The 13th annual Indiana Child Passenger Safety Conference and the 22nd Child Safety Advocate Awards were held on May 9th and 10th at the Crane Bay Event Center in downtown Indianapolis, IN. More than 165 individuals attended this year’s conference, which highlighted best practices and included the latest information on child passenger safety.

This year’s conference presentations included: 

- *LATCH: Need to Know 2018* by Denise Donaldson (Safe Ride News); CSS
- Manufacturers’ Panels with Dorel, Goodbaby International (Evenflo, Cybex, GB, and Urbini), Graco, IMMI, Kids Embrace, Merritt Manufacturing and NUNA;
- *Cirque du Car Seats: An Exercise in Best Practice* by Erin Kuroiwa (Safe Kids Indiana);
- *Are We There Yet?: A CPS Time Travel Trip* by Kerry Chausmer (Safe Kids Worldwide);
- *Beyond the Sled Test: Product Integrity Testing for Child Restraints* by Sarah Haverstick (Goodbaby International);
- *Fact or Fiction* by Kerry Chausmer (Safe Kids Worldwide);
- and *Hot Topics in Child Passenger Safety 2018* by Dr. Marilyn Bull (Automotive Safety Program/Riley Children’s Hospital). A total of 7 CEUs were awarded by Safe Kids Worldwide for the conference sessions.

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This year, an additional CEU was awarded for interacting and engaging seven of the eight manufacturer exhibits, giving Indiana CPSTs the opportunity to learn more in-depth information from the manufacturers. Many thanks to Dorel, Goodbaby International (Evenflo), Graco, Kids Embrace, and NUNA as well as the Indiana Pacers, Indianapolis Colts, Indianapolis Indians, Indy Eleven, Children’s Museum of Indianapolis, the Safety Store at Riley Hospital, IUPUI-Office of Community Engagement and Anthem for donating items for the raffle, training car seats, and attendee giveaways.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE: THE 22ND CHILD SAFETY ADVOCATE AWARDS

The 22nd Child Safety Advocate Awards Luncheon and Ceremony were held on the first day of the conference. Prior to the presentation of the awards, State Representative Ryan Hatfield gave a speech about child safety legislation and the best ways to advocate for legislation to keep children safe.

Marsha French and Judith Talty presented the awards to the outstanding 2018 recipients:
- Teresa Cooper, St. Vincent Evansville / Safe Kids Vanderburgh/Warrick Counties
- Karen Hendershot, Washington Township-Avon Fire Department
- Erin Kuroiwa, Safe Kids Indiana
- Michael A. LaRocco, Indiana Department of Transportation
- Emily Olds, Dorel Juvenile
- Kevin LaDuke, St. John Fire Department

More photos from the 2018 Indiana Child Passenger Safety Conference, 22nd Annual Child Safety Advocate Awards, and the Indianapolis Zoo Car Seat Clinic can be found on pages 4-6.
The annual car seat clinic at the Indianapolis Zoo was held on May 9th from 5-7pm in conjunction with the 2018 Indiana Child Passenger Safety Conference and Child Safety Advocate Awards.

More than 200 technicians, instructors, and volunteers made this year’s clinic the largest to date. A total of 338 car seat inspections were completed, and a total of 268 car seats were distributed during the 2 hour clinic, thanks to Dorel Juvenile’s donation of 200 car seats and ISDH’s donation of the remainder. A new sponsor, Anthem, assisted with advertisement of the clinic, provided bags of snacks and drinks for families attending the clinic, additional volunteers, t-shirts for volunteers, and snacks for volunteers. The Marion County Public Health Department provided volunteers, monitored the weather, and provided traffic cones; the Indianapolis EMS provided on-site ambulance and crew; and Recycle Force dropped off and picked up containers to recycle disposed car seats.

The event was covered by local Fox News and CBS affiliates. A special thanks to Mike Parks, Justin Gettler, Preston Harness, Tiffany Egan-Rojas, Eric Kaufman, and David Humpal who served on the Indianapolis Zoo Planning Committee and were instrumental in the clinic’s success.
CPST Month a Success

May 2018 marked the 5th annual CPST month. During the month, 110 NHTSA CPST Certification Courses were held in 45 states and Singapore, resulting in 1,444 newly certified technicians. Indiana held 6 Certification Courses and certified 55 new technicians. This year’s CPST Month was the most successful to date.

Car Seats: Product Listing for 2018

The American Academy of Pediatrics has updated their Car Seats: Product Listing for families and technicians on their healthychildren.org website. The list provides information on car seats currently in production. The list is a great resource to use when comparing different seats of the same type. Seats are listed by type (rear-facing only, convertible, 3-in-1, combination, and booster) and information includes weight and height limits, price, and information on if the seat can be reclined in forward-facing mode (convertible, 3-in-1, and combination seats). The product listing can be found at https://www.healthychildren.org/English/safety-prevention/on-the-go/Pages.Car-Safety-Seats-Product-Listing.aspx.
Staying Engaged in the CPST Community

Child Passenger Safety Technicians wear many hats. While there are a few CPSTs who have the luxury of working as a CPST for their employment, many more come into the field with different job roles for their primary employment. Staying up-to-date on current practices and gaining experience in the field can be challenging for CPSTs. In order to keep CPST skills up to date, the CPS Board has a few resources to assist.

The Key CPST Reminders (http://cpsboard.org/cps/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Key-CPST-Reminders.pdf) is a quick update that provides information on location, selection, direction, harnessing, and installation. Another resource, Quick CPST Reminders: Uncommon Situations (http://cpsboard.org/cps/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Less-Common-Situations.pdf) provides guidance for technicians on locking clips, belt-shortening clips, and working with families on unusual situations or unfamiliar car seats. There are many websites that provide information for technicians including the National CPS Board, CPS Certification, American Academy of Pediatrics, Car Seat Manufacturers Alliance, Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

It is important for techs to stay current in the field by working events, volunteering at local fitting stations and car seat clinics, and asking questions. Working in pairs, utilizing manuals, and asking questions are imperative to building CPST skills. The Indiana Child Passenger Safety Technicians Facebook Page is another great resource to ask questions or find area events. CPSTs can join the Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/groups/333004123848125/?ref=bookmarks.
TECH TIDBITS!

Recertification Fees Increase
Safe Kids has announced a fee increase for recertification and Certification Courses effective January 1, 2019. Recertification fees will increase by $5. Technician recertification and instructor candidate fees will be increased from $50 to $55 dollars. The instructor recertification fee will increase from $60 to $65 ($45 for instructors with at least 70 teaching hours). Certification course fees will increase by $10 from $85 to $95.

Additional Resource on LATCH in Vehicles with 3 Rows
The Car Seat Lady recently launched a new resource for assisting CPSTs when working with LATCH in vehicles with three rows. Vehicles are organized by type: mini-vans, SUVs, and 3-row vehicles that have a tether anchor in every seating position. The website allows you to search and filter results and includes additional information on the vehicles including the number of tether and lower anchors for each vehicle and a link where users can receive additional information about a selected vehicle. The interactive website is available at http://thecarseatlady.com/latch3rowvehicle/.
Makers of Mi-Fold Launch Crowdfunding for High Back Booster

The makers of the portable backless booster Mi-Fold have launched a new crowdfunding campaign for a grab-and-go high-back booster called the Hi-Fold. The portable high-back booster seat that folds 3x smaller is marketed towards families who want a more portable option for keeping their children in a high-back booster.

New products on the market, such as the Turbo Take-Along Booster, are responding to a demand for more portable seats for booster-aged children. More information about the seat and access to the crowdfunding campaign can be found at: https://gethifold.com/

Baby Trend Launches Mobile App

Baby Trend announced the launch of their new mobile app at the 2018 JPMA baby show. The mobile app works in conjunction with Baby Trend’s Connected Gear collection. The Secure Snap Fit 35 seat has a chest clip that recognizes if a child is secured in the car seat, if the seat is harnessed correctly, and if the child is left in the car seat. The app also provides a QR scanner to register all Baby Trend Products. The app was a finalist in the 2018 JPMA Innovation Awards. The original story can be found at https://globenewswire.com/news-release/2018/03/20/1443014/0/en/Baby-Trend-Mobile-App-with-Connected-Gear-Launches-at-the-2018-JPMA-Baby-Show.html.
LATCH Manual Updates

The LATCH Manual, published by Safe Ride News, is an invaluable resource for CPSTs to use in the field. Since the LATCH manual is published every other year, updates are constantly being added as car seat manufacturers and vehicle manufacturers update information. The most recent update for the LATCH manual was posted on June 29, 2018. Updates for the manual can be found at http://www.saferidenews.com/srndnn/SRNProducts/iLATCHManuali/iLATCHManualiUpdates/tabid/54/Default.aspx.

Clarification on Cosco Scenera Next Rear-Facing Angle

Rear-facing car seats have a level indicator to assist with appropriate recline of the car seat. The current manual for the Cosco Scenera Next discusses that a more upright installation in the rear-facing mode is allowed if the child can sit up unassisted. Many technicians have used this statement to install the Cosco Scenera Next in a very upright position by resting the forward-facing base of the shell (indicated by red line) on the vehicle seat. Representatives at Dorel recently clarified that while the seat can be more upright, the seat cannot be installed in the full upright position that is used for forward facing. Installations for the Scenera Next must have some of the rear-facing base of the shell (indicated by green line) on the vehicle seat. See picture for additional clarification.
RESEARCH

Wearable Technology Contributes to Distracted Driving

A new study by the University of Texas at San Antonio looked at the effects of texting with wearable technology. Wearable devices, such as smart watches or Google Glass, have increased in popularity. The researchers used a driving simulator and sent participants text messages while participants used either a smart phone or Google Glass. The researchers found that wearable technology marginally reduced driver distraction and participants who wore Google Glass were more likely to engage with the wearable technology than a smart phone. The study suggests drivers with wearable technology have a false sense of security, and texting with wearable devices is just as distracting as using a smart phone. The study can be found at https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2018/04/180423085359.htm.

Seat Belt Use

Seat belt use rates in the United States vary greatly from state to state. In 2017, overall seat belt use ranged from 67.6% in New Hampshire to 97.1% in Georgia with a nationwide use rate of 89.7%. In Indiana, seat belt use was recorded at 94%, a 0.6% increase from 2016. Data was gathered via observational studies. The full report can be found at https://crashstats.nhtsa.dot.gov/Api/Public/ViewPublication/812546.
Correct Use of Seat Belt in Pregnancy

The largest cause of accidental death and placental abruption in pregnancy is automobile collisions. New research published by the Multidisciplinary Digital Publishing Institute (MDPI) studied correct seat belt use during pregnancy. The authors surveyed 1,931 pregnant women using an online questionnaire available in five languages. Overall seat belt use in pregnancy was reported as being high, averaging 92%. Correct use was reported as being low, with only 4.3% wearing both the shoulder and lap belt correctly. The full article can be found at www.mdpi.com:8080/2313-576X/4/1/1/pdf.
NEW PRODUCTS

Evenflo and KidsEmbrace Launch New Tethers

Recent studies have indicated that low tether usage continues to be a concern with 64% of parents not using the tether on forward-facing car seats. Evenflo has introduced a new, red tether to encourage tether usage. The new tether is narrower than the older Evenflo tethers. KidsEmbrace will now have orange webbing on their tethers and lower anchors.

Britax B-Safe Ultra

- 4-35 lbs., 32” or less
- No-rethread harness
- Cool mesh fabric
- Lock-off in base
- Dual recline indicators
- Adjustable crotch strap
- European belt path for installation without base
- 6 year expiration date
- MSRP: $229.99
NEW PRODUCTS: REAR-FACING ONLY, CONT.

Cybex Aton M with Safelock Base
- 4-35 lbs.; 17-30”
- 11-position no re-thread harness
- 3 position load leg allows for center installation
- Anti-rebound base
- Belt tensioning system in base
- Linear side-impact protection system
- Infant insert required for infants under 11 lbs.
- 6 year expiration date
- MSRP: $349.99

Baby Trend Ally 35
- 4-35 lbs.; up to 32”
- 4 harness positions and adjustable base
- European belt path for installation without base
- 6 year expiration date
- MSRP: $89.99
NEW PRODUCTS: REAR-FACING ONLY, CONT.

Graco SnugRide SnugLock Extend2Fit 35
- 4-35 lbs.; up to 35”
- No re-thread harness
- 4-recline positions
- 4-position extension panel in base provides 3.5” of extra legroom
- SnugLock lock-off in base
- Anti-rebound bar
- 7 year expiration date
- MSRP: $259.99

Safety 1st Riva Travel System
- 4-25 lbs.; up to 32”
- Features OnBoard 35 FLX
- 4 harness slots; 3 crotch buckle slots
- Ultra lightweight design with seat weight 7.5 lbs. and stroller weight less than 18 lbs.
- Riva stroller has 6-in-one features with no-wake carriage modes
- Travel system made with 85% recycled plastic
- Machine washable and dryer safe
- 8 year expiration date
- MSRP: $199.99, available at Walmart
NEW PRODUCTS: CONVERTIBLE SEATS

**Graco Sequence 65**
- Rear-facing: 4-40 lbs.; head must be at least 1” below harness adjustment handle
- Forward-facing: 22-65 lbs., 27-49”
- No re-thread harness
- Cup holders must be installed
- EZ Tight LATCH with Platinum series
- 6 recline angles
- 10 year expiration date
- MSRP: $159.99 & $249.99 (Platinum Series)

**Peg-Perego Promo Viaggio Kinetic**
- Rear-facing: 5-45 lbs.; top of head must be at least 1” below headrest
- Forward-facing: 22-65 lbs.; top of head must be no more than one inch above headrest
- 10 position, no re-thread harness
- Anti-rebound bar with optional spacer to allow for 2” of additional leg room rear-facing
- Kinetic Pods help move forces away from child in case of side collision
- 10 year expiration date
- MSRP: $449.99
NEW PRODUCTS: ALL-IN-ONE

Evenflo EveryStage DLX
- Rear-facing: 4-50 lbs.; 17-48”
- Forward-facing harness: 22-65 lbs.; 28-49”; at least 2 years old
- Belt-positioning booster: 40-120 lbs.; 44-57”; at least 4 years old
- No re-thread harness
- Ratcheting lower connectors and interior angle system for infants
- 10 year expiration date
- MSRP: $230

Baby Jogger City View All-in-One
- Rear-facing: 4-40 lbs.; head must be at least 1” below harness adjustment handle
- Forward-facing harness: 22-65 lbs.; 49” or less
- Belt positioning booster: 40-100 lbs.; 43-57”
- 10 position, no re-thread harness
- Anti-rebound bar for rear-facing
- 4 recline positions, including two for rear facing, one for forward facing harness, and one for booster mode
- Harness covers must be removed at 40 lbs.
- 10 year expiration date
- MSRP: $349.99
NEW PRODUCTS: ALL-IN-ONE

Maxi-Cosi Magellan All-in-One
- Rear-facing: 5-40 lbs.; up to 40”
- Forward facing harnessed: 22-65 lbs.; 29-49”
- Belt-positioning booster: 40-120 lbs.; 43-57”
- 12-position adjustable headrest and no re-thread harness
- 7 recline positions
- One-click LATCH
- Belt lock-off
- Adjustable side-impact protection with Air Protect
- 12 year expiration date
- MSRP: $399.99

Graco Recline N’ Ride All-in-One
- Rear-facing: 5-40 lbs.; head must be at least 1” below harness adjustment handle
- Forward-facing harnessed: 22-65 lbs.; less than 49”
- Belt-positioning booster: 40-100 lbs.; 43-57”; at least 4 years old
- 10 position, no re-thread harness
- Lock-off for rear and forward facing use
- On the Go Recline adjusts with one hand without uninstalling
- 4 recline options for rear-facing and forward-facing harnessed modes
- Cup holders must be installed
- 10 year expiration date
- MSRP: $279.99
**NEW PRODUCTS: ALL-IN-ONE (CONT’D)**

**Nautilus SnugLock LX/DLX Forward-Facing 3-in-One**

- Forward-facing harness, high-back booster, and backless booster modes
- Forward-facing harness: 22-65 lbs.; 27-49”
- High-back booster: 40-100 lbs.; 43-57” and at least 4 years old
- Backless booster: 40-100 lbs.; 43-57”; at least 4 years old
- Low profile backless booster: 40-120 lbs.; 43-57”; at least 4 years old
- No re-thread harness
- 4-recline positions in harness mode
- SnugLock lock-off for easy installation
- Removable armrests for larger children
- Integrated harness storage for booster mode
- 10 year expiration date
- MSRP: $219.99 (LX) & 249.99 (DLX)

**NEW PRODUCTS: COMBINATION SEATS**

**Evenflo Maestro Sport**

- Forward-facing harness: 22-50 lbs.; 28-50”; at least 2 years old
- Belt-positioning booster: 40-110 lbs.; 44-57”; at least 4 years old
- Updated Evenflo Maestro
- 4 harness slots a bit higher than original Maestro
- Red highlighted, slimmer tether
- 6 year expiration date
NEW PRODUCTS: BOOSTER SEATS

Essentials by Britax
Skyline High-Back Booster
- 40-120 lbs.; 38-63”
- 10 position adjustable headrest
- Deep side walls
- Knit fabric
- Narrow width
- 2 optional cup holders
- Lower anchors to secure booster seat in car for added stability and when unoccupied
- 10 year expiration date
- MSRP: $99.99

Britax Highpoint High-Back Booster
- 40-120 lbs.; 38-63”
- 10 position adjustable headrest
- Deep side walls
- Knit fabric
- Adjustable SecureGuard clip to position lap belt
- Lower anchors to secure booster seat in car for added stability and when unoccupied
- 10 year expiration date
- MSRP: $149.99
Harmony Big Boost Deluxe

Harmony Juvenile Products has recalled certain Harmony Big Boost Deluxe booster seats manufactured from 11/1/15-6/24/17. In the event of a crash, the seat belt may cause excessive force to the occupant’s chest and fail to comply with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 213. The remedy for this recall has not been announced. Owners may contact Harmony customer service at 1-877-306-1001. The recall can be found at https://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls/childseat.cfm#mfg_anchor.

2018 Volkswagen Atlas

Volkswagen has recalled certain 2018 Atlas cars with second-row bench seats manufactured from 11/17/16 to 6/5/18. Installing seats with rigid lower anchors or bases wider than 12.6 inches in the center seating position may damage or release the center or adjacent side safety buckle in the car. Owners can contact the dealer for inspection, replacement of buckles as needed, and supplemental owner manual pages on child passenger safety. The recall can be found at https://www.nhtsa.gov/vehicle/2018/VOLKSWAGEN/ATLAS/SUV/AWD#recalls.
2016-2018 Cadillac CT6

Cadillac is recalling over 23,000 CT6 sedans manufactured between 2016 and 2018. Excess adhesive on the lower LATCH anchor may make it difficult for owners to correctly install a child car seat increasing the risk of injury. Owners of recalled vehicles should use the vehicle’s seat belts for car seat installation until the repair is performed. The recall can be found at https://www.nhtsa.gov/recalls?nhtsaId=18V437.
CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY TECHNICIAN TRAININGS

August 9, 10, 13, 14, 2018  Marion County
Riley Hospital for Children
Registration Fee: $85
Contact: Michelle Chappelow, mchappel@iuhealth.org

September 18, 19, 21, 2018  Vanderburgh County
St. Vincent Medical Arts Building
Registration Fee: $85
Contact: Teresa Cooper, tacoooper@ascension.org

September 20, 21, 24, 25, 2018  Marion County
Riley Hospital for Children
Registration Fee: $85
Contact: Michelle Chappelow, mchappel@iuhealth.org

October 11, 12, 15, 16, 2018  Marion County
Eskenazi Hospital
Registration Fee: $85
Contact: Lisa Mark, lisa.mark@sbcglobal.net

October 15, 22, 26, 2018  Daviess County
Daviess Community Hospital
Registration Fee: $85
Contact: Melissa Smith, MSmith2@dchosp.org

RENEWAL COURSE

August 24, 2018  St. Joseph County
Beacon Children’s Hospital
Registration Fee: $85
Contact: Wendy Nash, wendals2226@yahoo.com

CONFERENCE

Kidz in Motion Conference
August 29-September 4, 2018
Broomfield, CO
www.kidzinmotion.org

WEBINAR & CEU OPPORTUNITIES

Understanding Bias: A Guide to Working with Caregivers from Other Cultures (Community Education)
Thursday, October 11, 2018
2:00 PM—3:00 PM EST
https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/5028614622057174530

Safe Travel for All Children (11.5 CEUs)  Marion County
October 24-25, 2018
Riley Outpatient Parking Garage Basement, XE 086
Registration Fee: Free for IN Residents
Contact: Jason Skinner, sasaskin@iu.edu
http://www.preventinjury.org/Training-Dates/Safe-Travel-for-All-Children-Indianapolis,-IN-(2)

FMVSS 213 Side Impact Standard Discussion (1 CEU)
Thursday, December 13, 2018
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM EST
https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/211028558560818435

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