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## Special Needs Update

### “Safe Travel for All Children” Under Revision

The National Center for the Safe Transportation of Children with Special Healthcare Needs has been teaching the curriculum; “Safe Travel for All Children: Transporting Children with Special Healthcare Needs,” for over 13 years. Our staff is considered experts in the field of transporting children with special needs and therefore our curriculum requires the most up to date information when teaching. Our program is pleased that the National Safety Council has provided funding for much needed revisions to the curriculum. Our current material and format is outdated and a comprehensive revision is necessary to incorporate new products, concepts, and technology to improve the curriculum for attendees. Additionally, this revision will provide the latest information and techniques to ensure the safe transportation of CSHCN.

The experience and knowledge provided in the curriculum “Safe Travel for All Children” provides tools to CPSTs that can help parents choose the optimal child passenger restraint system. For example, children with cerebral palsy or spina bifida may have problems with head control, or altered muscle tone that would make it difficult for a parent to be able to transport their child safely and comfortably.

This curriculum and supporting materials will improve the knowledge of CPSTs and subsequently improve comfort and transportation safety of CSHCN. The National Center would like to thank the National Safety Council for making a difference in the safe transportation of children with disabilities!

## 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 14-15, 2013. 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 July 18, 2013. For questions, please contact the National Center staff at 1-800-755-0912. Visit [www.preventinjury.org/trainingOpp.asp](http://www.preventinjury.org/trainingOpp.asp) to see the application form and register online.

## National Center Staff Writes Article for *OT Practice*

The National Center for Safe Transportation of Children with Special Health Care Needs was featured in the June 3, 2013 edition of the American Occupational Therapy Association’s (AOTA) magazine, *OT Practice*. The article describes the occupational therapy evaluation process for addressing the unique transportation challenges faced by children with special health care needs and their families. In addition, the article details best practice recommendations commonly known to Certified Child Passenger Safe Technicians such as rear-facing children longer and the different types of conventional and adaptive child safety seats available through case studies and descriptive tables. *OT Practice* is distributed to the entire AOTA membership creating a valuable opportunity to increase awareness of child passenger safety issues within the special needs population among occupational therapy practitioners. The article was authored by Bryanna Grant, Laura Novak, Judith Talty, and Janell Yonkman and is available from AOTA publications.

