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## Special Needs Update

### The National Center Welcomes New Staff Member

We'd like to introduce Bryanna Lawler, full-time occupational therapist at the National Center for the Safe Transportation of Children with Special Healthcare Needs. After earning a Bachelors of Science degree in Psychology from the University of Evansville, she earned her Masters of Science in Occupational Therapy from the University of Southern Indiana in May 2010. Bryanna comes to our program after working in a long term care facility; she has a true passion for kids and injury prevention, and has the opportunity to prove that on a daily basis at Riley Hospital for Children. She is active in planning and co-teaching the "Safe Travel for All Children" course written by the staff of the National Center, and regularly completes car seat evaluations and OT consults in order to help families transport their children with special needs confidently and safely. In her free time she enjoys gardening, riding her bike, and playing piano. She is also a member of a slow-pitch softball league and loves spending time with family and friends. Welcome, Bryanna!



### EMS Curriculum Revised

Recently, the Power Point Presentation slides for "Improving Occupant Protection for Non-Critical Pediatric Patients in Ambulances: A Training Curriculum for EMS Personnel" were revised based on feedback from instructors in the field. The content of the material has not changed, just the manner in which it is presented. If you have already obtained your curriculum, a revised curriculum will automatically be shipped to you. If you are interested in applying to teach the curriculum, we require that you be a CPST with an EMS background. To obtain the application or for questions, please contact Jody Yoder at [jodyoder@iupui.edu](mailto:jodyoder@iupui.edu).

## Child Safety on Airlines



*AMSAFE child restraints*

The National Center for Safe Transportation of Children with Special Health Care Needs presented an informative talk on airlines, car seats and kids at the Indiana Injury Prevention Conference. Attendees learned about the use of child restraints on aircrafts, challenges, what parents need to know and the future of child restraints for aviation.

Currently, children with special health care needs can travel on airlines in their Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) approved car seat, a CARES restraint, or the Columbia 2000 Therapedic Integrated Positioning System. The CARES restraint can accommodate children from 22-44 pounds. For more information, visit [www.kidsflysafe.com](http://www.kidsflysafe.com). The Columbia 2000 can accommodate children from 20-102 pounds. For more information, visit [www.columbiamedical.com](http://www.columbiamedical.com). AMSAFE has developed two child restraints which are awaiting FAA approval.



*CARES child restraint*

## Upcoming Indianapolis Class “Safe Travel for All Children”

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 Health Care Needs” at Riley Hospital for Children on September 7-8, 2011. 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 August 22, 2011. Please contact Bryanna Lawler at the National Center, 1-800-755-0912 or [blawler@iuhealth.org](mailto:blawler@iuhealth.org) for more details or visit [www.preventinjury.org/trainingOpp.asp](http://www.preventinjury.org/trainingOpp.asp) to see the application form and register online.