

Teen Traffic Safety Workshops (as of 3/7/16)

First Know Your Community: Qualitative Approaches for Strategic Program Planning

This interactive workshop provides participants with basic skills to conduct a simple qualitative program assessment modeled after recent work conducted in Pennsylvania. In 2015, a series of community assessments were conducted to explore teen driver safety outreach program dissemination and implementation. Learn about the qualitative assessment strategies used to gather community stakeholders' perspectives on issues facing teen drivers and their perceived impact of driver safety programs on teens and how this information will be used to develop a strategic evaluation plan for teen driver safety programming. One key learning from this project was the need for programs to better leverage community connections and coalitions. Hear from a local PA traffic safety organization that is successfully partnering to further the goals of its teen driver safety initiative.

Distracted Driving Partnerships Between Local Organizations & School-based Peer-led Programs

Learn how local grassroots organizations such as law enforcement and health care systems are partnering with peer-led groups to bring traffic safety programs to local schools and youth programs into the community. Who found who and how? Hear from youth leaders and their community partners.

Rethinking How We Train & Assess Young Novice Drivers

The U.S. has begun to implement national standards for classroom, on-road and on-line driver education and training. Can we also improve how we assess whether a new driver has the necessary skills to not crash? Learn about NHTSA-recognized standards for today's driver ed, a recent evaluation of driver ed in Nebraska, as well as assessment strategies including validated simulator software and hazard anticipation testing.

Implementing Effective Parent-Involved Teen Driving Programs

Programs that empower parents with awareness of the graduated driver licensing process and the critical role of supervised practice driving, along with actionable tools, should be a critical component of every state's teen driver safety strategy. We'll first explore what elements are considered to be essential for these programs to be effective at better supporting parents to decrease teen crash risk. Attendees will hear how two community-based programs find and engage parents. CheckPoints, a parent-teen driving agreement program, has been exploring various pathways (driver education, website promotion, primary care providers) to determine the most effective way to reach parents. Oregon's Trauma Nurses Talk Tough engages parents through health system mailing lists and by partnering with driver education schools and insurers.

Class is in Session: Innovative School Policies that Support Teen Driver Safety

Teens spend a significant amount of time at school. This session provides an overview of school-based policies and interventions aimed at reducing teen driver crash risk, such as later school start times, school resource officer involvement, and peer-to-peer programming efforts. Hear from experts and school-based advocates about opportunities to positively influence teen drivers and the challenges associated with implementing school-based policies and programs.

Reinvigorating GDL Advocacy

Strategic planning for legislative advocacy is critical for the successful enactment and implementation of stronger GDL policy. Learn the outcomes of a recent symposium of experts and stakeholders that prioritized GDL components mostly likely to pass and make a significant difference in teen driver safety and that identified key steps in implementing these components. Get a state legislator's perspective on how to overcome GDL "fatigue." Then learn about a GDL Planning Resource that is being developed to help state agencies responsible for GDL and state-based advocates in their future efforts to improve teen driver safety.

Roadworthy Cars & Teens: Optimizing a Vehicle's Safety for Teen Drivers

Teen driver safety programs often focus on teen driver behavior and correcting unsafe driving practices, but the vehicle also plays a crucial role in teen driver safety. You will learn about existing and new vehicle features and maintenance practices that can help teens drive more safely and keep them safe if things go wrong. The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety will discuss the factors that influence which vehicles parents purchase for their teens and the safest yet affordable vehicles that parents can buy now. Michelin will describe how vehicle tires contribute to safety, and their Beyond the Driving Test program that equips teen drivers with the knowledge and resources to make sure their vehicle tires are roadworthy. Finally, General Motors will discuss their latest vehicle technology aimed at teen drivers, and how feedback from the new Teen Driver System can help teens drive more safely.

Wisdom from Youth: Life After Traffic Court

Teens that have already been in crashes or been cited for speeding, DUI, and other traffic offenses are at high risk for future crashes and citations. Youth who are participating in a local traffic safety diversion programs will share their stories and discuss their plans for a positive path forward and what they wish they might have done differently. From this, learn ways to better prepare and motivate youth who are just beginning to drive and also intervene after they some have had a crash or citation.