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**Dell Children's Medical Center Named Child Passenger Safety Team of the Year**

*Families Benefit from Work of Texas Pediatric Trauma Center CPS Team*

ITASCA, IL – In recognition of outstanding leadership, innovation and commitment to safety, Austin-based Dell Children's Medical Center is recognized today as the National Child Passenger Safety Team of the Year.

The award is presented by the [National Child Passenger Safety Board](#) and sponsored by [Toyota Motor North America](#).

"What this team delivers in service to children and families is nothing short of extraordinary," said National Child Passenger Safety Board Chair Kristel Robison. "Their dedication resonates across the community, which is why Dell Children's is trusted by so many. We are honored to highlight their remarkable impact and to celebrate them as valued partners in child passenger safety."

Dell Children's Medical Center is the only Pediatric Level I Trauma Center in Central Texas, serving as a regional leader in pediatric specialty care and injury prevention. As part of the Ascension Texas system of 14 hospitals and more than 120 clinic locations, Dell Children's is uniquely positioned to advance child safety initiatives.

**Impact Agents**

At the heart of this recognition is Dell Children's dedicated Child Passenger Safety Technician Team, composed of four certified Instructors and four certified Technicians who work daily with patients, families and community members to keep children safe on the road.

Each year, the team:

- Conducts more than 1,000 individual car seat inspections (averaging 78 per month)
- Distributes more than 2,000 car seats to families-in-need (averaging 166 per month)

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- Operates 10 permanent inspection and fitting stations across a five-county region to ensure consistent and reliable access to car seat assistance
- Responds to an average of 175 calls per month through its centralized TOTs line, with 56% of callers requesting car seats

The team is also a regional leader in serving children with medical complexities. Four team members hold advanced special needs training, enabling them to provide inclusive, patient-centered transportation solutions. Annually, the team conducts approximately 350 adaptive needs car seat consultations, ensuring medically complex children have safe and appropriate travel options, a population often overlooked in traditional safety initiatives.

### **Car Seat for Every Child**

Through a targeted partnership with Dell Children's Health Plan, the team also administers a voucher program that provides more than 400 car seats annually to expecting caregivers facing financial hardship who have completed their prenatal care appointments prior to delivery. This proactive approach connects maternal health engagement with injury prevention at the earliest stages of a child's life.

Beyond direct service to families, Dell Children's CPS Team is deeply committed to strengthening the profession. The Instructor team offers a minimum of six continuing education opportunities annually, teaches certification and renewal courses for Child Passenger Safety Technicians and provides individualized mentoring and seat sign-offs to support recertification efforts. Their leadership extends beyond local boundaries and includes hands-on assistance and professional development support at state and national levels, too.

"Our program's tagline is, 'Your child matters, their car seat does too,'" said Dell Injury Prevention Manager Stewart Williams. "This award underscores the incredible work of this team and its unwavering commitment to help caregivers maximize their child's safety every time they travel."

### **About the National Child Passenger Safety Board**

The National Child Passenger Safety Board's mission is to save lives and prevent injuries by promoting child passenger safety through education, mentorship, engagement and innovation. The Board works with key partners, including the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, National Safety Council and Safe Kids Worldwide. For more information about child passenger safety or the National CPS Board, please visit the Board's website:

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