

Youthful Driving Subcommittee



Youthful Driver Action Item Update

Research and develop a plan to require driver education for older novice drivers, 18 years-old or older.

Steps Completed:

- **Research Update from CHOP**

Not only are 1st year crash rates but also 1st year injury crash rates are highest for those licensed at age 18 years. (RSE = Road Safety Examination)

		0-2 Months		0-12 Months	
Variable	First-Time RSE Applicants	Licensed Drivers Who Crashed	Injury Crashes	Licensed Drivers Who Crashed	Injury Crashes
Metric	N (%)	Total crashes in first 2 months (2-month crash rate per 1,000 licensed drivers with 2 month follow up in 2018)	Total Injury Crashes (Injury crash rate per 1,000 drivers with 2 months follow up in 2018)	Total Crashes in first 12 months (12-month crash rate per 1,000 drivers with 12 months follow up in 2018)	Total Injury Crashes in 1 st 12 months (12-month Injury crash rate per 1,000 drivers with 12 months follow up in 2018)
All <25 years	135,367 (100%)	3,737 (29.2)	1083(9.8)	15,975 (131)	4519(42.6)
16 years	71028 (48.2%)	1803(25.8)	467(7.7)	8381(122)	2191(36.3)
17 years	16368 (11.9%)	522(32.4)	149(10.7)	2265(146)	644(47.9)
18 years	21096(16.2%)	724(39.9)	238(15.5)	2709(160)	862(59.5)
19 years	8825 (7.1%)	258(31.8)	86(12.5)	994(146)	321(54.6)
20 years	5626 (4.8%)	145(29.6)	44(10.6)	554(135)	156(43.6)



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Proposal: For all new drivers 18+

Minimum Requirement

- Pass the state knowledge test to obtain a learner's permit
- Hold learner's permit for at least 6 months (180 days)
- Drive at least 50 hours (10 at night) with a licensed adult with at least 50 years of driving experience.
- Pass state administered skills and maneuverability tests.

Incentive Program with Driver Education

Complete these to become eligible to test for a driver's license after 4 months (120 days)

- Take an 8 hour driver education class from a state certified driving school, either in person or online.
- Drive 8 hours with a state certified driving instructor.
- Drive 30 hours (10 at night) with a licensed adult with at least five years of driving experience.



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Reintroduce legislation to extend the learner's permit from six months to one year.

Status: Placed on hold

- Submitted by several legislators as an amendment to H.B. 74
 - Not accepted by House.
- Legislators pushing for learner's permit starting at 15
 - Research shows this will not have little or no impact on safety.
- Continuing discussions with legislators.



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Training Community Partners to use Evidence-Based Strategies

Project Completed

- Working group reviewed national training in evidence-based strategies created by SADD to train community partners
- Environmental Scan conducted to identify OH specific programs rooted in evidence-informed strategies that could be replicated
- Draft materials shared with OTSO leadership for three-part webinar series

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Training Community Partners to use Evidence-Based Strategies

Session One: Teens & Countermeasures that Work	Session Two: Programming in School & Community	Session Three: Action Planning in Your Community
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discuss the success approaches public health has taken to change teen behavior• Highlight the need for peer-to-peer programming and essential elements of effective programming (GHSA/NHTSA P2P Program Guide)• Train attendees to evaluate effectiveness of current programming and ID gaps at local level	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discuss the best practices for youth engagement – how to effectively reach teens today• Highlight existing OH focused programming that can be replicated by partners across the state• Feature national programming that is available for use and the strategies that are best effective in implementing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Highlight untapped resources and partnerships in school and community• Feature best practices for evaluating local programming on a \$0 budget• Train participants to use effective action planning tools to support OTSO/NHTSA communication channels



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Future Projects for Consideration.

- **Parental Involvement**

Continue ways to promote active participation

- **Juvenile Court Program Expansion**

Gov. DeWine announced that juvenile courts will be awarded up to \$20,000 (through the Youthful Driver Safety Fund) to provide more access to advanced driver training/hands-on for juvenile traffic offenders and other young drivers in an effort to improve driving skills and reduce at-fault youthful fatal car crashes

The counties participating are: Adams, Delaware, Fairfield, Knox, Medina, Miami, Pickaway, and Franklin County

The advanced driving programs that will be participating in this project are: Drive Team (Summit County), Mid-Ohio Sports Course (Knox County), Professional Driving Systems (Montgomery County), Take Control (Medina County), and Better Ohio Teen Drivers (Licking County) who will also be developing a mobile program to provide greater access in rural areas of the state.

- **Develop a network/platform of youthful driver programs and materials that can be easily accessed**

- **Identify ways to make driver training more accessible to all populations.**

Expanding access to driver education for those under 18