



# AUTOMOTIVE SAFETY PROGRAM

*Indiana University School of Medicine*

## PROJECT L.O.V.E. VOUCHERS NOW PART OF E-CITATION PROGRAM

Project L.O.V.E. (Law Officer Voucher & Enforcement) vouchers are now being issued in conjunction with the e-citation program, which allows participating law enforcement agencies to print tickets electronically. Effective September 29, 2014, any officer who issues a child passenger law citation (IC 9-19-11-2 and IC 9-19-11-3.6) through the e-citation system will automatically print a Project L.O.V.E. voucher.

Drivers who are issued vouchers can redeem them at local child safety seat inspection stations, where they will be provided with a child restraint (if deemed necessary by the certified child passenger safety technician) and education on proper use and installation. Although it is the driver's decision to redeem the voucher, they are encouraged to do so because the judge and/or prosecutor may take it into consideration when determining the driver's fine. A first offense fine may be waived by the court if documentation from the inspection station is provided by the driver.



Officer Joe Dillon from the Franklin Police Department demonstrates proper harness use to caregiver.

The Automotive Safety Program will still provide printed copies of the vouchers to law enforcement officers who do not participate in the e-citation program. The vouchers will also continue to be issued to offenders by a select number of traffic courts.

Please contact Marnita Louzon at 1.800.543.6227 or [mllouzon@iu.edu](mailto:mllouzon@iu.edu) with any questions regarding this program.

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## Making a Difference

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Ann Gallagher, CPST from the Carmel Police Department,  
received the following note from a grateful parent:

*“Thank you again for checking my children’s car seats this morning.*

*I can’t tell you how much I appreciate this service and knowing that the kids are safe while we are traveling!!*

*Thank you for all you do for our community!*

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## Child Safety Seat Inspection Stations

During the fourth quarter of the 2013-2014 grant year (July – September) Indiana’s network of child safety seat inspection stations reported a total of 2,362 inspections and distributed 982 car seats to children in need. In addition, 54 Project L.O.V.E. vouchers were redeemed.

Thanks to all those involved, a total of 8,496 inspections were completed through our network of child safety seat inspection stations during the 2013-2014 grant year!

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Visit [www.preventinjury.org](http://www.preventinjury.org) for a complete listing of Indiana’s child safety seat inspection stations.

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

# Tech Tidbits!

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## TECH NEWS

PLEASE NOTE: Effective December 22, 2014, the Automotive Safety Program will have a mailing address change, so please make note of this change and send all correspondence to:

Automotive Safety Program  
Fesler Hall, Rm. 207  
1130 W. Michigan Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46202

CPS grants available – The Automotive Safety Program is offering a limited number of mini-grants for car seat clinics during Oct. 1, 2014 through Sept. 30, 2015. You can apply for up to \$500 in car seat funding for clinics throughout the year. The mini-grants are offered on a first-come, first-serve basis and are issued on a reimbursement basis. If you are interested in applying for car seat clinic funding through the Automotive Safety Program, please contact April Brooks at [apbrooks@iu.edu](mailto:apbrooks@iu.edu) or 317-274-8380. Also, the Manufacturer’s Alliance for Child Passenger Safety (MACPS) has a limited number of education grants available for agencies and organizations that conduct CPS programs. These grants can be used to purchase items from Safe Ride News, SafetyBeltSafe, Huggable Images or Innovative Concepts to enhance and support education efforts of technicians and caregivers. All applications must be submitted electronically on or before January 16, 2015. Awardees will be notified the week of February 20, 2015. You can find the application and additional information about this grant at [www.saferidenews.com/srndnn/](http://www.saferidenews.com/srndnn/).

Spanish materials are now available for certification courses through Safe Kids Worldwide. Any bilingual technician candidate who registers for a CPS certification or renewal course will now have the option to have their technician guides and quizzes in Spanish to assist candidates who might prefer written materials in a native language. The courses will still be taught in English. For more information on getting a colleague registered for a CPS course or if you are interested in hosting a course at your facility, please contact April Brooks at [apbrooks@iu.edu](mailto:apbrooks@iu.edu) or 317-274-8380. To register for a CPS class, visit <http://cert.safekids.org>.



Photo courtesy of: [www.cpsboard.org](http://www.cpsboard.org)

## Tech Tidbits! (cont'd)

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CPSTs need to pay close attention to any inspection of a Britax Marathon ClickTight or a Britax Boulevard ClickTight convertible seat to make sure the harness straps are fully engaged. Consumer Reports recently discovered when they bought two Britax ClickTight convertibles (Marathon and Boulevard) that both sides of the harness strap had not been fully secured to the lower anchor hook. The harness is still secured at several other points on the car seat, but there could still be a risk if the harness were to come loose at that particular point on the child restraint. If you discover this issue on any of the Britax seats you come across, it is easy for you to fix yourself. Be sure to read the instructions for adjusting the harness length. Britax also has a video on their website which demonstrates how to adjust the harness. You can find this video at [www.britax.com](http://www.britax.com). Always be sure to check the entire child restraint for issues prior to installation.



Photo courtesy of: Britax

For any Dorel car seat manufactured since January 2014, the expiration dates have been extended, except for the Incognito booster, which still has a six year expiration date. The new rear-facing only and convertible models have an eight year expiration and the Pria, combination seats, 3-in-1s, and BPs expire after 10 years. This change is not retroactive. It is always important to follow the date on the particular car seat to find the appropriate expiration date. This update is for the whole Dorel line, which includes, Cosco, Safety 1<sup>st</sup>, Eddie Bauer, and Maxi-Cosi. For more information about expiration dates and other CPST resources, visit Dorel's website at [www.djgusa.com](http://www.djgusa.com).



Logos courtesy of: [www.djgusa.com](http://www.djgusa.com)

At the Kidz in Motion Conference in New Mexico in August, 2014, the buckleopper was introduced by MiiG Enterprises. The buckleopper is designed to release safety seat buckles with ease for people with hand pain issues. This device allows car seat buckles to be opened without using fingers or thumbs. The product is available for \$14.99 before tax. To watch a tutorial or to learn more about this product, visit [www.buckleopper.com](http://www.buckleopper.com).



Photo courtesy of: [www.buckleopper.com](http://www.buckleopper.com)

## Tech Tidbits! (cont'd)

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Recently, Pro Consumer Safety released guidelines for parents on how to safely transport children when using a recreational vehicle (RV). The purpose of these guidelines is to provide parents alternative ways to consider traveling with children in an RV. A fact sheet was created for child passenger safety professionals. The fact sheet briefly describes the different classes of RVs, FMVSS, overall injury risks among rear passengers, guidelines for parents, and seat belt concerns and existing crash tests. To get a copy of the fact sheets, visit:

[http://www.procarseatsafety.com/uploads/3/4/1/7/3417234/fact\\_sheet\\_rv\\_child\\_occupants\\_2014.pdf](http://www.procarseatsafety.com/uploads/3/4/1/7/3417234/fact_sheet_rv_child_occupants_2014.pdf).

For specific questions about the fact sheet or to speak with someone about RV safety, contact James DeCarli at [proconsumersafety@gmail.com](mailto:proconsumersafety@gmail.com) or 323-491-6197.



Photo courtesy of: [www.rvfrenzy.com](http://www.rvfrenzy.com)

## RESEARCH

With the support of the General Motors Foundation, Safe Kids Worldwide recently released a research report where they surveyed 1,000 parents with children ages 4 to 10 years to find out how their children ride in car seats and what leads them to use a booster seat or seat belt. The report noted that 7 in 10 parents didn't know that a child should be at least 4'9" before moving out of a booster seat into a seat belt. Of those surveyed, 86 percent of parents moved their child into a seat belt prior to the recommended height.

To download and print this report, visit:

[http://www.safekids.org/sites/default/files/documents/ResearchReports/skw\\_cps\\_study\\_2014\\_v8-no\\_embargo.pdf](http://www.safekids.org/sites/default/files/documents/ResearchReports/skw_cps_study_2014_v8-no_embargo.pdf).

## Tech Tidbits! (cont'd)

### NEWS ARTICLES OF INTEREST

On October 31<sup>st</sup>, in Vigo County, a woman was killed and her two children were injured in a crash on I-70. The mother crashed into the back of a tractor-trailer in a construction zone. Her 13 year old son sitting in the front passenger seat suffered leg and internal injuries and the 19 month old child in a car seat suffered internal injuries, but they both survived the crash. Trooper Michael Featherling said of the accident, “The use of a car seat is directly responsible for saving the life of the infant passenger.” To read more about this story, visit <http://wibqam.com/news/articles/2014/nov/01/mother-killed-two-children-and-one-truck-driver-injured-in-i-70-accident/>.



Photo courtesy of: Fox 59

On Dec. 2, 2015, a fatal school bus crash took the lives of two children and one adult in Knoxville, TN. Two school buses collided, causing one to overturn. To read more about this story, visit: <http://abcnews.go.com/US/school-buses-crash-injuring-dozen-tennessee/story?id=27317162>.



Photo courtesy of: www.wishtv.com

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### CEU OPPORTUNITIES

In January 2015, a new edition of the LATCH Manual will be available, along with a revised quiz for technicians to take to earn CEUs toward recertification. Currently, the new quiz is not available, but keep checking the *SafeRideNews* website for the update. To order a LATCH Manual or to earn a CEU by taking the quiz, visit:

<http://saferideneews.com/srndnn/CPSTsProfessionals/RecertificationCEUsfromSRN/tabid/92/Default.aspx>.

### NEW VIDEOS AND PSAs

Recently, IMMI released a new PSA that demonstrates a 35 mph frontal crash test of an adult holding an 18 month old child in their lap. The video shows the child hit the seat in front of them and then pass over the back seat. Visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fzbCeVQqrxA&feature=youtu.be> to view this PSA.

## NEW PRODUCTS

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### **Urbini Petal Touri Rear-Facing Only Travel System**

- Rear-facing: 4-35 lbs. and up to 32”
- Premie insert for infants 4-6 lbs.
- 4 harness slots
- 2-position base recline foot
- Built-in lock-off
- Side impact tested
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## NEW PRODUCTS (CONT'D)

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### **Recaro Performance Coupe Rear-Facing Only**

- Rear-Facing: 4-35 lbs. and up to 32"
- Temperature balanced fabric
- Side impact protection
- Twist-resistant HERO harness technology
- No re-thread harness
- 5 harness height positions
- 2 buckle positions
- Removable cover for cleaning
- MSRP: \$249.99
- [www.recaropromotion.com](http://www.recaropromotion.com)



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### **Jané Montecarlo R1 Booster**

- Booster: 30-100 lbs.
- Lower anchor attachments
- Adjustable backrest
- Water resistant
- Side impact tested
- MSRP: \$190.00
- [www.jane-usa.com](http://www.jane-usa.com)



## RECALLS

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### Evenflo Company, Inc. (Evenflo)

– Model: Embrace 35 rear-facing only CR equipped with an AmSafe QT1 buckle

- Affected model numbers include:

30711365	31511040	46811205	48111200	48411391	52911307A	55311138
	31511323	46811237	48111215	48411391D	52921040	55311238
	31511400		48111215A	48411392		55311292
	31511198		48111218	48411504		
	3151953		48111234	48411504D		
	31521138		48111235			
			48111235A			
			48111462			

- Manufacture dates are various times from December 2011 through May 2013.
- Over time, use of the seat can make the harness buckle difficult to unlatch.
- A buckle that does not release easily, or possibly at all, may make it difficult to remove the child from the restraint, increasing the risk of injury in the event of a vehicle crash, fire, or other emergency, in which a prompt exit from the vehicle is required.
- Evenflo will notify registered owners and provide the remedy kit, including a replacement buckle and instructions for easy consumer removal of the AmSafe buckle and installation of the newly-designed replacement buckle.
- Owners may contact Evenflo's toll-free number at 1-800-490-7591 or visit their website at [www.embracebuckle.eventflo.com](http://www.embracebuckle.eventflo.com).

# Mark Your Calendar

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## **NHTSA Child Passenger Safety Technician Renewal Course**

January 16, 2015  
Ripley County — Batesville Fire Department  
115 E. Catherine Street  
Batesville, IN 47240  
Cost: \$85  
Contact: Robert Duckworth, 812-663-8125  
[robert.duckworth@comcast.net](mailto:robert.duckworth@comcast.net)

## **NHTSA Child Passenger Safety Technician Training**

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[robert.duckworth@comcast.net](mailto:robert.duckworth@comcast.net)

March 2-5, 2015  
Wayne County — Reid Hospital  
1100 Reid Parkway  
Richmond, IN 47374  
Cost: \$85  
Contact: Sherry Deane, 317-923-1500  
[sdeane@aaahoosier.com](mailto:sdeane@aaahoosier.com)

## **Webinars**

Wednesday, January 14, 2015  
Child Restraint Manufacturer Fall Update: Part One  
2 pm – 3 pm ET (East Coast/NY time)  
CPS CEUs available: 1  
(CHES/MCHES credit is also available)  
Register: <http://bit.ly/Jan14NewCR>

Wednesday, January 28, 2015  
Child Restraint Manufacturer Fall Update: Part Two  
2 pm – 3 pm ET (East Coast/NY time)  
CPS CEUs available: 1  
(CHES/MCHES credit is also available)  
Register: <http://bit.ly/Jan28NewCR>

## **2015 Lifesavers Conference**

March 15-17, 2015  
Hyatt Regency  
Chicago, IL  
National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities  
[www.lifesaversconference.org](http://www.lifesaversconference.org)

## **2015 Indiana Injury Prevention Conference and 19th Annual Child Safety Advocate Awards**

June 4-5, 2015 — JW Marriott Hotel, Indianapolis, IN  
\*\*Early Bird Discount ends on March 31, 2015\*\*  
Full Conference Registration — \$100  
(Day #1 and Day #2)  
One Day Registration — \$75  
\*\*Registration fees INCREASE on April 1, 2015\*\*  
Full Conference Registration — \$125  
One Day Registration — \$85  
Contact: Jody Yoder at 1.800.543.6227 or  
[jodyyoder@iu.edu](mailto:jodyyoder@iu.edu) or [www.preventinjury.org](http://www.preventinjury.org)

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

August 12-15, 2015  
Omni Championsgate Resort  
Orlando, FL  
National Conference Dedicated to  
Child Passenger Safety Professionals  
[www.kidzinmotion.org](http://www.kidzinmotion.org)

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