

Teen Traffic Safety (as of 2/18/17)

Leveraging the Youth Voice to Promote Teen Traffic Safety

Want to make inroads in traffic safety? Try enlisting teens to help. Attend this session to learn from youth how they are using their voice to increase their peers' traffic safety knowledge and advocate for safer travel for all road users. You will see youth leadership in action and connect with national youth organizations that are in your community.

Now Trending: A Fresh Look at Driver Ed

Recent studies showing that teens who complete driver education are less likely to crash and receive a ticket has sparked a renewed interest in training. Explore current trends in driver education including lesson plans that teach teens how to interact with law enforcement and use new vehicle safety technologies and how agencies are integrating driver education and graduated driver license (GDL) systems and working to keep in step with recently-revised National Driver Education Standards.

Tools & Tactics to Help Novice Drivers with Special Challenges

There is an increasing number of people with high-functioning neuro-diverse conditions, such as Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), who transition from adolescence to adulthood each year. Figuring out how to maximize safe mobility is key to their independence and quality of life. So why should traffic safety professionals care about this? You'll delve into new research on licensure and crash rates among this population and understand why these youth need to be on your radar. You'll also learn how drivers with these conditions cognitively process their environment differently and how to use this information to modify driver training and other efforts to help them be safe drivers. Tools and apps developed to support this special population will also be discussed.

Out of Bounds: Older Novice Drivers' Crash Risk & Solutions

An estimated one in three teens are not licensed by age 18 which means they're outside the protective bounds of most state graduated driver licensing (GDL) and driver education requirements, despite still having a high crash risk. Examine the latest research on older novice drivers; explore what a GDL program designed for older novice drivers might look like to positively impact crash and injury prevention; and discuss what laws and programs states are exploring or have implemented to protect older teens.

Light the Fire: How to Reach & Engage Parents of Novice Drivers

Parents play a critical role in the safety of novice teen drivers, but we're challenged on how to spark their interest and keep those fires stoked. It's essential to find ways to engage and motivate parents during the learning-to-drive process. Learn about the latest efforts by states to increase parental involvement, the effects of parent "orientation sessions," and how to best motivate parents to be good supervisors and mentors for their new teen drivers.

The Night Is Dark & Full of Terrors: Teens & Nighttime Driving Risks

More than half of teen crashes occur after dark. Why is nighttime so dangerous for novice drivers? Hear the latest research on nighttime risk factors for novice teen drivers, including drowsiness, impairment, and low-visibility conditions, as well as exposure to other potentially drowsy/impaired drivers. Learn about state nighttime driving restrictions, including how they could be improved, and successful approaches to address teen impaired driving crashes.

Fine-Tuning Your Message to Get Action on Young Driver Safety Policies

While all states have a graduated driver licensing (GDL) system for novice teen drivers, not all GDL systems are equal. Most states can reduce their teen driver crash rates by improving specific GDL provisions such as those that restrict nighttime driving and require longer learner periods. Learn how to frame these issues for legislators, and how to develop a grass-roots, coalition-led effort to promote change. Hear from a coalition that used this approach to strengthen their state's GDL law.

Brag, Borrow or Steal: Community Partnerships That Work

Here is your chance to learn from the best who have developed effective community-based partnerships that are reducing teen driver crashes! Yes, you'll not only learn what they did, but how they did it in a rapid fire session that is sure to get your creative juices flowing. Using a roundtable approach to foster conversation and sharing, you'll hear about a variety of programs that you're welcome to borrow or steal.