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## NATIONAL CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY WEEK SUCCESSFULLY TOUCHES LIVES STATEWIDE

This year, there were 24 car seat clinics in honor of National Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Week, which was designated for September 13-19, 2015. The Automotive Safety Program provided mini-grants to help fund most of the 24 clinics. There were over 400 CPS Week inspections done and over 200 car seats distributed in Indiana, thanks to the hard work and dedication of all the technicians who assisted with the clinics.

The Automotive Safety Program partnered again this year with Franciscan St. Francis Health on September 15<sup>th</sup> to have a hugely successful clinic, with 132 inspections done and 86 car seats distributed. Many of the clinics had local media coverage, which helped to bring more activity to the events.

Special recognition goes to all the clinic coordinators and technicians who worked tirelessly to assure children were safe on Indiana roadways. The following organizations coordinated a CPS Week clinic this year:

- ◆ Safe Kids Allen County (Allen County)
- ◆ Clark Memorial Hospital (Clark County)
- ◆ Franciscan Alliance Foundation (Clinton County)
- ◆ Safe Kids Elkhart County (Elkhart County)
- ◆ Hamilton County Sheriff's Office (Hamilton County)
- ◆ Harrison County Hospital EMS (Harrison County)
- ◆ Schneck Medical Center (Jackson County)
- ◆ Winona Lake Police Department (Kosciusko County)
- ◆ Crown Point Volunteer Fire, Inc. (Lake County)
- ◆ St. Vincent Dunn Hospital (Lawrence County)
- ◆ Central Indiana Mothers, Inc. (Madison County)
- ◆ Franciscan St. Francis Health (Marion County)
- ◆ Riley Hospital for Children at IU Health (Marion County)
- ◆ Southern Indiana Physicians (Monroe County)
- ◆ Parkview Noble Hospital Foundation (Noble County)
- ◆ Greencastle Police Department (Putnam County)
- ◆ Memorial Health Foundation (St. Joseph County - 2 clinics)
- ◆ Franciscan Alliance Foundation (Tippecanoe County)
- ◆ Little Lambs of Evansville (Vanderburgh County)
- ◆ Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Office (Vanderburgh County)
- ◆ Chances and Services for Youth (Vigo County)
- ◆ St. Mary's Health Foundation (Warrick County)
- ◆ Reid Hospital (Wayne County)

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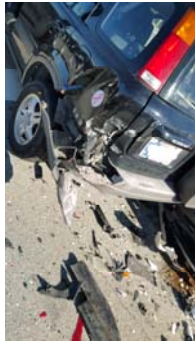
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Next year's National Child Passenger Safety Week will be Sept. 18-24, 2016.

## Making a Difference

Kaitlyn Barnes, CPST, attended the National Child Passenger Safety Certification Training Course last November hosted by the Indianapolis Fire Department. The team of instructors included Trasey Graham, Aleatha Henderson, Claire Joya, Nina Powell, Judith Talty, Serifatu Walton, and Pam Williams. Kaitlyn sent the following message to Nina Powell immediately following a crash that occurred in August, 2015.

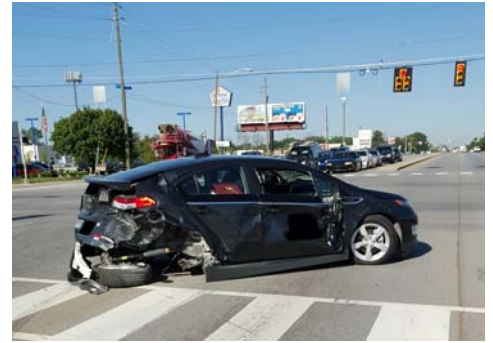
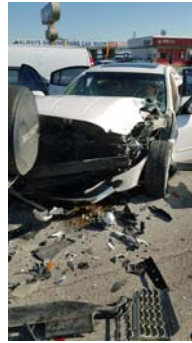
*“Nina, I am not sure if this is still your number, but I wanted to thank you. Thank you for being such a good instructor. We were in a pretty bad accident today. The guy was going about 60-70 mph and hit me while I was at a stoplight. My son was safe and so was the little boy that I babysit. I am getting a CT done soon, but I will be able to walk away from this collision. Thank you again!! If you could also thank the other ladies that were on your team, I would appreciate it.”*



Photos submitted  
by Kaitlyn  
Barnes, CPST

Far left: Children  
immediately  
following crash.

Left: Vehicle  
where children  
were restrained.



## Child Safety Seat Inspection Stations

During the third quarter of the 2014-2015 grant year (April – June, 2015) Indiana’s network of child safety seat inspection stations reported a total of 1,947 inspections and distributed 772 car seats to children in need. In addition, 39 Project L.O.V.E. vouchers were redeemed.

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

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

- Franklin Fire Department Johnson County Coordinated by Joe Dillon

The fire department will be working as a satellite site in partnership with the Franklin Police Department.

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 have any questions or are interested in establishing a child safety seat inspection station at your organization.

## Making a Difference (cont'd)

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Terri Jones, CPST-I and coordinator of the Child Safety Seat Inspection Station located at IU Health Arnett Hospital received the following notes of appreciation:

*A representative from Cornerstone Autism Center wrote, "On behalf of Cornerstone Autism Center, I would like to thank you for your generous donation of the car harness for our client. I am confident the family that received it is appreciative of such a valuable tool. The mission of our foundation is to assist individuals, families, institutions, and organizations in maximizing those who struggle, embracing those who love, and fulfilling those who serve. With your ability to donate the car harness to this family, we are able to fulfill the mission statement of Cornerstone Autism Center.*

*It was wonderful to know that people are willing to assist wherever needed, regardless of the cost. Our client has been wearing the harness around the center throughout the day in order to adjust to the feeling of it. We just practiced properly placing him in the harness in the car and he followed directions without apprehension. Knowing that he will be restrained in the car alleviates our concern for his safety. Once again, thank you for your generosity. It is truly appreciated."*

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A parent that recently delivered at IU Health Arnett Hospital referred to many team members when she wrote the following on her "Healer's Appreciation" card at IU Health Arnett Hospital.

*"The beautiful team I mentioned above were all over excellent care providers and in some way, shape, or form went far above the call of their given titles/positions to create an environment for myself and more importantly my new daughter that is safe, fun and enjoyable. I have never had such an overwhelmingly spiritual experience from a hospital setting before. She continues to write about the excellent care that she received from many caregivers at the hospital and then continues by stating, "Ms. Terri Jones treated me with grace & dignity. She definitely provided me with love & support in the form of a new car seat and stroller for my daughter because I couldn't afford one myself."*

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As Child Passenger Safety Technicians (CPSTs), we all know how difficult it can be to work with multiple children in one vehicle! Linda Garrity, CPST and coordinator of the Child Safety Seat Inspection Station located at Hancock Regional Hospital, wanted to recognize CPSTs Heather Durbin and Karleigh Maroska for making a difference by helping a family with eight children riding in a 15-passenger van. According to Karleigh, the mother stays home with the children and the father just lost his job the week prior to their appointment. Almost all of the child restraints that the children were currently using were expired and/or damaged. Heather and Karleigh worked tirelessly with the family to provide seven new child restraints, as well as education on proper use and installation.

# Tech Tidbits!

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## TECH NEWS

⇒ On July 30, 2015, a public interest waiver went into effect for the Buy America requirements for any manufactured product priced at \$5,000 or less, excluding automobiles. The waiver allows CPS programs to use federal funding to purchase equipment, regardless of the country of origin. The Automotive Safety Program previously required that all purchases made through federal funds were on products and supplies made and/or assembled in the USA. Now that the waiver has gone into effect, this is no longer a requirement for organizations who request federal funds through the Automotive Safety Program, for items such as car seats and supplies.



Photo courtesy of: abcnewsradioonline.com

⇒ Recently, there was a new law that went into effect in New Jersey and California. Effective January 1, 2017, all California infants and toddlers will have to remain rear-facing in child restraints to age 2 years/40 lbs./40 inches (whichever comes first).

As of September 1, 2015, a new law has passed for New Jersey drivers. Here are the specifics:

- **(a)** A child under the age of 2 years and 30 pounds shall be secured in a rear-facing seat equipped with a 5-point harness.
- **(b)** A child under the age of 4 years and 40 pounds shall be secured as described in (a) until they reach the upper limits of the rear-facing seat, then in a forward-facing child restraint equipped with a 5-point harness.
- **(c)** A child under the age of 8 and a height of 57 inches shall be secured as described in (a) or (b) until they reach the upper limits of the rear-facing or forward-facing seat, then in a belt positioning booster seat.
- **(d)** A child over 8 years of age or 57 inches in height must be properly secured by a seat belt.
- If there are no rear seats, the child shall be secured as described above in the front seat except that no child shall be secured in a rear-facing seat in the front seat of any vehicle that is equipped with an active passenger-side airbag. The aforementioned is acceptable if the airbag is de-activated.

To read more about the New Jersey child passenger law, you can visit:

[http://www.nj.gov/oag/hts/childseats/childseats\\_newlaw.html](http://www.nj.gov/oag/hts/childseats/childseats_newlaw.html).

Currently, there are now three (3) States that require rear-facing to two (2) years old; California, New Jersey, and Oklahoma. To read more about child passenger safety laws, please visit the Governor's Highway Safety Association at:

[http://www.ghsa.org/html/stateinfo/laws/childsafety\\_laws.html](http://www.ghsa.org/html/stateinfo/laws/childsafety_laws.html).

## Tech Tidbits! (cont'd)

- ⇒ Evenflo has announced their new SensorSafe Technology on their SensorSafe Embrace DLX rear-facing only child restraint. This CR is designed to generate a series of tones to remind drivers that there is a baby present in the vehicle, to prevent people from accidentally leaving a child in the vehicle. The tones are activated through a smart chest clip and wireless receiver. The receiver will also notify the vehicle occupants if the chest clip becomes unbuckled during transit. The SensorSafe Embrace DLX rear-faces from 4-35 lbs. and up to 30" in height. The child restraint can be purchased at Wal-Mart or online at [www.evenflo.com](http://www.evenflo.com) for \$149.88. If you would like to learn more, you can visit Evenflo's website at <http://www.evenflo.com/SensorSafe/> or view the webinar on the National CPS Board website at [www.cpsboard.org](http://www.cpsboard.org).



Photo courtesy of: Evenflo

- ⇒ The 2016 Lifesavers Conference will be at the Long Beach Convention Center on April 3-5 in Long Beach, California. You can register for this conference as early as mid-October 2015 by visiting the website at <http://www.lifesaversconference.org/>. Lifesavers is a conference that brings together public health and safety professionals, researchers, volunteers, and practitioners and is dedicated to reducing the death tolls and injuries on the roadways in the U.S. In 2015, there were over 1,900 participants. If you have any questions about the conference, you can call 703-922-7944 or email [Lofgren@meetingsmgmt.com](mailto:Lofgren@meetingsmgmt.com).



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

## Tech Tidbits! (cont'd)

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- ⇒ Nominations are being accepted by the National Child Passenger Safety Board for outstanding CPS contributions by technicians and instructors during the last twelve (12) months, Sept. 2014-Sept. 2015. This annual award was created to honor men and women who dedicate their time, skills and knowledge to ensure children are transported safely in vehicles. To nominate an extraordinary CPS technician or instructor, go to [www.cpsboard.org/award-nominations](http://www.cpsboard.org/award-nominations). The nomination period is Sept. 13 – Nov. 20, 2015. Late applications will not be accepted. Self nominations are welcome.
- ⇒ There have been some recent vehicle recalls to be aware of, including Hyundai, Chevy, GM, and Takata, a vehicle safety equipment supplier. Here are the details of the recalls:
- In May, Takata announced a recall of driver and passenger-side air bag inflators found in nearly 34 million vehicles. Affected vehicles include certain models of BMW, Chrysler, Daimler Trucks, Ford, General Motors, Honda, Mazda, Mitsubishi, Nissan, Subaru, and Toyota brands. Since May, there have been two more fatalities associated with this recall, where the inflators may destroy the air bag, causing shrapnel to expel into the cabin of the vehicle. NHTSA has posted a Recalls Spotlight page at <http://www.safercar.gov/rs/takata/index.html>. People can input their VIN into the site's look-up tool to see if their vehicle has a recall.
  - Hyundai Accent – Recall includes the occupant detection system, which may fail to deactivate the air bag when a child restraint occupies the front passenger seat, especially during very cold temperatures. This is for vehicles manufactured between Sept. 15, 2014 and Feb. 10, 2015. The remedy for this recall is to have a dealer correct the occupant detection system software. Consumers need to call 855-671-3059.
  - Chevy Malibu – For vehicles manufactured April 8, 2010 to October 11, 2012, some cables that link the front seat belts to the vehicle can become weak and separate and affects 470,000 vehicles. The remedy to this recall is to have dealerships replace the weak link. Consumers should call 800-222-1020.
  - GM Trucks – This recall is for GMC Canyon and Chevy Colorado trucks manufactured January 6, 2014 to April 1, 2015. Hooks that secure the driver's and/or front passenger's seat frame may not be properly attached to the vehicle body. To remedy this recall, dealers will need to inspect and replace if necessary. Consumers can call Chevrolet customer service at 800-222-1020 or GMC customer service at 800-462-8782.

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### RESEARCH

- ⇒ Recently, the U.S. DOT and NHTSA released the “Early Estimate of Motor Vehicle Traffic Fatalities in 2014” and the “National Child Restraint Use Special Study.” The “Early Estimate of Motor Vehicle Traffic Fatalities in 2014” notes that there is a very marginal decrease (about 0.1%) from the number of traffic fatalities from 2013 to 2014. In 2013, there were 32,719 fatalities compared to 32,675 in 2014. You can read more about this report by visiting, <http://www-nrd.nhtsa.dot.gov/Pubs/812160.pdf>. The “National Child Restraint Use Special Study (NCRUSS)” was conducted by NHTSA from June to August, 2011. This study documents how car seats and booster seats are used in the field, driver’s confidence with installing car seats and their attitudes and beliefs about car seats and booster seats, as well as their comfort with LATCH installation. According to the report, there was an estimated 46 percent combined rate of misuse for car seats and booster seats. Some of the most observed misuses for rear-facing and forward-facing car seats and boosters included; incorrect amount of recline, improper belt position, and loose car seat installation. You can read this study and learn more at: <http://www-nrd.nhtsa.dot.gov/Pubs/812142.pdf>.

### CEU OPPORTUNITIES

- ⇒ For an opportunity to gain better understanding of the new LATCH requirements from the revised FMVSS 213 amendment (weight of the child plus the weight of the car seat should not exceed 65 lbs.), there are two LATCH related webinars available to increase knowledge as well as provide an opportunity to earn CEUs. One of the webinars is from the 2015 Lifesavers Conference titled, “*Explaining LATCH and labeling Curbside*,” which offers the perspective of the vehicle and car seat manufacturers as well as NHTSA and discusses ways to address parents’ questions and concerns. To view this webinar, visit <http://cpsboard.org/cps/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/2015-2-CPSB-Explaining-LATCH-and-Labeling-Curbside-CEU-Session.pdf>. The second webinar titled, “*LATCH 2015 What the Curbside Tech Needs to Know*,” focuses on resources through examples for technicians who provide guidance to caregivers. This webinar was originally offered by Safe Kids and State Farm and can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0AJH2XEIp4Y&feature=youtu.be>. There is a quiz associated with each webinar where a CEU can be earned.

## Tech Tidbits! (cont'd)

### NEW VIDEOS AND PSAs

⇒ For National Child Passenger Safety Week this year, NHTSA and the Ad Council launched a new series of public service ads (PSAs) that urge parents to protect their child's future at all stages of life by assuring they secure them in the correct child restraint for the age and size. Several of the PSAs are not CPS Week specific, so they could be used for other campaigns year-round. The PSAs are available in English and Spanish. The English ads direct consumers to NHTSA's [www.SaferCar.gov/TheRightSeat](http://www.SaferCar.gov/TheRightSeat) and the Spanish to NHTSA's [www.SaferCar.gov/protegidos](http://www.SaferCar.gov/protegidos). To access the materials, please visit <http://www.multivu.com/players/English/7618951-ad-council-child-passenger-safety/>.



Photo courtesy of: Ad Council and NHTSA



## NEW PRODUCTS

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### **Simple Parenting Doona Rear-Facing Only**

- Rear-facing: 4-35 lbs. and up to 32 in.
- Premie insert up to 22lbs.
- Rear-facing only car seat that turns into stroller
- 3 harness slots
- Built in lock-off
- Carry handle turns into stroller's push handle
- Wheels turn 360 degrees
- Car seat/stroller weighs 15 lbs.
- Introduced in the U.S. in early 2015
- MSRP: \$350.00
- [www.simpleparenting.co](http://www.simpleparenting.co)



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### **Hauck ProSafe 35**

- Rear-facing: 4-35 lbs. and up to 33 in.
- Side impact protection
- 2-in-1 release handle
- Double-sided infant insert
- 2-in-1 Lock-Off lever
- 4-position height adjustment
- Machine washable pad
- MSRP: \$199.00
- [www.prosafe35.com](http://www.prosafe35.com)



## NEW PRODUCTS (CONT'D)

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### **Safety 1<sup>st</sup> Advance EX 65 Air+ Convertible**

- Rear-facing: 5-50 lbs. and 19"-49"
- Forward-facing: 22-65 lbs. and 29"-49"
- Forward-facing minimum age: 2 years
- Lower anchor weight limit: 40 lbs.
- 4-position recline
- 10-position adjustable headrest
- No re-thread harness
- 8 year expiration date
- Machine washable pad
- MSRP: \$189.99
- <https://safety1st.com>



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### **Maxi-Cosi Vello 65 Convertible**

- Rear-facing: 9-40 lbs.
- Forward-facing: 22-65 lbs.
- No re-thread harness
- 3 recline positions
- Lower anchors to 40 lbs.
- Side impact protection
- One hand harness height and headrest adjustment
- Infant insert
- Machine washable seat pad
- 10 year expiration date
- MSRP: \$229.99
- [www.maxi-cosi.com](http://www.maxi-cosi.com)



## NEW PRODUCTS (CONT'D)

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### **Safety 1st Grow and Go Air 3-in-1**

- Rear-facing: 5-40 lbs. and up to 40 in.
- Forward-facing: 22-65 lbs. and up to 52 in.
- Booster: 40-100 lbs.
- Harness holders
- No re-thread harness
- 3-position recline
- Side impact protection
- Machine washable seat pad
- MSRP: \$169.99
- <https://safety1st.com>



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### **Cyber Solution X-Fix Booster**

- Age: 3-12 years old
- Weight: 33-100 lbs.
- Height: 38" - 60"
- 3-position recline headrest
- Recline backrest
- Linear Side Impact Protection
- Equipped with rigid lower anchors
- 11-position height adjustable headrest
- MSRP: \$169.95
- [www.cyber-online.com](http://www.cyber-online.com)



## NEW PRODUCTS (CONT'D)

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### **Cyber Solution M-Fix Booster**

- Age: 3-12 years old
- Weight: 40-110 lbs.
- 3-position recline headrest
- Recline backrest
- Linear side impact protection
- Equipped with rigid lower anchors
- 12-position height adjustable headrest
- Ventilation system
- Energy absorbing shell
- MSRP: \$219.95
- [www.cyber-online.com](http://www.cyber-online.com)



## RECALLS



Britax Advocate ClickTight



Britax Boulevard ClickTight



Britax Marathon ClickTight

### **Britax Child Safety, Inc. (Britax)**

– Models: Advocate ClickTight, Boulevard ClickTight, Marathon ClickTight child seats

- Affected Advocate ClickTight model numbers include: E9LT95Q, E9LT95Z, E9LT95N, and E1A025Q
- Affected Boulevard ClickTight model numbers include: E9LT86F, E1A135Q, E9LT86G, E9LT85Q, E9LT86A, E9LT86H, E9LT85S, E1A015Q, E1A016A, and E1A016H
- Affected Marathon ClickTight model numbers include: E1A116L, E9LT76P, E9LT71Q, E9LT76N, E9LT76B, E9LT75R, E9LT76L, E1A006B, E1A005R, and EXA116L
- Manufacture dates: Aug. 1, 2014 to July 29, 2015
- The affected child seats have a red harness adjuster button that may stick in the down (harness release) position allowing the shoulder harness to loosen.
- If the harness loosens, the child may not be properly restrained, increasing their risk of injury in the event of a crash.
- Britax will notify registered owners and send them a remedy kit that includes a lubricant to apply to the harness adjuster button, free of charge.
- The recall date began on Aug. 17, 2015.
- Owners may contact Britax customer service at 1-888-427-4829, option 3 or by visiting [www.britaxClickTightConvertibleRecall.com](http://www.britaxClickTightConvertibleRecall.com).

## RECALLS (CONT'D)

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Recaro ProRIDE



Recaro Performance RIDE

### **Recaro Child Safety, LLC (Recaro)**

– Models: ProRIDE, and Performance RIDE child restraints

- Affected ProRIDE model number includes: 332.01 in all colors (AK21, KAEC, KAEG, KK91, MC11, MJ15, QA56, QA9N, QQ11, QQ14, and QQ95)
- Affected Performance RIDE model number includes: 333.01 in all colors (CHIL, HABB, HAZE, JEBB, JETT, KNGT, MABB, MARI, MNGT, PLUM, PLBB, REBB, SLBB, REDD, ROBB, ROSE, SABB, SAPH, SLTE, VIBB, and VIBE)
- Manufacture dates for ProRIDE: April 9, 2010 through June 9, 2015
- Manufacture dates for Performance RIDE: January 15, 2013 through June 9, 2015
- In the event of a crash, the top tether anchorage may detach from the child restraint.
- As such, these restraints fail to conform to the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard number 213, “Child Restraint Systems.”
- If the top tether anchorage detaches from the child restraint, there is an increased risk of injury to the child or other vehicle occupants.
- Recaro will notify and send all registered owners a length of webbing with loops on both ends and instructions to further secure the child restraints.
- The retrofit kit will be provided free of charge.
- The recall is expected to begin in September 2015.
- Owner’s may contact Recaro customer service at 1-866-628-4750 or by email at [recarorecall@m-s-s.com](mailto:recarorecall@m-s-s.com).

## Mark Your Calendar

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

October 14-16/19, 2015  
St. Joseph County  
Memorial Hospital of South Bend  
615 N. Michigan Street  
South Bend, IN 46601  
Cost: \$85  
Contact: Wendy Nash, 574-647-1804  
[Wendals226@yahoo.com](mailto:Wendals226@yahoo.com)

October 26-29, 2015  
Montgomery County  
Crawfordsville  
300 E. Pike Street  
Crawfordsville, IN 47933  
Cost: \$85  
Contact: Chris Hughes, 812-522-0435  
[chughes@schneckmed.org](mailto:chughes@schneckmed.org)

### **2016 Lifesavers Conference**

April 3-5, 2016  
Long Beach Convention Center — Long Beach, CA  
National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities  
[www.lifesaversconference.org](http://www.lifesaversconference.org)

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

August 10-13, 2016  
Omni Championsgate Resort — Orlando, FL  
National Conference Dedicated to  
Child Passenger Safety Professionals  
[www.kidzinmotion.org](http://www.kidzinmotion.org)

### **National Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Week**

September 18-24, 2016

### **National Seat Check Saturday**

September 24, 2016

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

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