National Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Week, September 18-24, 2016 was a huge success with a total of 23 clinics statewide. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of all the child passenger safety technicians during CPS Week, there were together several hundred inspections done and car seats distributed in Indiana this year.

On September 20th, the Automotive Safety Program partnered with Franciscan St. Francis Health to host a successful car seat clinic at St. Francis Hospital in Indianapolis. The clinic had over 61 inspections and distributed 42 car seats to families in need. This annual clinic in Indianapolis always draws a great crowd, mostly due to the local media coverage and word of mouth.

A special “thank you” goes out to all the technicians who worked National CPS Week clinics this year and to the clinic coordinators who worked diligently to put together a clinic for their community. The following agencies hosted a CPS Week clinic this year:

- Cass County Health Department
- Central Indiana Mothers, Inc.
- Crown Point Volunteer Fire Dept.
- Family Service Association
- Franciscan St. Francis Health
- Franciscan St. Margaret Health – Dyer
- Franciscan St. Margaret Health – Hammond
- Healthy Communities of Clinton County
- IU Health West
- Jefferson County Health Dept.
- Little Lambs of Evansville
- Memorial Children’s Hospital of South Bend
- Northshore Health Centers
- Riley Hospital for Children at IU Health
- Riley Physicians
- Safe Kids Allen County
- Safe Kids of Delaware County
- Safe Kids Elkhart County
- SCAN, Inc.
- South Bend Fire Central
- St. Vincent Dunn Hospital
- Town of Walkerton
- Vanderburgh Sheriff’s Department

Please consider hosting a CPS Week clinic next year. The 2017 CPS Week dates will be announced in the Automotive Safety Program newsletter in March.
As of August 12, Pennsylvania became the fourth state in the U.S. to adopt a law that requires children to rear face until the age of two. The other three states with this law are California, New Jersey, and Oklahoma. This law in Pennsylvania requires the child stay rear facing until age two, unless he/she has outgrown the maximum height and weight limits the CR manufacturer has set for rear-facing use. This law applies to passenger cars, pick-up trucks, antique vehicles, and motor homes. For the first year, police officers can give a verbal warning to drivers who violate this law. After the first year, violators could receive a $75 fine.

There is a new standard feature on the 2017 GMC Acadia called the “Rear Seat Reminder,” which is designed to alert the driver if there is a child left in the vehicle. The reminder to the driver is based on usage of rear doors as an indication that there may be something or someone in the rear seat. The system does not directly detect objects in the rear seat, but it does detect when a rear door is opened and closed. The “Rear Seat Reminder” is intended to activate when a rear door is opened while the vehicle is turned on our up to 10 minutes before the vehicle is turned on. After the vehicle is turned off, then an audial and visual cue will activate. The audial cue is a chime that goes off five times and then it is accompanied by a visual cue on the dashboard that says “Rear Seat Reminder, Look in Rear Seat.” The customer has the option to have this feature turned off after they purchase the vehicle.
Each year, the National CPS Board sponsors the CPS Technician and Instructor of the Year awards, and they are currently taking nominations until November 18, 2016. This award recognizes outstanding CPS contributions and honors the men and women who dedicate their time and skills to ensure children are transported safely in the U.S. Each winner is awarded $500 and the award is presented at the annual Lifesavers Conference. To be eligible, all individuals must be a currently certified CPS technician or instructor during the full review period. For the Child Passenger Safety Technician of the Year, the individual must be a currently certified CPST who shows extraordinary dedication to and support of CPS programs and activities during the year. This individual should support their local, state and/or national level CPS program(s) including car seat check-up events and other educational programs. This individual should successfully educate caregivers on how to transport their children safely based on NHTSA best practices. The Child Passenger Safety Technician Instructor of the Year needs to have the same qualifications as the CPST of the year, but additionally, should actively seek updates on new and emerging technologies and information. Also, they should demonstrate their dedication to the National CPS certification program by their participation in training activities. They should show exemplary teaching skills and serve as a resource to students and CPSTs in their area. You can find the 2017 nomination form by visiting, http://cpsboard.org/award-nominations/.

According to NHTSA, driver behavior contributes to 94 out of every 100 traffic crashes in the U.S. NHTSA’s Traffic Safety Marketing has a new campaign targeted toward fatigued and drowsy driving. The campaign includes self-assessment tools, one to consider overall driving behavior and the other to assess the tendency of excessive daytime sleepiness. The materials will emphasize the importance of healthy sleep habits. You can view these materials on TSM’s website at http://trafficsafety.org/drivesafelyworkweek/. Also, their site has been redesigned to offer an upgraded search engine functionality, increased material availability, and web mobile friendliness. You can see the new look by visiting their website at https://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/.
The Children’s Safety Network recently created an infographic that focuses on disparities in child passenger deaths and offers prevention strategies. This infographic shows that motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for children, which is broken down simply for people to see the statistics. According to the infographic, from 2010-2014, there are 343 child passengers who die each year. Of those 343 child passengers, 115 are children from 0 to 4 years old, 100 children are between 5 and 9 years, and 128 are 10-14 years old. When broken down by ethnicity, the infographic shows that 261 children are white, 80 are Hispanic/Latino, 60 are black, 10 are American Indian/Alaskan Native, and 7 are Pacific Islander. The infographic also shows that children in rural areas are 2 to 5 times more likely to be seriously/fatally injured in a crash than urban areas. You can download the infographic and find more information by visiting https://www.childrenssafetynetwork.org/infographics/cps-disparities.

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RESEARCH

⇒ NHTSA recently released several reports covering various issues related to motor vehicles. The following reports are available for review:

◊ 2014 Traffic Safety Fact Sheet: Passenger Vehicles – This report notes that 21,022 passenger vehicle occupants were killed in traffic crashes and an estimated 2.07 million passengers were injured in 2014. According to the report, a passenger vehicle is defined as motor vehicles weighing less than 10,000 pounds and include passenger cars and light trucks (SUV’s, pick-up trucks, vans and other light trucks). In 2014, 81 percent of passenger vehicle occupants who were ejected from a vehicle in fatal crashes were killed. According to the report, in 2014, there were a total of 497 passenger vehicle fatalities in Indiana. You can find more information by reading the report at, file:///C:/Users/apbrooks/Downloads/2014%20Traffic%20Safety%20Fact%20Sheet%20PASSENGER%20VEHICLES.pdf.

◊ 2014 Traffic Safety Fact Sheet: Motorcycles – There were 4,586 motorcyclists killed in 2014, with Indiana having 110 of those fatalities. A motorcycle is defined as two- or three-wheeled motorcycles, off-road motorcycles, mopeds, scooters, pocket bikes, and mini bikes. In this report, it states that NHTSA estimates that helmets saved 1,669 motorcyclists’ lives in 2014, and that 660 more could have been saved if all the motorcyclists had worn helmets. This report can be found at, file:///C:/Users/apbrooks/Downloads/2014%20Traffic%20Safety%20Factsheet%20MOTORCYCLES%20(1).pdf.

◊ Research Note: 2014 Motor Vehicle Crashes: Overview – According to this report, in 2014 there were 32,675 people killed in motor vehicle crashes on roadways, down from 32,894 in 2013. The report notes that there has been a general decline in fatalities since 2016, except for a slight increase in 2012. In Indiana, there were 746 total fatalities in 2014, with 205 of them being alcohol impaired driving fatalities. You can read this report by visiting, https://crashstats.nhtsa.dot.gov/Api/Public/ViewPublication/812246.

◊ Research Note: Seat Belt Use in 2015 – Overall Results – This 2015 research is a result of the National Occupant Protection Use Survey (NOPUS), which is the only survey that provides nationwide probability-based observed data on seat belt use in the U.S. NOPUS is conducted annually by the National Center for Statistics and Analysis of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The report notes that seat belt use has shown an increasing trend since 2000. You can read more about this research by visiting, https://crashstats.nhtsa.dot.gov/Api/Public/ViewPublication/812243.

◊ Non-Traffic Surveillance: Fatality and Injury Statistics in Non-Traffic Crashes, 2012 to 2014 – A non-traffic crash is a class of crashes that occur off the public traffic ways. They are mostly single vehicle crashes on private roads, two-vehicle crashes in parking facilities, or crashes with pedestrians in driveway. The report notes that there was an average of 1,898 people killed each year in non-traffic motor vehicle crashes during the 3 year period of 2012 to 2014. An estimated total of 277,000 people were injured in non-traffic crashes. This report can be found at, file:///C:/Users/apbrooks/Downloads/812311%20(1).pdf.

◊ Traffic Safety Fact Sheet: Large Trucks – According to this report, a large truck is defined as any medium or heavy truck, which excludes buses and motor homes, and has a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) greater than 10,000 pounds. In 2014, there were 3,903 people killed and an estimated 111,000 people injured in crashes involving large trucks. Of the fatalities in 2014, 73 percent were occupants of other vehicles, 17 percent were occupants of large trucks, and 10 percent were nonoccupants (pedestrians, pedalcyclists, etc.). You can find this report by visiting, https://crashstats.nhtsa.dot.gov/Api/Public/ViewPublication/812279.

Photo courtesy of: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)
According to a recent report in *Academic Pediatrics*, from 1990 to 2010, an estimated 360,937 of children aged five years or younger were treated in emergency rooms for stroller- or carrier-related injuries, which is an average of 17,187 annually. The report notes that for the stroller related injuries, the patients were mostly male and younger than one year of age, and the head and face were the most common injuries. The report concludes that stroller- and carrier-related injuries, specifically those resulting from tip-overs and falls from the product are important sources of injury for children five years of age and younger. To read this report, you can find it at [http://www.academicpedsjnl.net/article/S1876-2859(16)30361-8/pdf](http://www.academicpedsjnl.net/article/S1876-2859(16)30361-8/pdf).
NEW PRODUCTS

4 Moms Self Installing Rear-Facing Only
- Rear-facing: 4-30 lbs. and up to 32 in.
- 4 Moms app required for auto installation software
- Auto levels and auto tensions
- Verified installation every time carrier is connected
- Monitors continuously with 20 sensors to ensure correct installation
- 8 position adjustable headrest with no re-thread harness
- Side impact protection
- Extreme weather tested
- Certified for aircraft use
- 8 D cell batteries included and designed to last use of seat with one child
- Can be manually installed
- Machine washable fabric
- Available in black or gray
- MSRP: $499.99
- [https://www.4moms.com/carseat](https://www.4moms.com/carseat)

Baby Jogger City Go Rear-Facing Only
- Rear-facing: 4-35 lbs. and up to 32 in.
- 6 position adjustable base
- No re-thread harness
- “Taxi-Safe” European belt path
- Integrated seat belt lock-off
- Attaches to Baby Jogger stroller
- Side impact tested
- MSRP: $229.99
- [www.babyjogger.com](http://www.babyjogger.com)
NEW PRODUCTS (CONT’D)

Baby Trend Secure Snap Fit 35 Rear-Facing Only
- Rear-facing: 5-35 lbs. and up to 32 in.
- 4 recline positions
- No re-thread harness
- Removable 4 piece grow-with-me insert
- Integrated seat belt lock-off
- 4 position push button height adjustment base
- Dual-level angle indicator
- Side impact head protection
- Easy push button latch connectors
- Multi-grip carrying handle
- Boot to provide extra warmth and comfort
- MSRP: $159.99
- www.babytrend.com

Baby Trend PROtect Elite Convertible
- Rear-facing without headrest: 5-22 lbs and up to 50 in.
- Rear-facing with headrest: 5-40 lbs. and up to 50 in.
- Forward-facing: 23-65 lbs. and up to 50 in.
- Removable headrest for smaller vehicles
- Seat belt lock-off for both RF and FF installation
- EZ Off-N-Wash pad that snaps off
- No-rethread harness
- Patented side impact head control
- 5-position recline base
- 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
- Two cup holders
- MSRP: $179.99
- www.babytrend.com
NEW PRODUCTS (CONT’D)

**Graco SlimFit All-in-One**
- Rear-facing: 5-40 lbs.
- Forward-facing: 22-65 lbs.
- Highback booster: 30-100 lbs.
- 4 position recline
- 10 position harness and headrest adjustment
- No re-thread harness
- Integrated harness storage compartment
- Rotating cup holders make seat 10% slimmer
- Side impacted crash tested
- Washable seat cover
- 10 year expiration date
- MSRP: $229.99
- [www.gracobaby.com](http://www.gracobaby.com)

**Baby Trend Yumi 2-in1 Booster**
- Highback Booster: 30-100 lbs. and at least age 3
- Backless Booster: 40-100 lbs. and at least age 3
- 8 position height adjustment headrest
- Patented side impact head protection
- 3 position shoulder belt adjustment shoulder belt guide
- Deep contoured energy absorbing headrest
- Two cup holders
- Flip-up armrests
- EZ Off-N-Wash padding
- Folds for easy transport and storage
- MSRP: $79.99
- [www.babytrend.com](http://www.babytrend.com)
Baby Jogger, LLC (Baby Jogger) - Models: City GO infant child restraints, City GO base for infant child restraints, City Mini infant child restraint/stroller travel systems, and Vue Lite infant child restraint/stroller travel systems

- Affected model numbers include: City GO infant child restraints: BJ64510 and BJ64529; City GO base for infant child restraint: BJ80400 and BJ61500; City Mini infant child restraint/stroller travel system: BJ72510; and Vue Lite Infant child restraint/stroller travel systems: BJ70411, BJ70424, and BJ70431.

- Manufacture dates: Between November 3, 2014 and April 30, 2015

- The affected child restraints have information on the labels, instruction manual, and registration card that is either the wrong size, has an incorrect background color, or is in the incorrect order or is missing.

- As such, these seats fail to comply with the requirements of the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard number 213, “Child Restraint Systems.”

- Missing information, undersized text, lack of capitalization and warnings in an incorrect order may affect the consumer’s understanding on the proper use of the infant car seat, increasing the risk of injury to the child in the event of a crash.

- Baby Jogger will notify registered owners and will provide a free replacement infant car seat.

- Owners may contact Baby Jogger toll-free at 1-800-241-1848.
Recalls (cont’d)

Combi USA, Inc. (Combi) Model: Coccoro convertible child restraints

- Affected model number includes: 8220
- Manufacture dates: Between January 1, 2009 and June 29, 2016
- When installed forward facing with a vehicle lap belt, the car seat may not absorb an adequate amount of force in a crash, resulting in the force being transmitted to the car seat occupant.
- In the event of a crash, the seat occupant is at an increased risk of injury.
- As such, these child seats fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 213, “Child Restraint Systems.”
- Combi will notify owners, and provide them with a cover to be added to the bottom of the seat, free of charge.
- Owners may contact Combi customer service at 1-888-232-3294 or by going to http://registration.combiusa.com/recall.
- Combi’s number for this recall is 610.
- This recall does not affect the car seat when installed rear-facing.
**Evenflo Company, Inc. (Evenflo)** Model: Evolve 3-in-1 combination booster seats

- Affected model numbers include: 34411700 and 34411741
- The affected seats have a button for adjusting the harness tightness.
- The child in the seat can access this button and loosen the harness without the caregiver’s knowledge.
- If the child is able to loosen the harness, they may not be properly secured in the event of a crash, increasing their risk of injury.
- Evenflo will notify the registered owners, and will provide a remedy kit with a replacement harness adjustment button, free of charge.
- Owners may contact Evenflo at [www.evolve.evenflo.com](http://www.evolve.evenflo.com) or 1-800-233-5921.
Graco Children’s Products, Inc. (Graco) Model: Milestone All-in-One child restraints

- Affected model number includes: 1910130, 1923980, 1926538, and 1926539
- Manufacture dates: Between July 2015 and October 2015
- The affected child seats have labels that are missing the required phrase, “Secure this child restraint with the vehicle’s child restraint anchorage system (LATCH) if available or with a vehicle belt.”
- An improperly secured child seat may increase the risk of injury in the event of a crash.
- Graco will notify owners and provide them with new labels that contain all of the required information, free of charge.
- Owners may contact Graco customer service at 1-800-345-4109.
NHTSA Child Passenger Safety Technician Trainings

October 13-14/21-22, 2016
ST. JOSEPH COUNTY
Mishawaka Fire Station
3000 Harrison Road
Mishawaka, IN 46544
Cost: $85
Contact: Wendy Nash, 574-647-1804
Wendals2226@yahoo.com

October 15-16/22-23, 2016
MARION COUNTY
Indianapolis Black Firefighter’s Association
1201 E. 46th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46205
Cost: $85
Contact: Pamela Williams, 317-796-7691
prwill14@aol.com

October 18-20, 2016
VANDERBURGH COUNTY
St. Mary’s Hospital for Women & Children
GIFT Room, 1st Floor Lobby, 3700 Washington Avenue
Evansville, IN 47715
Cost: $85
Contact: Terry Cooper, 812-485-6016
jbohde1@comcast.net

October 22-23/29-30, 2016
VIGO COUNTY
Riley Fire Department
6633 S. State Road 159
Terre Haute, IN 47802
Cost: $85
Contact: Kevin Murphy, 812-894-3610
kevinmurphy@vigoountyfire.com

November 3-4/11-12, 2016
ST. JOSEPH COUNTY
Lutheran EMS Kosciusko County
34 E. Armstrong Road
Leesburg, IN 46538
Cost: $85
Contact: Wendy Nash, 574-647-1804
Wendals2226@yahoo.com

NHTSA Child Passenger Safety Technician Renewal Course

October 15, 2016
MARION COUNTY
Indianapolis Black Firefighter’s Association
1201 E. 46th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46205
Cost: $85
Contact: Nina Powell, 317-225-3384
nina.powell@indy.gov

Webinars

Tuesday, October 18, 2016
The CPS Board and Our Resources
1 pm – 1:30 pm ET
CPS CEUs available: 0 (**Not eligible for CPS CEUs but is eligible for 30 minutes for the Community Education requirement)
Register: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8852537927626353668

Thursday, October 27, 2016
Recalls 102: What goes in to a recall?
1 pm – 2:00 pm ET
CPS CEUs available: 1 (CHES/MCHES credit is also available)
Register: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/687566439904468225

2017 Lifesavers Conference
March 26-28, 2017
Charlotte Convention Center — Charlotte, NC
National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities
www.lifesaversconference.org

13th Annual Kidz In Motion (KIM) Conference
August 30 — September 2, 2017
Omni Interlocken Hotel — Broomfield, CO
National Conference Dedicated to
Child Passenger Safety Professionals
www.kidzinmotion.org

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