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National Center Travels to Springfield, MO

Staff from the National Center for the Safe Transportation of Children with Special Healthcare Needs traveled to Springfield, Missouri on September 5-6, 2013 to teach “Safe Travel for All Children”. Eleven technicians learned best practice recommendations regarding the safe transportation of children with special needs. They also learned about the most updated specialized products available on the market.

Curriculum Updates! As a result of the funding received from the National Safety Council, the National Center for Safe Transportation of Children with Special Healthcare Needs has already made several revisions to the curriculum. In addition to content and form changes, a YouTube Channel is in the process of being made in order to provide current instructors access to videos that will help supplement the teaching of the course. Instructors have been able to pilot the current changes at two locations, which have proven to be successful.
Laura Novak, occupational therapist for the National Center, staffed an information and demonstration booth at the annual Care Ambulance Employee Health Fair in Indianapolis, Indiana on September 23, 2013 from 9am-4pm. Along with other child passenger safety technicians that work in the healthcare setting, Laura demonstrated a variety of child restraints that can be used to enhance occupant protection for pediatric patients when being transported on an ambulance cot. Information regarding becoming an instructor for the curriculum “Improving Occupant Protection for Non-Critical Pediatric Patients in Ambulances: A Training Curriculum for EMS Personnel” was also available. If you or someone you know is a CPST with EMS experience or working in the EMS field and would like information on this training curriculum, please contact Laura Novak at 1-800-755-0912 or lwillia2@iuhealth.org.

Check Out Our Website for Upcoming “Safe Travel for All Children” Courses!

Want to learn more about transporting children with special needs? Classes registered through the National Center are posted to the special needs portion of www.preventinjury.org. To view updated class listings, simply click on “Training Dates” and scroll down to view classes under “Special Needs Transportation.” For specific questions, contact the National Center at 1-800-755-0912.