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SPECIAL NEEDS UPDATE

The Wallenberg is Here!!!

After much anticipation, Merritt Car Seat, launched the Wallenberg car seat a few weeks ago. The Wallenberg (aka “Wally”) is a convertible car seat that is specially designed to provide safe transportation for children with hip spica or other lower extremity casts. This seat has a rear-facing weight limit of 5-25 pounds, and can be used forward-facing up to 80 pounds and 60 inches. It utilizes a hammock-style support piece for positioning, which can be used in multiple configurations. You can learn more about the Wally at the Merritt Car Seat website, www.merrittcarat.com.



“Safe Travel” Coming to Lifesavers

The staff at the National Center will be conducting the “Safe Travel for All Children: Transporting Children with Special Healthcare Needs” course on April 20-21, 2018 in San Antonio, TX. The class will be conducted as a pre-conference activity for the 2018 Lifesavers Conference. The two-day course will serve as an enrichment course for CPSTs who are interested in learning more about special needs transportation. The course will be instructed by Dr. Bull and Jason Skinner (from the National Center), along with Jennifer Northway (from University Health System in San Antonio). To register for the course, go to www.preventinjury.org and select the “Training Dates” tab near the top-right of the page. From there, you will be able to access the course listing for more specific course details, as well as the registration link. For conference registration and more information regarding the Lifesavers Conference, go to www.lifesaversconference.org.

New Special Needs CPSTs in Indiana

The National Center hosted the “Safe Travel for All Children” course at Riley Hospital for Children on November 9-10, 2017. We had eight CPSTs complete the class, and are now trained in special needs transportation. If you need assistance with an issue regarding transporting children with special healthcare needs and need to find a technician in your area who has completed this training, you can locate them via the Safe Kids technician database. Please go to cert.safekids.org, click on “Find a Tech”, then provide the appropriate criteria to help narrow your search.

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