Remarkable Turnout for Indianapolis Zoo Clinic

On May 3, 2012, Safe Kids Indiana and the Automotive Safety Program hosted their annual Injury Prevention Conference free car seat clinic at the Indianapolis Zoo. Despite the high heat temperature that evening, an amazing 185 inspections were done and 126 child safety seats provided to families. The clinic drew nearly 100 vehicles and had approximately 115 volunteers, which included technicians, instructors, senior checkers and interpreters.

Not only was the car seat clinic a success, but the Injury Prevention Conference overall drew a fantastic crowd and covered hot topics related to child injury prevention. Attendees were educated on ATV injuries, LATCH system, child passenger safety in other countries, seat belts on school buses, infant safe sleep, transporting children with autism and updates from various car seat manufacturers.

The conference also held its 16th Annual Child Safety Advocate Awards where the following individuals were award recipients:

- Dan Barga of Safe Kids Bartholomew County
- Alice Blakesley of Safe Kids St. Joseph County
- Chief Julie Dijkstra of the Nappanee Police Department
- Katelynne Edge of Lefler Auto and Glass
- Teresa Jones of IU Health Arnett Hospital
- The Automotive Safety Team at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital (Monica Kubick, Jessie Whittenburg and Joanne Anderson)
- Dorel Juvenile Group

Photos of the events and a video of the car seat clinic can be viewed on the Automotive Safety Program’s Facebook page at www.facebook.com.
Making a Difference

Linda Garrity and Patti Day, Hancock Regional Hospital, received the following note from a grateful parent with a large family:

“Thank you so much for all of your time and help checking and installing our children's car seats. I’m so grateful for your wisdom, knowledge and expertise. And I feel so much better knowing the children are as safe as possible. Again, many thanks! Blessings.”

PFS Quarterly Activity

During the second quarter (January – March) of this grant year, Indiana’s network of permanent fitting stations has reported a total of 2,166 inspections and has distributed 764 car seats to children in need. In addition, 49 Project LOVE vouchers have been redeemed.

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

New Permanent Fitting Stations

Please join us in welcoming the following two (2) new sites to Indiana’s network of permanent fitting stations:

- Interlocal Community Action Program Henry County Coordinated by John Pennycuff
- St. Vincent Medical Center Northeast Hamilton County Coordinated by Kathy Molloy

Visit http://www.preventinjury.org/fittingStation.asp for a complete listing of Indiana’s permanent fitting stations.

Please contact Marnita Louzon at mllouzon@iupui.edu or 1.800.543.6227 if you are interested in establishing a permanent fitting station.
**RESEARCH SHOWS LATCH NOT ALWAYS EASY TO USE**

In a recent study by the Insurance Institute of Highway Safety (IIHS) and the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute (UMTRI), only 21 of the 98 top-selling 2010-2011 model passenger vehicles evaluated have LATCH designs that are easy to use. UMTRI researchers reviewed LATCH hardware and back seats in cars, minivans, pickup trucks, station wagons and SUVs. They identified three factors associated with correct lower anchor use: depth, clearance and force. The researchers felt these three factors were good predictors of how well people were able to correctly install child restraints. Vehicles that met the criteria were 19 times more likely to have lower anchors used correctly by the volunteers in the study compared to vehicles that don’t meet any of the criteria. To learn more about this research, visit [http://www.iihs.org/news/rss/pr041212.html](http://www.iihs.org/news/rss/pr041212.html).

**FMVSS 213 NEW RULE TO GO INTO EFFECT IN 2014**

In our spring 2012 newsletter, we mentioned that NHTSA adopted a 10 year old test dummy into the family. This 77 pound dummy will be used for testing CRs intended for children from 65 to 80 pounds, expanding the applicability of FMVSS 213. This new rule will not go into effect until Feb. 27, 2014 because NHTSA has determined that child restraint manufacturers may need a few years to adjust to these new requirements. Since some higher weight harness CRs will not be tested to the CR’s upper limits when installed with lower anchors, NHTSA has further ruled that a consumer warning label must appear on all such CRs regarding the weight limit for using the lower anchors. This label will note the maximum child weight for lower anchor use. The calculation will be done by the CR manufacturer by subtracting the CR weight from 65 pounds. This means that each CR model will have a specific maximum child weight limit for using the lower anchors that’s dependent on the weight of the child restraint. So, the limit for installing a CR with the lower anchors will take into account the combined weight of the child and the CR. More information will be provided in the future as the new rule approaches the effective date of Feb. 27, 2014.

**NEW COURSE FOR INSTRUCTORS TO IMPROVE PUBLIC SPEAKING SKILLS**

A new Instructor Development Course is available through the National Child Passenger Safety Board (NCPSB) for CPST instructors and instructor candidates to provide tools to improve classroom skills. The course is designed to help instructors deliver the NHTSA CPS certification curriculum in an engaging manner and to enhance their skills and abilities to become better public speakers. This is a one to two day class and is ideal for 10-12 individuals enrolled at a time. The first day has seven instructional modules to be taught over eight hours. The second day provides additional instructional practice with CEU opportunities and is optional. To find out more information about the course, please visit [http://www.cpsboard.org/instructordevelopment.htm](http://www.cpsboard.org/instructordevelopment.htm).
PARENT KNOWLEDGE OF AAP GUIDELINES REVEALED IN RECENT SURVEY

More than a year after the most recent AAP guidelines were released, a new report from AAA revealed that over 90 percent of parents and caregivers with a child under the age of 13 reported being aware of the guidelines. AAA’s marketing research department conducted a telephone survey using a national probability sample of 3,052 U.S. adults, with 546 qualifying as parents of children under 13 years old. One in three, or 35 percent of parents and caregivers changed the way their children rode in the car. According to the report, much of the advice was heard from the child’s pediatrician or through news reports. The survey revealed that 85 percent of the parents and caregivers who did not make any changes based on the recommendations stated this was due to the fact that no changes were necessary as they were already meeting or exceeding the recommendations. You can read more about the report at http://newsroom.aaa.com/2012/03/aaa-survey-reveals-%e2%80%9cboost%e2%80%9d-in-car-seat-compliance/.

NHTSA DELAYS RULE ON REAR VISIBILITY

According to KidsAndCars.org, every week in the U.S. an average of two children die and 48 others are injured in vehicle backover accidents. A final rule was expected in February concerning the requirement to have rearview cameras in all passenger vehicles by 2014 as part of the Cameron Gulbransen Kids Transportation Safety Act. However, the Department of Transportation (DOT) instead announced that NHTSA would not release the final rule until the end of 2012. Over 45 percent of 2012 vehicle models already come standard with rearview cameras.

This and That!

⇒ The CPS Board has two resources available for the child passenger safety community. The first is a technician outreach kit which features an adaptable module for making 15-, 30-, and 45-minute presentations on occupant protection. The module is designed for the presenter to explain key information as the participants read along from a packet of handouts. You can find this kit at http://www.cpsboard.org/techoutreach.htm. The other resource is an awareness guide for professionals. These guides are tailored to four professions: childcare, fire and rescue, law enforcement and healthcare professionals. The guides are adapted from the “Operation Kids – Next Generation” class materials. The guides can be accessed at http://www.cpsboard.org/awareness.htm.

⇒ Last year, Ford introduced their new inflatable seat belts in the 2011 Ford Explorer models. Many car seat manufacturers do not allow their child restraints to be installed in a vehicle with inflatable seat belts and others have stipulations about installation of their child restraints. As of June 1, 2012, a new child restraint manufacturer list has been made available to reflect any recent changes. To review this list, please visit http://sk.convio.net/site/DocServer/Inflatable_Seat_Belt_Policy_MFG_6_1_2012R.pdf?docID=27181.
Recently, NHTSA announced the launch of its PSA campaign promoting child passenger safety. The new campaign includes an updated website called Parents Central, developed in partnership with the Ad Council. The site has new graphics, videos and other information targeted to parents and caregivers of children from infants to 12 years old. The site can be accessed by visiting http://www.safercar.gov/parents/.

SafetyBeltSafe USA’s Manufacturer’s Child Restraint Instructions DVD is now available. You can find ordering information on their website at http://carseat.org/. The DVD can be loaded onto a personal computer or tablet as long as your device can read PDF’s.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) recently developed a new website with online information for parents and caregivers. You can access the website at http://www.faa.gov/passengers/fly_children/. The site provides information about how to keep children safe when traveling by air.

Visit https://www.usaaedfoundation.org/Safety/safety_544_child_safety_seats to review and order the updated “Installing Child Safety Seats” publication from the USAA Educational Foundation. The publication is free and you can order as many copies as you need.

NHTSA has launched a Spanish CPS public service advertising campaign at http://www.safercar.gov/parents/protegidos/index.htm. The website contains how-to videos on installation, a link to NHTSA’s car seat ease-of-use ratings, educational materials on car seat use and selection, and where to get local help from Certified CPSTs.

Participate in the Britax Advocate Feedback Sweepstakes for your chance to win a Britax product of your choice. For each Britax product installation you check at an event or clinic, you can log the information into the Britax Advocate Extranet for a chance to win. Each month, a drawing will be conducted for the entries submitted each month. You can access the Britax Advocate Extranet by logging into your profile on cert.safekids.org, scrolling down to “Action Items” and selecting “Online CEUs,” and then option 3.
NEW PRODUCTS

Chicco Keyfit® 30 Magic™

- Rear-facing: 4-30 lbs.
- Height: Up to 30 in.
- Only available at Babies-R-Us
- Reversible infant insert
- Large canopy with zip-out and extendable mesh panel
- Seat interior lined with EPS energy absorbing foam
- Five-position, spring assist leveling foot
- MSRP: $199.99
- www.chiccouusa.com

Evenflo SureRide

- Coming soon in 2012
- Rear-facing: 4-40 lbs.
- Forward facing: 22-65 lbs.
- 6 harness positions for better fit
- 1 recline position
- 18 in. wide
- 26.5 in. tall
- www.evenflo.com
Kiddy Cruiserfix Pro

- Belt positioning booster from 33-100 lbs.
- Side impact performance
- Integrated diagonal belt guide
- Kiddy Shock Absorber (KSA)
- Kiddy k-fix connectors
- Extendable and elevated leg extension
- MSRP: approximately $250.00
- www.kiddyusa.com

Kiddy World Plus

- Has energy absorbing protection shield for use with children 22-40 lbs.
- Booster mode (without shield) for children 40-110 lbs.
- Side impact protection
- Integrated shoulder belt guides
- Adjustable head rest
- Approved for use on an airplane
- MSRP: $269.00
- www.kiddyusa.com
NEW PRODUCTS (CONT’)

Teutonia/Graco t-tario 35

- Children weighing 5-35 lbs.
- Height up to 35 in.
- 180 degree rotating canopy
- One-hand adjustment dial
- Canopy and exterior fabric offer UV 50+ protection and are water resistant
- Retail price: $225.00
- www.teutoniausa.com

RECALLS

Dorel Juvenile Group — Models: onboard 35 (IC124FSM) and Comfy Carry (IC123FSM)

- Manufactured May, 2011 — April, 2012
- Applies to models sold without the separate seat base that contains the required LATCH attachment assembly. Without the LATCH assembly, these units fail to conform to the requirements of FMVSS 213, “Child Restraint Systems.”
- Without the LATCH system, the seat may be more difficult to properly secure and in the event of a vehicle crash, the child may not be adequately protected and is at an increased risk for injury.
- Dorel Juvenile Group will notify registered owners and distributors. Bases which include LATCH systems will be provided at no cost to all those who verify they have the affected units.
- Non-registered owners should contact Dorel Juvenile Group at 1-877-416-8111 or by email at infantlatchrecall@djgusa.com. Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration’s vehicle safety hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.
2012 Child Passenger Safety Technician (CPST) Refresher Courses
Wednesday, July 11, 2012
Greenwood Community High School Auditorium
Greenwood, IN
8:30 am to 5:00 pm (EST)  Cost: Free
Contact: April Brooks/Marnita Louzon (317) 944-2977

Tuesday, August 7, 2012
Harrison County Hospital—Baumgart Room
Corydon, IN
8:30 am to 5:00 pm (EST)  Cost: Free
Contact: April Brooks/Marnita Louzon (317) 944-2977

NHTSA Child Passenger Safety Technician Trainings
July 19-20/26-27, 2012
Mishawaka Fire Department - Mishawaka, IN
Cost: $75
Contact: Timothy Williams - (574) 258-1678
twilliams2@mishawaka.in.gov

August 14-15/21-22, 2012
Kids Place - Scottsburg, IN
Cost: $75
Contact: Christina Hughes - (812) 522-0435
chughes@schneckmed.org

August 27-30, 2012
Collision Cure - Kokomo, IN
Cost: $75
Contact: Sherifatu Walton - (317) 221-3145
swalton@hhcorp.org

Webinars
August 1, 2012
Safe Kids and State Farm Present:
The Front Center Airbag from General Motors
2 pm - 3 pm ET — CPS CEUs available: 1
(CHES/MCHES credit is also available)
Cost: Free / Pre-registration is required
For more information: http://bit.ly/CPSAug1

September 12, 2012
Safe Kids and State Farm Present:
CR Manufacturer Update: Recaro
1 pm - 2 pm ET — CPS CEUs available: 1
(CHES/MCHES credit is also available)
Cost: Free / Pre-registration is required
For more information: http://bit.ly/2012-9-12-Recaro

8th Annual Kidz In Motion (KIM) Conference
August 15-18, 2012
The Omni at ChampionsGate Hotel
ChampionsGate, FL (Just SW of Orlando, FL)
National Conference Dedicated to
Child Passenger Safety Professionals
www.kidzinmotion.org

National Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Week
September 16-22, 2012

National Seat Check Saturday
September 22, 2012

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