TEEN TRAFFIC SAFETY as of 1/19/2020

GDL Town Hall
Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL) is chiefly implemented and enforced by parents of teens. With parent engagement, even the best GDL law would face significant limitations. As many parents lack awareness of GDL or struggle to apply GDL rules, states, communities, and other organizations are pro-actively working to bring parents up to speed. At this town hall, learn about impactful examples of parent engagement programs and hear a panel of parent training experts field real questions from actual parents about the learning-to-drive process.

Engaging Teens in Traffic Safety Messaging
Don’t miss this encore workshop that drew a standing-room only crowd at the 2019 Lifesavers Conference. Adult and youth leaders from national and regional youth-oriented organizations will explain how to target, create and nurture relationships with teens so they take the lead in developing and delivering impactful traffic safety messages to their peers. Some partnerships have been evaluated with numbers against specific goals.

Educating Officers to Enforce & Promote GDL
Law enforcement speakers from across the country will talk about how they educate officers on the GDL laws and work with youth and parents to increase compliance – for law enforcement.

Not All Needs Are Equal: Leveling the Playing Field for Teens
Whether they’re on the autism spectrum, in the foster care system or have a learning disability, some teen drivers need additional assistance, beyond what is traditionally provided, to learn how to drive safely and obtain a driver license. Learn about the challenges unique to these youth and their parents, guardians or caregivers, as well as how states and stakeholders are developing research-based strategies, programs and legislation to help them succeed behind the wheel.

Under the Influence: Using Student Advocates to Address Impaired Driving
We know that alcohol and drug impaired driving is a constant risk when it comes to young drivers. Alcohol continues to be a drug of choice, while the use of marijuana and prescription drugs is on the rise. It is time for innovation in how we talk about impaired driving prevention, especially as it relates to engaging young people to be part of the solution. This session will highlight replicable programs that you can use in your schools and communities to spread the word and engage teens in keeping their friends safe and under the influence of positive peer pressure, instead of drugs and alcohol.

Aged Out of GDL, But Still High-Risk
In nearly every state, a teen that waits until age 18 or later to obtain a driver license “ages” out of the graduated driver license system (GDL), which is designed to help novice drivers learn to drive and gain experience in a lower risk environment. That means this teen or young adult, and everyone else on the road, isn’t benefitting from the proven provisions of GDL. Examine the research and data surrounding teens and young people who age out of GDL and how this policy negatively impacts safety. and novice driver training and education programs expressly designed for college students and older teens.
Inside the School, Outside the Box: Connecting with Non-Traditional School & Community Leaders
When we think about teen traffic safety, we all want access to schools, right? It can be so hard to find the right person, convince the right principal, and empower the right students. Learn how to identify non-traditional allies inside a school district who share your commitment to keeping teens safe. Hear from those who have successfully built relationships that are “outside the box,” inside the schools, and yielding great results!

Vehicle Monitoring & Feedback Systems, Do They Help Keep Teen Drivers Safe?
There are numerous teen driver monitoring and feedback systems available from automakers and aftermarket manufacturers that are designed to help parents manage their novice driver when s/he is on the road. But are they effective? Explore the features, effectiveness and expected advancements of in-vehicle systems such as Hyundai’s Blue Link, Ford’s MyKey, Chevy’s Teen Driver and Chrysler’s KeySense and the Life360 app. Learn what feedback they provide to parents and how they help manage risk and reduce crashes.