



The annual Kidz in Motion (KIM) conference was held in Wilmington North Carolina in August. Besides the wide variety of workshops available, the biggest benefit to attending such a large national conference is the opportunity to meet with and ask questions of the car seat manufacturers in attendance.

And there were a LOT of them – as well as some representatives for products associated with Child Passenger Safety, such as SensAlert for letting caregivers know that a child is still buckled in the backseat, and Stryker, the maker of ambulance cots which was highlighting a brand new product for safely transporting infants and children in those vehicles.

Car seat brands in attendance included Joie (highlighting a variety of products, including the Mint Latch, Evenflo, Graco, PEG, Inspired by Drive, Chicco, Maxi-Cosi) and Britax (highlighting their new rotating car seat). One booth that was particularly crowded every day was that for AxKid, a brand that has recently released its AxKid One seat on the US market – of major interest to all of the car seat technicians in attendance, as this is a seat that rear faces until the child reaches 65 pounds – the highest on the market. The exhibition hall was a car seat nerds dream.

Sessions that will surely be integrated into training offered locally include car seat use for children with challenging medical needs and car seat adaptations for caregivers with disabilities or mobility challenges. Both of these sessions were of particular interest as they are questions that come up locally fairly regularly.
It is impossible for any car seat technician to know everything about all of the car seats out there – attending conferences like KIM allow for so much new information, and getting to have some hands-on with those unfamiliar seats was such a gift.

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