

Research In Progress

An Investigation of Teen Driver Parental Involvement Programs in the US

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Parents can be an important component to increasing the safety of teen drivers by enforcing existing State Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL) restrictions, and imposing additional restrictions as necessary. Self-reported surveys have demonstrated that teens whose parents impose driving restrictions typically engage in less risky driving, and are involved in fewer crashes. However, research has also shown that parental involvement is at a peak at licensure, but declines rapidly through the first 12 months of teen driving. Many States have mandated parental requirements within their GDL system. The purpose of this task order is develop a compendium of parental involvement programs for teen drivers in the United States, and to conduct up to 10 case studies of the more promising programs.

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