Preparring for the RHODE Ahead

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Graduated Driver Licensing

Associated 38% and 40% reductions in fatal and injury crashes, respectively, among 16 year old drivers.

- Longer practice periods
- Limits driving under high risk conditions
- Requires greater participation of parents
SUPERVISED PRACTICE DRIVING
At least 50 hours (including 10 at night) of certified driving practice.

PASSENGER RESTRICTIONS
No more than 1 non-family passenger under age 20 for at least first 6 months of licensure.

NIGHTTIME DRIVING RESTRICTIONS
No driving between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. for at least first 6 months of licensure.

TEEN WIRELESS BAN
Complete wireless device bans for all drivers under age 18.

AAA TeenDriving.AAA.com
Related Strategies to Reduce Teen Driving Injuries/Fatalities

• Enforcement

• In-Vehicle Technology

• Parent/Guardian Involvement
A 16- or 17-year-old driver’s risk of being killed in a crash

**QUADRUPLES**
When 3+ passengers younger than 21 are in the vehicle

**DOUBLES**
When 2 passengers younger than 21 are in the vehicle

**INCREASES 44%**
When 1 passenger younger than 21 is in the vehicle

**DECREASES 62%**
When an adult age 35+ is in the vehicle

“Teen Driver Risk in Relation to Age and Number of Passengers”, AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety, 2012
Parents as Educators and Enforcers

- Risky driving, violations and crashes are lowest among teens whose parents apply restrictions.

- Yet, gaps in parental knowledge exist
Driver Education: Parent Classes

State Requirements

- Minnesota
  - 90-minute class or 10 additional hours of supervised driving
- Massachusetts
  - 2-hour class
- Rhode Island
  - Online or classroom course
- Connecticut
  - 2-hour class
- Virginia
  - (Planning District 8)
  - 90-minute class
Connecticut

• Mandatory Parent Class since 2007
  ▪ Two-hour class for parents and teens together
  ▪ Typical class size: 5-10 people
  ▪ Price for parents bundled with teen program
Massachusetts

- Mandatory Parent Class since 2006
  - Two-hour class for parents of teens
  - Typical class size: 15-20 people
  - Price for parents bundled with drivers ed package
Rhode Island

- Hard-fought legislative victory in 2017
- Mandatory parent class now a state requirement

1. Free to parents
2. Classroom delivery
3. Online Offering
   - Desktop
   - Tablet
   - Mobile
4. Statewide locations
5. 90 minute duration
6. Curriculum requirements
   - Approved by Board of Ed
   - GDL Overview
   - DMV Oversight

- Target delivery date: June, 2018
Desired Outcome from RI Program

1. Mandatory for parents of all 16-17 year old’s
2. Repeated contact with parents
3. Clear guidelines for parent action
4. Standardized program delivery
5. Competent corps of program facilitators
6. Thoughtfully developed curriculum, grounded in research
7. Ongoing course evaluation
Learn the Facts  AAA  Know the Risks

TEEN DRIVER SAFETY

WHAT PARENTS CAN DO

- Commit to being active in the learning-to-drive process and to setting a good example behind the wheel.
- Get Ready — sign-up for AAA’s online StartSmart program, which provides all the info you’ll need to get started.
- Enroll your teen in a quality driver education program.
- Enforce Graduated Driver Licensing provisions at home.
- Sign a parent-teen driving agreement.
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