Strategic Approaches for Advancing Infant- and Child-Occupant Protection: Birth to 15 Years, Part 1.

This full day workshop was sponsored by the Occupant Protection Committee of the Transportation Research Board (Chair: Joyce Pressley) and presented findings from CCISP MV research and policy analysis. The workshop brought together federal key organizations, professional associations, ride share companies, and academic centers. A major issue discussed during the workshop included the need for harmonization of recommendations for rear-facing infants. Legislators, injury prevention professionals and consumers were experiencing confusion over discrepancies between agencies for the safe transport of infants. The NHTSA recommendation was that infants be transported rear-facing for ages 0-1 year vs. 0-2 years as recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics and CDC. All Federal agencies and professional associations are in sync with the recommendation for rear facing until age 2 years or until the infant no longer fits rear facing seats. Washington, DC, January 2019.

Strategic Approaches for Advancing Infant- and Child-Occupant Protection: Birth to 15 Years, Part 2.

This half day workshop was sponsored by the Occupant Protection Committee of the Transportation Research Board (Chair: Joyce Pressley) and included presentations from CCISP on their research related to infant and child occupant protections. The workshop brought together federal key organizations, professional associations, ride share companies, and academic centers. A major issue discussed during the workshop addressed MV injury risk issues related to lack of uptake of recommendations and legislation related to booster-seat aged children and the risks posed to all children from restraint exclusions associated with vehicles for hire. CCISP presented their findings of increased injury risk, including TBI, in children being transported in private vehicles compared to unrestrained or improperly restrained in taxis. Washington, DC, January 2020.