- MSRP: \$229.99
- [www.djgusa.com](http://www.djgusa.com)



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### **Safety 1<sup>st</sup> Incognito Kid-Positioning Seat**

- Backless mode: 60-120 lbs.
- Height: 47-59 in.
- MSRP: \$19.99
- [www.djgusa.com](http://www.djgusa.com)



## RECALLS



**Safety 1<sup>st</sup> Complete Air LX**



**Safety 1st Complete Air SE**



**Safety 1<sup>st</sup> Alpha Omega Elite**



**Eddie Bauer Deluxe 3-in-1**

### **Dorel Juvenile Group – Models:**

- Safety 1<sup>st</sup> Complete Air LX (models CC050xxx)
  - Safety 1<sup>st</sup> Complete Air SE (models CC051xxx)
  - Safety 1<sup>st</sup> Alpha Omega Elite (models 22187xxx, 22465xxx, CC033xxx and CC046xxx)
  - Eddie Bauer Deluxe 3-in-1 convertible (models 22790xxx and CC046xxx)
- \* Manufactured from July 20, 2010 through May 18, 2011.
- \* Note: the 'xxx' at the end of each model number represents different color options that each seat could be.
- \* The rear-facing belt path installation arrows are incorrect and could be potentially construed as pointing toward the forward-facing vehicle belt path location.
- \* The affected seats fail to conform to the labeling requirements of FMVSS 213, "Child Restraint Systems".
- \* If the child seat is not installed properly, the child may be injured in the event of a crash.
- \* DJG will notify registered owners and provide free label kits consisting of modified labels which will correct the potential inconsistent information and instructions as to the proper installation of the restraint, free of charge.
- \* Owners may call DJG toll-free at 1-877-675-2355 or visit [www.djgusa.com/USA/eng](http://www.djgusa.com/USA/eng) and then click on the "Safety Notices" button at the top.
- \* In June 2011, DJG petitioned NHTSA that the noncompliance was inconsequential to motor vehicle safety. In August 2013, NHTSA denied the petition and instructed DJG to conduct a recall campaign.



# Mark Your Calendar

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## **NHTSA Child Passenger Safety Technician Trainings**

Oct. 25-26/Nov. 1-2, 2013  
St. Mary's Hospital, Evansville, IN  
Cost: \$75  
Contact: Debbie Baize - (812) 485-4298  
[dbaize@stmarys.org](mailto:dbaize@stmarys.org)

Nov. 18-19/25-26, 2013  
Parkview Regional Medical Center, Fort Wayne, IN  
Cost: \$75  
Contact: Jason Bohde - (260) 748-7080  
[jbohde@newhavenin.org](mailto:jbohde@newhavenin.org)

April 17-18/21, 2013  
Riley Hospital for Children at IU Health, Indianapolis, IN  
Cost: \$75  
Contact: Michelle Chappelow - (317) 944-1235  
[mchappel@IUhealth.org](mailto:mchappel@IUhealth.org)

## **Webinars**

Tuesday, October 15, 2013  
Safe Kids and the National CPS Board present:  
CPS and Children with Autism  
2 pm — 3 pm ET (East Coast/NY time)  
CPS CEUs available: 1  
(CHES/MCHES credit is also available)  
Cost - Free  
Pre-registration is required  
For more information: <http://bit.ly/Oct15CPS>

Wednesday, October 30, 2013  
Safe Kids and State Farm present:  
CR Manufacturer Update: Nuna  
2 pm — 3 pm ET (East Coast/NY time)  
CPS CEUs available: 1  
(CHES/MCHES credit is also available)  
Cost - Free  
Pre-registration is required  
For more information: <http://bit.ly/Oct30CPS>

## **National Teen Driver Safety Week**

October 20-26, 2013

## **2014 Lifesavers Conference**

April 27-29, 2014  
Gaylord Opryland  
Nashville, TN  
National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities  
[www.lifesaversconference.org](http://www.lifesaversconference.org)

## **10<sup>th</sup> Annual Kidz In Motion (KIM) Conference**

August 25-28, 2014  
Hyatt Regency Tamaya Resort & Spa  
Albuquerque, NM  
National Conference Dedicated to  
Child Passenger Safety Professionals  
[www.kidzinmotion.org](http://www.kidzinmotion.org)

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