Automotive Safety Program Receives State Farm Funding to Focus on 8-12 Year Olds

This quarter, the Automotive Safety Program (ASP) received a Good Neighbor Citizenship® Company grant from State Farm and the State Farm Companies Foundation® for ASP’s newly developed Belt Abouts Program, which focuses on child passenger safety for 8-12 year olds. Belt Abouts was created as an intervention for this group of children who are more at risk of death or serious injury in crashes than their younger counterparts.

Belt Abouts is a school newsletter which models the well-known Scholastic newsletter. The newsletter covers the key intervention points for this age group; always buckle-up, ride in the back seat, and use a booster seat if the seat belt does not fit correctly. The newsletter attempts to make the messages fun by teaching children about public service announcements and providing them with the opportunity to create their own PSA through storyboards, which are included in the newsletter. There are two versions of the newsletter; one for the younger children in the 8-12 age group and one version for the older children, as well as instructor editions for each.

The Automotive Safety Program hopes to work with local Safe Kids Coalitions to assist with teaching this curriculum in their local schools, after school programs and/or youth groups. During the lesson, the local Safe Kids Coalition coordinator will discuss the Belt Abouts newsletter with the children and will use the instructor edition to emphasize key points. Students will then be provided with time to draw their own safety PSA on the storyboards. After the completion of the lessons, the storyboards will be sent to the Automotive Safety Program for judging by a group of safety advocates. A storyboard that best represents the messages of the lesson will be selected from each school and its creator will receive a prize. In addition, one grand prize winner will be selected from all of the storyboards.
Making a Difference

Sharilyn Wagner, CPST from the Franciscan St. Francis Hospital in Indianapolis, provided the following story:

“I received a phone call today that reminds me of why I do my job. Jennifer, a client, called to let me know that she and her daughter, Ella, were in a horrible accident on Dec. 1, 2015. The car was totaled! Ella walked away from the accident with some bruising from the car seat harness. Jennifer wore her seat belt and ended up with some neck and back pain, but otherwise able to walk away from the accident. The police officer told Jennifer that if Ella had not been in her car seat properly, she would not be here today!

St. Francis Car Seat Safety Program provided Ella with a car seat. Jennifer, her mom, was taught how to put Ella in the car seat and provided with all the new laws and recommendations for car seats. Jennifer remembered us talking about not wearing winter coats while in a car seat. She had put this into practice and attributes this to Ella being here today.

This made my day. It makes all of the headaches worth it, knowing that we were able to make the difference in one child’s life.”

Tech Tidbits

Recently, Consumer Reports released their latest child restraint recommendation ratings for convertible car seats. The child restraints are given an overall score through crash protection, ease of use, fit to vehicle with LATCH, and fit to vehicle with seat belt. There were 31 convertible car seats tested and they were rated as Basic, Better, and Best. The top in overall ratings were the Chicco NextFit, Britax Marathon ClickTight, Evenflo SureRide/Titan 65, Cosco Scenera NEXT, and the Graco Contender 65. The few child restraints that were rated Basic include, Britax Boulevard, Britax Marathon, Britax Roundabout G4, Safety 1st onSide Air, Cosco Scenera (not NEXT version), and Safety 1st Advance SE 65 Air +. To learn more about this report and to see the convertible ratings, visit [http://www.consumerreports.org/cro/car-seats.htm](http://www.consumerreports.org/cro/car-seats.htm).
Tech Tidbits (cont’d)

For those of you who use the UNC Highway Safety Research Center recall list, the link is no longer working for this recall list as they are creating a new, permanent, and more user-friendly site for the recall list. Until the new link is available for this recall list, you can find the list at http://www.buckleupnc.org/car-seat-recall-list/.

The National Child Passenger Safety Board, with materials provided by the Transportation Safety Institute, created an Instructor Development course. The course aims to be a training resources for CPSTs and Instructors by providing new skills and knowledge through hands-on discussions to enhance presentation skills. This course can be taught in one or two days and can be modified to fit a specific agenda or time parameter. The course has seven modules, Introduction, Learning Styles, Speaking Effectively, Questioning, Team Teaching, Classroom Management and Guide, and Presentation and Evaluation. For more information about the Instructor Development Course, visit http://cpsboard.org/instructor-curriculum-private/instructor-development-course/.

NHTSA’s will soon implement changes to their 5-Star Safety Ratings for new vehicles. Some of the improved changes will be to add an additional crash test, use new and more human-like crash test dummies, rate crash-avoidance advanced technologies, and assess pedestrian protection. The higher the star rating, the more safe the vehicle. If you visit http://www.safercar.gov/5Stars, you can view a video that explains the new 5-Star Safety Ratings, as well as download information like infographics, press releases, fact sheets, and a request for comments.
CEU Opportunities

Safe Kids has updated ways technicians can do their community event and how they can earn CEUs for recertification. Technicians now have three ways they can meet their community event requirement.

Option 1: Technicians can participate in at least one two-hour check-up event with at least one other CPST at which families are served using a standardized check-up form to provide documentation if needed.

Option 2: CPST can provide at least four hours of community education, which includes presenting to parents, educators, kids or organizations (PTAs, law enforcement). These presentations are not for CPSTs.

Option 3: Technicians can attend a one hour (minimum) educational session on how to better reach community members, improve communication skills or instructor development.

Technicians also now have the option to earn all six CEUs under Category 5: Online/Web Sessions. To learn more about how to earn your requirements for recertification, visit http://cert.safekids.org/i-am-a-tech/recertification or contact April Brooks at the Automotive Safety Program at apbrooks@iu.edu or 317-274-8380.

If you need CEUs for recertification, you can sign up for a webinar. Upcoming webinars are listed below.

Thurs., March 31, 2016
Car Seat Manufacturer Update: Mifold and the Manufacturer’s Alliance for CPS (MACPS)
2 pm – 3 pm ET
CPS CEUs available: 1 (CHES/MCHES credit is also available)
Register: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7276805819515565569

Thurs., April 28, 2016
Car Seat Manufacturer Update: GB North America: Evenflo, GB, Urbini
2 pm – 3 pm ET
CPS CEUs available: 1 (CHES/MCHES credit is also available)
Register: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6985477019530160641
Indiana Injury Prevention Conference

You can also earn CEUs and your community event hours by attending the annual Indiana Injury Prevention Conference, June 15-16, 2016 at the Eiteljorg Museum, Indianapolis.

For more information and to register, visit [www.preventinjury.org/2016-Indiana-Injury-Prevention-Conference](http://www.preventinjury.org/2016-Indiana-Injury-Prevention-Conference)

New Videos and PSAs

NHTSA’s Traffic Safety Marketing recently created African-American and Hispanic Toolkits, which have banner ads, brochures, earned media, logos, and posters geared toward increasing seat belt use awareness in African American and Hispanic communities. To view and download these materials, visit [http://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/AfricanAmericanToolkit](http://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/AfricanAmericanToolkit) and [http://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/HispanicBuckleUpToolkit](http://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/HispanicBuckleUpToolkit)

Photos courtesy of Traffic Safety
SaferCar TV, a YouTube channel for NHTSA’s Safecar.gov, has a short animated video that briefly describes proper fit and installation of car seats. This video could be used in a presentation to parents/caregivers in your community. To watch this video, go to https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u7HV8TnG6wI&feature=youtu.be.

Photo Courtesy of Safecar.gov

Recently, Today Parents did a story on the dangers of children wearing winter coats in their car seats. They created a crash test video to support this story. The crash test was done in a laboratory in Michigan and depicts a child dummy strapped in their child restraint in a puffy pink coat. The test is done at 30 mph and shows the crash test dummy nearly ejecting from the car seat. The story suggests the parents remove the coat from the child and cover them up with it or use a blanket instead. To read the story and watch the video, visit http://www.today.com/parents/car-seat-alert-could-wearing-winter-coat-endanger-your-child-t61206.

Photo Courtesy of Today Parents
This quarter, NHTSA and the Department of Transportation released two Traffic Safety Facts reports. The first report was an “Early Estimate of Motor Vehicle Traffic Fatalities for the First Nine Months (Jan.-Sept.) of 2015.” The second report provided results of “Seat Belt Use in 2015 – Overall Results.” The first report is a statistical projection of traffic fatalities for the first nine months of 2015 and shows that approximately 26,000 people died in motor vehicle crashes during that time. This is a 9.3 percent increase compared to the 23,796 fatalities that were reported to have occurred in the first nine months of 2014. The second NHTSA Traffic Safety Fact sheet noted that seat belt use in 2015 reached 88.5 percent, up from 86.7 percent in 2014. To learn more about the report on early estimate of motor vehicle traffic fatalities, visit http://www-nrd.nhtsa.dot.gov/Pubs/812240.pdf. For the report on seat belt use in 2015, you can visit http://www-nrd.nhtsa.dot.gov/Pubs/812243.pdf.

A study was recently published in The Journal of Pediatrics titled, “Unsafe from the Start: Serious Misuse of Car Safety Seats at Newborn Discharge.” There were 291 families of newborns randomly sampled to participate in this study. Participants completed a survey and then designated someone (themselves or another caregiver) to position their newborn in the child restraint and install the car seat in their vehicle. CPSTs assessed positioning and installation. The results showed that nearly all (95%) of the child restraints were misused with one or more errors in installation and/or positioning. Serious misuse occurred for 91% of all infants. To read this study, please visit http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/26707620
NEW PRODUCTS

Baby Trend Secure Snap Gear 32 Rear-Facing Only

- Rear-facing: 5-32 lbs. and up to 32”
- 4 recline positions
- Built-in lock-off
- No-rethread harness
- Ergonomic carry handle
- Energy-absorbing foam and side impact head protection
- One-hand front harness adjuster
- Built-in lower anchor connector storage
- MSRP: $119.99
- www.babytrend.com

Maxi-Cosi Mico Max 30 Rear-Facing Only

- Rear-facing: 4-30 lbs. and up to 32”
- Anti-rebound bar on the base
- Side impact protection
- No-rethread harness
- Reversible Cozi-Dozi infant support for smaller babies
- Foot muff to keep baby warm
- Machine washable seat cover
- Self-wicking fabric – fibers deodorize and draw liquids away from skin
- Extended canopy with flip out visor
- MSRP: $249.99
- www.maxi-cosi.com
Baby Trend PROtect Premier Convertible

- Rear-facing without upper seat back: 5-22 lbs. and top of head below maximum height red line on seat back
- Rear-facing with upper seat back: 5-40 lbs. and head 1” below top of seat back
- Forward-facing: 23-65 lbs. and up to 50”
- Removable headrest for smaller vehicles
- 5-position recline base
- EZ Off-N-Wash pad that snaps off
- No-rethread harness
- One-hand front harness adjuster
- Built-in lower anchor connector storage
- 4-position shoulder belt height adjustment
- Dual bubble level indicators
- Integrated 2-position “Push and Click” crotch position
- MSRP: $169.00
- www.babytrend.com

Baby Trend PROtect Sport Convertible

- Rear-facing without upper seat back: 5-22 lbs. and top of head below maximum height red line on seat back
- Rear-facing with upper seat back: 5-40 lbs. and head 1” below top of seat back
- Forward-facing: 23-65 lbs. and up to 50”
- Removable headrest for smaller vehicles
- No-rethread harness
- One-hand front harness adjuster
- Built-in lower anchor connector storage
- Dual bubble level indicators
- Flip foot to switch between RF and FF mode
- Integrated 2-position “Push and Click” crotch position
- MSRP: $139.00
- www.babytrend.com
Graco Extend2Fit Convertible

- Rear-facing: 4-50 lbs.
- Forward-facing: 22-65 lbs. and up to 49”
- 3-position extension panel allows 5” extra leg room
- 6-position recline
- 10-position headrest
- Harness storage
- Steel reinforced frame
- Machine washable seat cover
- MSRP: $199.99
- www.gracobaby.com

Maxi-Cosi Vello 70 Convertible

- Rear-facing: 9-40 lbs. and up to 52”
- Forward-facing: 22-70 lbs. and up to 52”
- 6 months to 7 years
- Side impact protection
- No-rethread harness
- Machine washable and dryer safe seat cover
- Removable storage pockets and cupholder
- Machine washable seat cover
- Deep recline angle adjustment
- MSRP: $229.00
- www.maxi-cosi.com
Maxi-Cosi Pria 85 Convertible

- Rear-facing: 14-40 lbs. and up to 40”
- Forward-facing: 22-85 lbs. and up to 52”
- 6 months to 7 years
- Minimum of age 2 for forward-facing mode
- 9 height positions
- 3-position base
- Harness holder clips
- Side impact protection
- No-rethread harness
- Machine washable and dryer safe seat cover
- Deep rear-facing adjustment
- MSRP: $299.99
- www.maxi-cosi.com

Recaro Performance Rally Convertible

- Rear-facing: 5-40 lbs. and up to 22.5” seated height
- Forward-facing: 20-65 lbs. and up to 49” standing height
- Side impact protection
- HERO harness – twist resistant
- No-rethread harness
- Chest clip storage pockets
- Belt lock-off in FF mode
- Anti-rebound function through built-in cup-holders
- MSRP: $299.00
Recaro Performance Racer Convertible

- Rear-facing: 5-40 lbs. and up to 22.5” seated height
- Forward-facing: 20-65 lbs. and up to 49” standing height
- Side impact protection
- HERO harness – twist resistant
- No-rethread harness
- Chest clip storage pockets
- Belt lock-off in FF mode
- Anti-rebound function through built-in cup-holders
- MSRP: $299.00

Cosco Easy Elite 3-in-1

- Rear-facing: 5-40 lbs.
- Forward-facing: 22-50 lbs.
- Belt-positioning Booster: 40-80 lbs.
- Quickfit Harness - harness and headrest adjust in one step
- 5 height positions
- Fits three across the back of most vehicles
- Machine washable seat cover
- MSRP: $99.00
- [www.coscokids.com](http://www.coscokids.com)
**NEW PRODUCTS (cont’d)**

**Evenflo SafeMax 3-in-1**

- Rear-facing: 5-40 lbs. and 19”-40”
- Forward-facing: 22-65 lbs. and 22”-58”
- Booster: 40-120 lbs. and 44”-57”
- Must be 4 years old or older to use booster
- Rollover tested
- No-rethread harness
- Integrated steel frame
- SafeZone™ Headrest absorbs crash forces
- Buckle pockets
- MSRP: $229.00
- Available in early 2016
  - [www.evenflo.com](http://www.evenflo.com)

**Safety 1st Continuum 3-in-1**

- Rear-facing: 5-40 lbs.
- Forward-facing: 22-50 lbs.
- Belt-positioning Booster: 40-80 lbs.
- Minimum of age 2 for forward-facing mode
- Side impact protection
- Harness holders
- Quickfit Harness - harness and headrest adjust in one step
- 3-position recline
- MSRP: $149.99
  - [www.safety1st.com](http://www.safety1st.com)
NEW PRODUCTS (CONT’D)

Baby Trend PROtect Yumi Folding Booster

- Highback Booster: 30-100 lbs. and 38”-57”
- Folds for transport and storage
- 8-position height-adjustment head-rest
- Side-impact protection
- 3-position shoulder belt adjustment
- Flip up armrests
- EZ Off-N-Wash removable seat cover with snaps
- MSRP: $69.00
- www.babytrend.com

Carfoldio Mifold Booster

- Backless Booster: 40-120 lbs.
- For children ages 4-12 years
- Compactly folds to 10”x5”
- Three width settings
- Fits three in a row
- MSRP: $39.00
- Available in early 2016
- www.mifold.com
Britax Child Safety, Inc. (Britax) – Models: B-Safe 35, B-Safe 35 Elite, and B-Safe 35 Travel Systems Child Restraints

- Affected B-Safe 35 Travel Systems model numbers include: S914900, S915400, S915200, S921900, S01635200, S914300, S914700, S914500
- Manufacture dates: Between Oct. 1, 2014 and July 1, 2015
- The affected child restraints have handles that may develop cracks in, under, and around the carry handle grip.
- The cracks may lead to the handle fracturing and the seat falling while being carried.
- If the seat falls, there is an increased risk of injury to the infant in the child restraint.
- Britax will notify all registered owners, and will ship them a remedy kit that includes a carry handle reinforcing bracket, free of charge.
- The recall began in January 2016.
- Owners may contact Britax customer service at 1-800-683-2045 or Britax.Recall@Britax.com.
Graco Children’s Products, Inc. (Graco) – Models: ComfortSport, Ready Ride, and Classic Ride Child Restraints

- Affected ComfortSport model numbers include: 1813040 and 1794333
- Affected Ready Ride model numbers include: 1924520 and 1924519
- Affected Classic Ride model numbers include: 1812930
- The affected convertible child restraints are missing a statement on the affixed label that informs of location of the instruction manual.
- Without the notice on the fixed label, these seats fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 213 (FMVSS 213) “Child Restraint Systems.”
- If the label does not inform the seat owner of the instruction manual’s location, the owner may not be able to refer to it and may use the seat improperly, increasing the risk of injury to the child in the event of a crash.
- Graco will notify the registered owners and will mail them corrected labels to affix to the child restraints.
- The recall began in February 2016.
- Owners may contact Graco at 1-800-345-4109.
Graco Children’s Products, Inc. (Graco) – Model: Extend2Fit Child Restraint

- Manufacture dates: Between Nov. 27, 2015 and Jan. 20, 2016
- The affected child seats may have the recline label affixed at the wrong location, resulting in confusion about how to use the seat belt properly.
- As such, these child seats fail to comply with the requirements of FMVSS 213, “Child Restraint Systems.”
- If the instructions are followed as shown, a rear-facing infant could be placed in an upright position and/or a forward-facing toddler could be placed in a recline position.
- Either scenario may increase the risk of injury to the child in the event of a crash.
- Graco will notify owners and provide a new corrected label with application instructions, free of charge.
- The recall began in February 2016.
- Owners may contact Graco customer service at 1-800-345-4109.
Evenflo Company, Inc. (Evenflo) – Model: Transitions 3-in-1 Combination Child Restraint

- Affected Transitions 3-in-1 model numbers include: 34411686, 34411695, 34411029
- The central front adjuster (CFA) button that is used to loosen the seat’s internal harness may be within the child’s reach, allowing the child to activate the CFA and loosen the internal harness.
- If the internal harness is not tightened snugly around the child, the child would be at an increased risk of injury in the event of a crash.
- Evenflo will notify owners and provide a remedy kit that includes a newly-designed seat pad and CFA assembly, free of charge.
- The recall began in February 2016.
- Owners may contact Evenflo at www.transitions.evenflo.com or 1-800-233-5921.
- Note: This safety issue only impacts the use of the seat in the forward-facing harnessed (22-65 lbs. and 28-50 in.) configuration, not as a booster.
NHTSA Child Passenger Safety Technician Trainings
April 14-15/22-23, 2016
Jackson County
Schneck Medical Center, Cancer Center
411 W. Tipton St.
Seymour, IN 47274
Cost: $85
Contact – Chris Hughes – 812-522-0435
chughes@schneckmed.org

April 19-22, 2016
Vigo County
CHANCES and Services for Youth (CASY)
Booker T. Washington Community Center
1101 S. 13th St.
Terre Haute, IN 47802
Cost: $85
Contact – Julie Wheatley – 812-232-3952
jwheatley@casyonline.org

NHTSA Child Passenger Safety Technician Renewal Course
May 6, 2016
Jackson County
Schneck Medical Center
411 W. Tipton St.
Seymour, IN 47274
Cost: $85
Contact – Chris Hughes – 812-522-0435
chughes@schneckmed.org

2016 Indiana Injury Prevention Conference and 20th Annual Child Safety Advocate Awards
June 15-16, 2016
Eiteljorg Museum – Indianapolis, IN
**Early Bird Discount Ends on March 31, 2016**
Full Conference Registration (Day #1 and Day #2) - $100.00
Day #1 only (June 15th) - $75.00
Day #2 only (June 16th) - $75.00
**Registration fees will INCREASE starting on April 1, 2016**
Full Conference Registration - $125
One Day Registration – $85
For more information and to register, visit www.preventinjury.org/2016-Indiana-Injury-Prevention-Conference
For questions, contact Judith Talty at 1-800-543-6227 or jtalty@iu.edu.

12th 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

National Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Week
September 18-24, 2016

National Seat Check Saturday
September 24, 2016

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