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A NEWSLETTER DEDICATED TO PROVIDING INFORMATION,
NEWS AND OPINIONS ON AUTOMOTIVE SAFETY

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AUTOMOTIVE SAFETY PROGRAM

Indiana University School of Medicine

INDIANA GOES GREEN!



A cleaner
environment.
A stronger
workforce.

Recently, the Automotive Safety Program learned of a recycling company in Indianapolis that could recycle car seats at no cost. After a tour of their large facility downtown, it was determined that they could indeed accept child restraints after the fabric, harness straps and buckles were removed.

RecycleForce is a non-profit recycling company that offers employment and social service opportunities to ex-offenders to help them rebuild their lives.

The Automotive Safety Program is in the beginning stages of going green, so developments in the future are possible. This partnership provides an opportunity for less child restraints going to the landfill.

If you are interested in learning more about this company, please visit: www.recycleforce.org or contact them at 317-532-1367 or info@recycleforce.org.

You can also contact April Brooks at the Automotive Safety Program at:

317-274-2977 or
apbrooks@iu.edu.

Making a Difference

Following are reflections from Sharon Hartwell, CPST, from IU Health White Memorial Hospital. Sharon has been a CPST for over 14 years.

“When I look back over the years at all of my community service projects, being a Child Passenger Safety Technician is one that I did not think that I would continue with. I took the class many moons ago because of a horrific car crash that left a beautiful 18-month old boy in our morgue. I began thinking that I needed to get a program started in our community. I thought that if I took the NHTSA class and got a program started that more people in my community would see the need and follow. I took the class with many terrific people and almost did not pass the hands-on skills portion of the class. I thought that time away from the husband, kids and housework would allow me to enjoy some time alone. I did not have much time for that! Looking back at what I thought was the worst week of my life has put me on a journey that I am glad to have taken.

There have been many changes over the years e.g. harness locations, crash information, expiration dates, and more. If you were to ask me now if my journey was worth it – all the hours in the hot sun assisting families, all the 3:00 AM calls to go to the ER after a crash, spending hours educating families, worrying about getting enough funding for the next year – I would say “yes!” I have met and worked with many wonderful people over the years. I have looked at seats that if you touched them they moved away from the seat 12 inches or more, seats that were made in the 1980’s and still being used, seats that had 2x4 inch boards stuffed under them because “that’s the only way they could get them tight.”

I know in my heart that I have made a difference over the years. Many people in my community know me by many names, often times when they call they don’t ask for me by my given name, but ask for “the car seat lady.” I look at the many wonderful people that are still taking the certification classes all over the United States and then look at the recertification numbers – it breaks my heart that they are low. I want all who may be asking themselves “is it worth it and why do all this education to keep my certification” to know that you do make a difference. You may not hear it often enough, but you do make a difference! We all make a difference! Thanks to all of you who are doing this sometimes thankless job.”

Terri Jones, CPST Instructor from IU Health Arnett Hospital submitted the following:

“Our permanent Fitting Station in Lafayette has been operational for almost 4 years. I know of 14 children that received their car seats from us, and/or had their installation inspected by our technicians and were later involved in a motor vehicle accident. Already this month, March, we have had two of our former clients return following an accident. The first was a two-year old boy that had received a convertible seat from us in December 2011. The child was not injured in the accident, but the mom had a minor neck injury. The vehicle was not drivable. The police officer allowed them to keep the car seat but encouraged them to go immediately to the fitting station for a replacement, which they did. The 2 year old was given a new combination seat.

Then just yesterday, a two month old baby that received an infant carrier from us at birth was in an accident. The vehicle was rear ended at a stoplight. The back bumper and trunk were crumpled. Fortunately no one was injured. The police officer gave them Project L.O.V.E. (Law Officer Voucher & Enforcement) vouchers to come to the fitting station and get the seats replaced. The baby also had an older brother whose seat we replaced, but he hadn’t received the original seat from us.

There are two things that I want to point out about these incidences. In both cases, law enforcement sent them to us. I am really appreciating their increased awareness of the need for seat replacement following accidents. Also, right after a parent has been in a motor vehicle accident with their child, it is an optimal teachable moment. They suddenly want to know everything about child passenger safety. What is taught in the right moment is remembered for a life time.”

THE EIGHTH EDITION OF THE LATCH MANUAL IS IN CIRCULATION

The new LATCH Manual from Safe Ride News is out and is easily identified by its bright orange cover. The chapters in the manual have been updated and rewritten. The new layout includes:

- Chapter 1: Introduction to LATCH
- Chapter 2: Understanding the LATCH System
- Chapter 3: Using LATCH for Lower Anchorage
- Chapter 4: Understanding Tethers
- Chapter 5: Using Tethers
- Chapter 6: Retrofitting with Tether Anchors
- Chapter 7: Using Tethers with Rear-Facing Child Restraints
- Chapter 8: Background: LATCH History, Regulation, and Testing
- Appendices
 - ◊ Child Restraints with LATCH
 - ◊ Vehicle Information About LATCH
 - ◊ Resources and References
 - ◊ Installing CSRS on School Buses

This new edition reports on every manufacturer as they all submitted brand and model-specific information for the manual. If you are interested in ordering a LATCH Manual, you can visit www.saferideneews.com or call Nancy at 1-800-403-1424.

STUDY SHOWS IMPORTANCE OF BUCKLING UP DURING PREGNANCY

Recently in the American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology, a study by Duke University Medical Center was published about the importance of women wearing seat belts during pregnancy. The study researched 126 cases of women in their 2nd and 3rd trimesters who had been in a car crash and cared for at the Duke University Medical Center between 1994 and 2010. The results showed that three fetuses (3.5%) died among the 86 mothers who were wearing a seatbelt during the accident and another three fetuses (25%) had died among the 12 mothers who were not wearing their seatbelt. Dr. Haywood Brown, senior author of the study and the chair of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Duke University Medical Center stated, “The bottom line is, you’ve got to wear your restraint because it decreases the risk not only for your injuries but injury to your child.” The American College of Obstetrics and Gynecologists recommend that seatbelts be worn low on the hips and below the belly of the pregnant occupant.

Tech Tidbits (cont')

SOME HIGHWAY SAFETY LAWS LACKING PROGRESS

The Advocates for Auto and Highway Safety published their 10th annual edition of the 2013 Roadmap of State Highway Safety Laws. According to the report, fewer states have showed progress in adopting safety laws last year. In a recent statement, Jacqueline Gillan, president of Advocates for Auto and Highway Safety said, "Several states have been moving backwards and most states are not moving at all to enact lifesaving laws. Last year, only 10 state highway safety laws were enacted, in contrast to 16 laws passed in 2011 and 22 laws passed in 2010." The data shows that more than half of passenger vehicle occupants killed in 2011 were not wearing seat belts and yet, 18 states still do not have a primary enforcement belt law. Some other issues in the report include, booster seat measures, all-driver texting bans, impaired driving laws and restrictions and requirements for teen drivers. APHA president Adewale Troutman stated, "Years of research show that driving sober, properly restraining our children in cars, protecting novice teen drivers and keeping our hands on the wheel and our eyes on the road will prevent crashes." To read this report, visit http://www.infrastructureusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/FINAL-ROADMAP-REPORT_0.pdf.

STATE SNAPSHOT OF INDIANA MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY RATES

The Children's Safety Network (CSN) National Injury and Violence Prevention Resource Center, funded by the Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Bureau, recently released their Indiana 2013 State Fact Sheet. This document provided a state snapshot of disparities based on race, gender and rural/urban residence. The fact sheet concluded that from 2006-2010, 26% of children aged 0 through 14 were occupants of a vehicle which resulted in a fatal crash. The fact sheet also showed charts reflecting motor vehicle traffic fatality rates by urbanicity and race of youths aged 0 through 24 and by gender for youths aged 10 through 24. Information about suicide deaths were reported as well. To learn more, visit <http://www.childrendefensetnetwork.org/state/indiana>.

INDIANA RECERTIFICATION RATE ABOVE NATIONAL AVERAGE

Safe Kids Worldwide conducted a survey of people whose certification expired in 2012 to break down the main reasons why technicians did not recertify. In Indiana, the majority of technicians did not recertify because they had a change in job or responsibility. The other reasons for not recertifying were because they lost interest in the topic, they couldn't pay the national fee, they were unable to meet the 5 seat check requirements and they could not meet the 6 CEU requirements. In 2012, Indiana had 26 NHTSA certification courses and 2 renewal classes, with a total of 277 new technicians certified. We averaged a 56.8% recertification rate as 258 technicians out of 454 recertified, slightly more than the national average of 54.9%. If you have any questions concerning your certification, please contact April Brooks at 317-274-8380 or apbrooks@iu.edu.

Tech Tidbits (cont')

NHTSA ANNOUNCES MILLIONS OF PRODUCTS RECALLED IN 2012

NHTSA announced that manufacturers filed more than 650 safety recalls in 2012. This affected over 17.8 million vehicles, child seats and vehicle equipment. NHTSA itself influenced the recall of more than 9 million vehicles and 60,000 items of vehicle equipment, including tires and child safety seats. NHTSA's Office of Defects Investigation and the Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance endlessly review information that might warrant an investigation from various sources including direct consumer complaints, technical service bulletins, independent auto web sites, early warning reporting data, fan sites, trade publications, popular magazines and bulletin boards. According to NHTSA Administrator David Strickland, "Consumers are the lifeblood of the recall process and recalls are often the direct result of a government investigation into consumer complaints." To read this press release, go to <http://www.nhtsa.gov/About+NHTSA/Press+Releases/NHTSA+Announces+More+Than+17.8+Million+Products+Recalled+in+2012>.

NHTSA Child Passenger Safety Technician Trainings

April 29-30 / May 6-7, 2013
South Bend Fire Department Central Station
South Bend, IN
Cost: \$75
Contact: Wendy Nash - (574) 309-6169
wendals2226@yahoo.com

May 2-3 & 10-11, 2013
Booker T. Washington Community Center
Terre Haute, IN
Cost: \$75
Contact: Brandon Halleck - (812) 232-5190
BRHalleck@cfiy.org

May 1-4, 2013
White River Township Fire Department
Greenwood, IN
Cost: \$75
Contact: Chris Hughes - (812) 522-0435
chughes@schneckmed.org

May 10-11 & 15 & 18, 2013
Lafayette Fire Department Training Center
Lafayette, IN
Cost: \$75
Contact: Terri Jones - (765) 838-4670
jonest1@iuhealth.org

2013 Refresher Courses

Tuesday, June 11, 2013
IU Health White Memorial Hospital
Monticello, IN
8:30am to 5:00pm (EST)
Contact:
April Brooks - (317) 274-8380 apbrooks@iu.edu
Marnita Louzon - (317) 274-6718 mlouzon@iu.edu

Tuesday, July 30, 2013
Occasions Banquet Hall
Shelbyville, IN
8:30am to 5:00pm (EST)
Contact:
April Brooks - (317) 274-8380 apbrooks@iu.edu
Marnita Louzon - (317) 274-6718 mlouzon@iu.edu

Friday, July 12, 2013
Eykamp Scout Center
Evansville, IN
8:30am to 5:00pm (EST)
Contact:
April Brooks - (317) 274-8380 apbrooks@iu.edu
Marnita Louzon - (317) 274-6718 mlouzon@iu.edu

Safety Seat Checkup Events

If you are interested in volunteering for one of these events, please contact April Brooks at 317-274-2977.

April 6, 2013

Southeastern Indiana Economic
Opportunity Corporation (SIEOC)
110 Importing Street
Aurora, IN 47001
9am – 12pm

April 17, 2013

Washington Square Mall
5011 Washington Avenue
Evansville, IN 47715
3pm – 6pm

April 19, 2013

Whitestown Fire Department
2965 S. 575 E.
Whitestown, IN 46075
5pm – 7pm

April 27, 2013

St. Mary's Church
311 N. New Jersey Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204
1pm – 4pm

May 4, 2013

Jay County High School
2072 W. SR 67
Portland, IN 47371
7:30am – 11:30am

May 4, 2013

Public Safety Academy
7602 Patriot Crossing
Fort Wayne, IN 46816
10am – 2pm

May 4, 2013

Southport Police Department
6901 Derbyshire Road
Southport, IN 46227
11am – 9pm

May 17, 2013

Bedford Head Start
710 6th Street
Bedford, IN 47421
9am – 12pm

May 18, 2013

Martins Super Market
4401 Western Avenue
South Bend, IN 46619
9am – 12pm

May 18, 2013

Wal-Mart
2363 Highway 135 NW
Corydon, IN 47112
9am – 1pm

May 25, 2013

St. Mary's Church
311 N. New Jersey Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204
1pm – 4pm

June 1, 2013

Grassy Creek
Community Health Center
9443 E. 38th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46235
1pm – 4pm

June 8, 2013

IU Health Starke Hospital
102 E. Culver Road
Knox, IN 46534
10am – 3pm

June 8, 2013

The Jane Pauley
Community Health Center
8931 E. 30th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46219
1pm – 4pm

June 12, 2013

Jefferson County
Health Department
715 Green Road
Madison, IN 47250
8am – 12pm

June 15, 2013

IU Health West
1111 N. Ronald Reagan Parkway
Avon, IN 46123
10am – 2pm

Permanent Fitting Station (PFS) Quarterly Activity

During the first quarter (October – December) of the 2012-2013 grant year, Indiana's network of permanent fitting stations reported a total of 1,926 inspections and distributed 788 car seats to children in need. In addition, 52 Project L.O.V.E. vouchers were redeemed.

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

NEW PRODUCTS

Maxi-Cosi Prezi Rear-Facing Only

- Rear-facing: 4-30 lbs.
- Height: Up to 29"
- Quick fit harness and headrest
- Anti-rebound bar
- Extra leg room
- Adjustable base
- Air Protect & G-Cell Technology side impact protection
- MSRP: \$289.00
- www.djgusa.com



Baby Trend Inertia Rear-Facing Only

- Rear-facing: 5-32 lbs.
- Height: Up to 32"
- 8 position adjustable head support
- No harness rethread
- EPS energy-absorbing foam
- Multi-grip carrying handle
- Rigid lower connectors
- Adjustable base with 4 recline positions
- Available soon at Babies R Us
- MSRP: \$179.99
- www.babytrend.com



NEW PRODUCTS (CONT')

Cybex Aton 2 Rear-Facing Only

- Rear-facing: 4-32 lbs.
- Height-adjustable load leg
- Linear Side Impact (LSI) technology
- Integrated foldaway canopy
- Seat insert for infant
- Machine washable fabric covers
- MSRP: \$249.00
- www.regallager.com



The First Years Contigo Rear-Facing Only

- Rear-facing: 5-35 lbs.
- Rebound Energy Management handle
- Side impact tested
- No re-thread harness
- MSRP: \$179.99
- www.thefirstyears.com



NEW PRODUCTS (CONT')

JJ Cole Newport Rear-Facing Only

- Rear-facing: 5-35 lbs.
- No re-thread harness
- Rebound energy management carry handle
- Side impact testing
- Built-in lock-offs
- MSRP: \$200.00
- www.jjcolecollections.com



Snugli Infant

- Rear-facing: 4-35 lbs.
- 3 shoulder harness positions
- Up front harness adjustment
- Side impact tested
- MSRP: \$329.99
- www.snugli.com



NEW PRODUCTS (CONT')

UPPAbaby Mesa Rear-Facing Only

- Rear-facing: 4-35 lbs.
- SmartSecure System (built into the base)
- Built-in lock-off
- No re-thread harness
- European routing belt path
- Auto-retracting LATCH system
- Front-adjust head restraint
- 4 position adjustable foot
- Dual-sided level indicators
- 2 buckle positions
- Carry handle with stroller release button
- MSRP: \$279.99
- www.uppababy.com



Nuna Baby Essentials Pipa Rear-Facing Only

- Rear-facing: 4-35 lbs.
- SmartSecure technology
- No re-thread 5-pt. harness with front adjust
- Adjustable headrest with side impact protection
- Built-in lock-off
- Rigid lower connectors
- Front load leg (use is optional)
- European belt route
- Removable infant insert
- Hideaway SPF 50+ canopy
- MSRP: TBD
- www.nuna.eu



NEW PRODUCTS (CONT')

The First Years True Fit !Alert Convertible

- Rear-facing: 5-35 lbs. (5-22 lbs. without head support)
- Forward-facing: 20-65 lbs.
- !Alert System — alerts parents of potentially life-threatening situations via smartphone
- MSRP: \$349.00
- www.thefirstyears.com



The First Years True Fit SI Convertible

- Rear-facing: 5-35 lbs. (5-22 lbs. without head support)
- Forward facing: 20-65 lbs.
- Color coded rear and forward-facing lock-offs
- Side impact protection
- EPP energy-absorbing foam
- Tangle-free, no re-thread harness
- Removable headrest
- Rebound Energy Management system
- Two position recline
- MSRP: \$229.00
- www.thefirstyears.com



NEW PRODUCTS (CONT')

Graco Ready Ride™ Convertible

- Rear-facing: 4-40 lbs.
- Forward-facing: 20-50 lbs.
- 5-point, front adjust harness
- Reversible and removable head and body support
- Machine washable seat cushions and inserts
- Some assembly required
- MSRP: \$99.99
- www.gracobaby.com



Harmony Defender 360° Combination

- Forward-facing harness: 22-65 lbs.
- Highback Booster: 30-110 lbs.
- Backless Booster: 30-110 lbs.
- EPE energy absorbing foam
- No-rethread harness adjustment
- 9 position adjustable headrest
- Up-front harness adjuster
- MSRP: \$179.00
- www.harmonyjuvenile.com



NEW PRODUCTS (CONT')

Snugli Booster (Combination)

- Forward-facing: 22-65 lbs.
- Booster: 40-110 lbs.
- SureLATCH lower connectors
- TruTether — turns green when top tether is secured tightly
- No re-thread harness
- Snug and Safe Side impact
- Memory foam
- Temperature controlling fabric
- MSRP: \$229.99
- www.snugli.com



Harmony Folding Travel Highback Booster

- Highback Booster: 30-110 lbs.
- Folds for storage and travel
- Available exclusively at Wal-Mart
- 9 position headrest
- EPS energy-absorbing foam
- Carry handle
- Reusable travel storage box
- MSRP: \$54.98
- www.harmonyjuvenile.com



NEW PRODUCTS (CONT')

Harmony Carpooler Backless Booster

- Backless Booster: 30-110 lbs.
- Height: 34"-57"
- Side impact protection for lower body
- Removable, washable seat pad
- V-shaped base to fit most vehicle bucket seats
- MSRP: \$50.00
- www.harmonyjuvenile.com



Safety 1st Stack It! Backless Booster

- Backless Booster: 40-100 lbs.
- Multiple boosters stack when not in use
- 2 integrated cup holders
- Padded armrests
- MSRP: \$18.99
- www.djgusa.com



NEW PRODUCTS (CONT')

Graco CONNEXT™ Backless Booster

- Backless booster: 40-100 lbs.
- Height: Up to 57"
- Rear-adjust lower anchor connectors
- Removable washable seat pad
- MSRP: \$17.99
- www.gracobaby.com



Snugli All-in-One

- Rear-facing: 5-40 lbs.
- Forward-facing: 22-65 lbs.
- Booster: 40-110 lbs.
- Head and lumbar support pillow
- SureLATCH
- No re-thread, 5-pt. harness
- 3 position recline
- Memory foam padding
- MSRP: \$329.99
- www.snugli.com



RECALLS

Besi – Models: Pro-Tech III school bus-only CSRS

- October 2011 through May 2012
- After the latchplates seem to be clicked securely into the buckle, one can be pulled back out of the buckle with minimal hand pressure on some units.
- If this part becomes detached by crash force, or the child is able to detach it during normal conditions, the occupant could be injured in a crash.
- This product attaches to a school bus seat by means of a cam wrap strap. It is only appropriate for use on a school bus.
- Besi will contact owners and replace affected CSRS.
- Contact: 1-800-543-8222



Mark Your Calendar

NHTSA

Child Passenger Safety Technician Trainings

See Page 5 for information on training dates

2013 Refresher Courses

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Safety Seat Checkup Events

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Safe Travel for All Children: Transporting Children with Special Healthcare Needs

April 12-13, 2013

Denver, CO

Cost - \$200.00

Contact: Bryanna Grant - (800) 755-0912

blawler@iuhealth.org

www.preventinjury.org

Safe Travel for All Children: Transporting Children with Special Healthcare Needs

August 14-15, 2013*

Riley Hospital for Children

Indianapolis, IN

Cost - \$300.00

Contact: Bryanna Grant - (800) 755-0912

blawler@iuhealth.org

*Registration deadline is July 18, 2013

2013 Lifesavers Conference

April 14-16, 2013

Colorado Convention Center

Denver, CO

National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities

www.lifesaversconference.org

2013 Indiana Injury Prevention Conference and 17th Annual Child Safety Advocate Awards

June 6-7, 2013

The Alexander Hotel

Indianapolis, IN

Cost - \$100.00

Contact: J.J. Current - (888) 832-3219

jcurrent@iu.edu

www.preventinjury.org

9th Annual Kidz In Motion (KIM) Conference

August 27-29, 2013

Hyatt Regency Tamaya Resort & Spa

Albuquerque, NM

National Conference Dedicated to

Child Passenger Safety Professionals

www.kidzinmotion.org

National Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Week

September 15-21, 2013

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