

**IMPROVING YOUNG DRIVER SAFETY**  
**Improve Initial Driver Education**  
**Sub-Strategy Listing**

October 15, 2007

CEA # 2	Improving Young Driver Safety
Strategy # 2A	Improve the education of young drivers via improvement of initial Driver Education.
Targets	Young drivers in the 15 (learners) to 18 year old age range
Description	In recent years there has been a national effort to improve driver education. The National Transportation Safety Board, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the United States Department of Education and the United States Congress have become active players. This has primarily been a gathering of information from the various states. Vermont has been a full participant in this process at national and state levels. Curriculums, teacher preparation programs and standards are key parts of the improvement efforts.
Sub-strategies	<p><b>SS# 1: Monitor and participate in the national efforts to gain and share in best practices. Maintain high standards already existing in Vermont.</b></p> <p><b>SS# 2: Maintain and adjust Vermont's requirement for driver education to be in the public and approved independent schools as a part of the regular curriculum offerings during the school day.</b></p> <p><b>SS# 3 Develop and maintain consistency between public/independent school programs and private driver training schools.</b></p> <p><b>SS# 4 Develop a driver risk prevention curriculum.</b></p> <p><b>SS# 5 Conduct workshops throughout the state in the use of the driver risk prevention curriculum.</b></p> <p><b>SS# 6 Revise the content and delivery of initial teacher preparation courses.</b></p> <p><b>SS# 7 Develop courses and workshops for practicing teachers to improve their knowledge and skills.</b></p> <p><b>SS# 8 Expand and improve parent involvement programs.</b></p> <p><b>SS# 8 Develop ways more schools can use the "skid monster" equipment to teach skid prevention and control.</b></p> <p><b>SS# 9 Maintain the position of driver and traffic safety education consultant at the Department of Education.</b></p> <p><b>SS#10 Secure more financial assistance for driver education.</b></p>
Time Frame	Submission of Action Plans to the SHSP Core Group by October 12, 2007.