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Dr. Bull is a practicing pediatrician with clinical responsibilities in the division of Developmental Pediatrics at the James Whitcomb Riley Hospital for Children at Indiana University Health and is board certified in Pediatrics, Clinical Genetics and Neurodevelopmental Disabilities. Dr. Bull joined the faculty at the Indiana University School of Medicine in 1976 where she is currently the Morris Green Professor of Pediatrics.

Dedicated to protecting children from the most common preventable cause of death and injury, motor vehicle crashes, Dr. Bull founded the Automotive Safety Program at Riley Hospital for Children in 1981. Initially an infant car seat loan program, it has evolved under Dr. Bull's direction into one of the most comprehensive CPS programs in the nation, often cited as a national resource.

As a leader in the field of transporting children with special healthcare needs through education, research, product development, publications, curricula and educational materials, the team at the Automotive Safety Program developed the first car seat for children in hip casts, assisted with the development of a modified vest for children who must lie down during transport. crash tested a German car bed to adapt it for use in the U.S. developed *Safe Travel for All Children*, ambulance and NICU curricula, conducted crash testing of pediatric restraints on ambulance cots, which resulted in the initial guidelines for ambulance transport of children, and created a preterm "Riley" dummy for use in crash tests that assessed fit of preterm and low birth weight infants in car seats. Dr. Bull was instrumental in shaping, writing and updating American Academy of Pediatrics transportation related policies on preterm and low birth weight infants, children with special healthcare needs, ambulances transport and in transport in school buses.

She was also instrumental in the passage of Indiana legislation, including the first child passenger restraint law (1984), first seat belt law (1987), the primary seat belt law (1998) and the booster seat law (2004).

Marilyn Bull served the American Academy of Pediatrics as Chair of the Committee on Injury, Violence and Poison Prevention, chair of the Section of Injury, Violence and Poison Prevention, on the Board of Directors as immediate past Chairperson of AAP District V. She currently is the AAP representative to the National Child Passenger Safety Board. She has served on multiple transportation related Blue Ribbon Panels, is current President-elect of the Association for the Advancement of Automotive Medicine (AAAM) and a member of the National Association of State Emergency Medical Services ad hoc committee supporting development of federal safety standards for children.

Dr. Bull has received the NHTSA Public Service Award and the Champion of Change Award from the White House and the U.S. Department of Transportation, the AAAM Don Huelke Lifetime Member Award and the C. Everett Koop Medal of Distinction from Safe Kids Worldwide.



As an educator, Dr. Bull has been a frequent speaker at conferences across the country and around the world. She has spoken in every US state, 14 countries and every continent except Antarctica. Do you think the penguins would be interested? Marilyn Bull has always been and remains willing and eager to support Child Passenger Safety in any way that helps.

