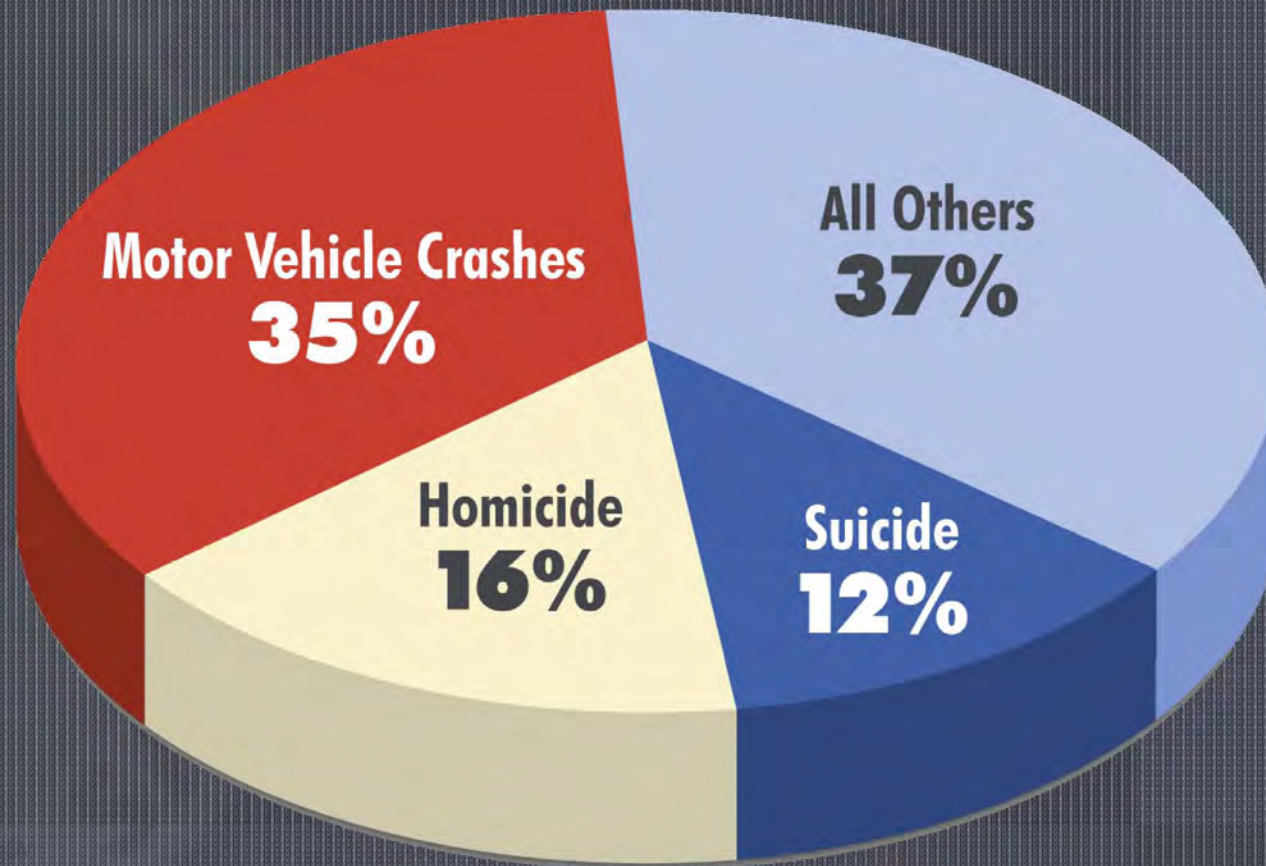




# Improving Teen Driver Safety

**DVRPC** August 25, 2011

# Traffic Crashes are the Leading Cause of Fatality for Teens\*



Source: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) \*Teen is defined as an individual from 15 to 20 years of age



# Teen Driver Crashes

## Nationwide

6,000 Deaths Every Year

16 per Day

At Highest Level of Risk  
During First 18-24  
Months of Driving





# Teen Driver Crashes

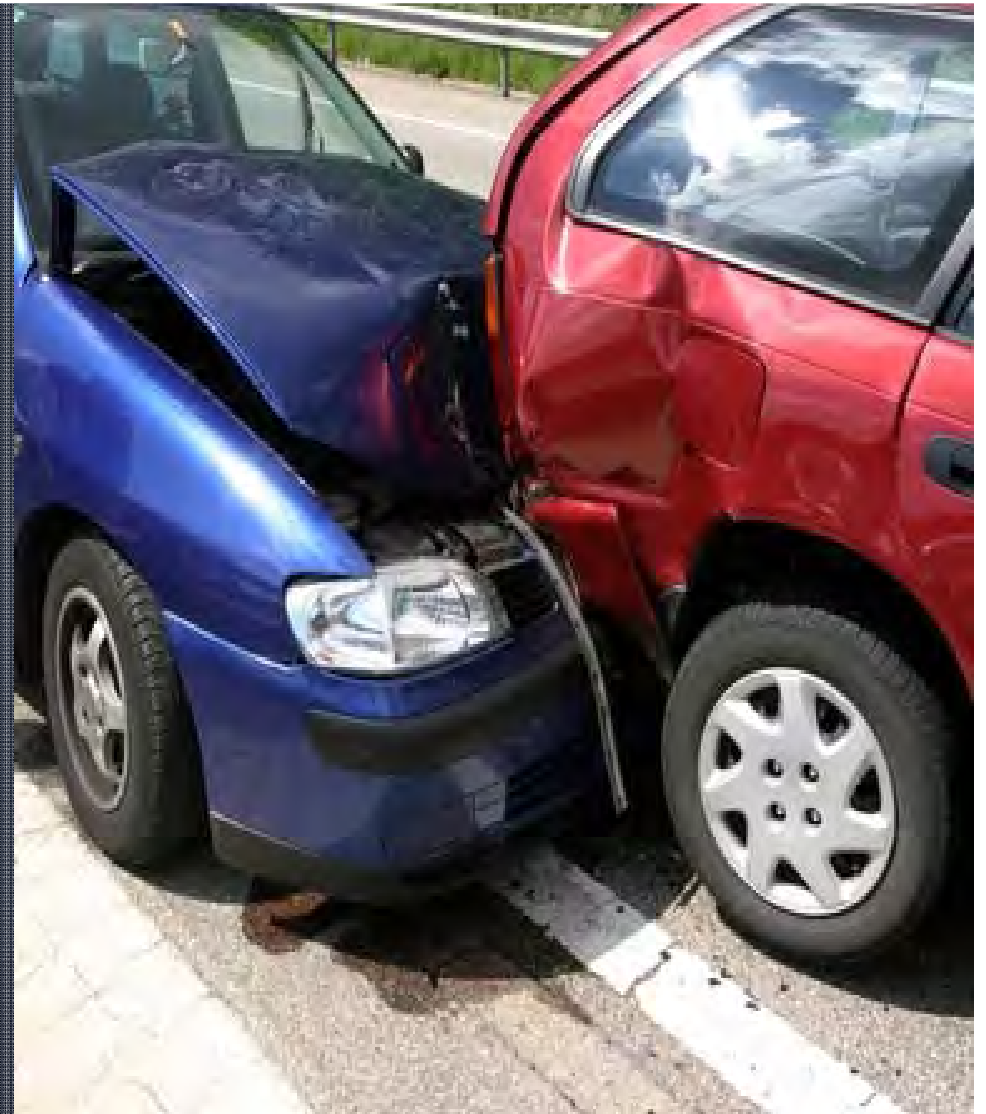
## New Jersey

Every 10 Minutes

Over 500 Teen  
Drivers/Passengers Killed  
(2001-2010)

6% of Driving Population

13% of Crashes



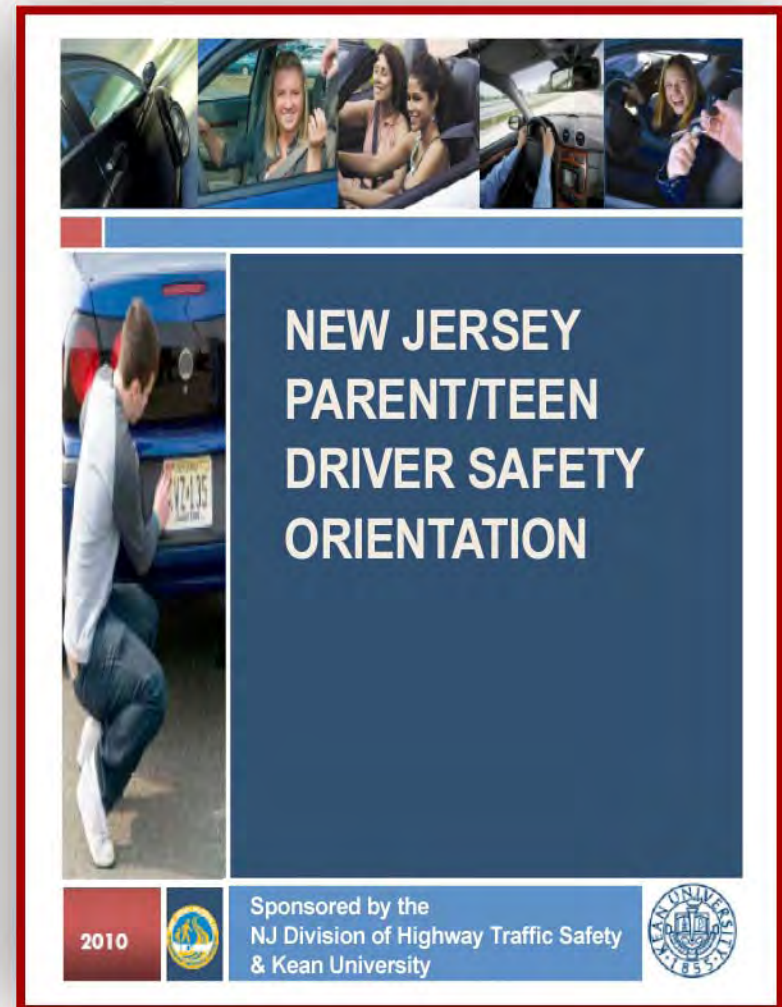


# Parent/Teen Driver Orientation

**Presents authoritative approach to parental involvement to support a teen driver safety**

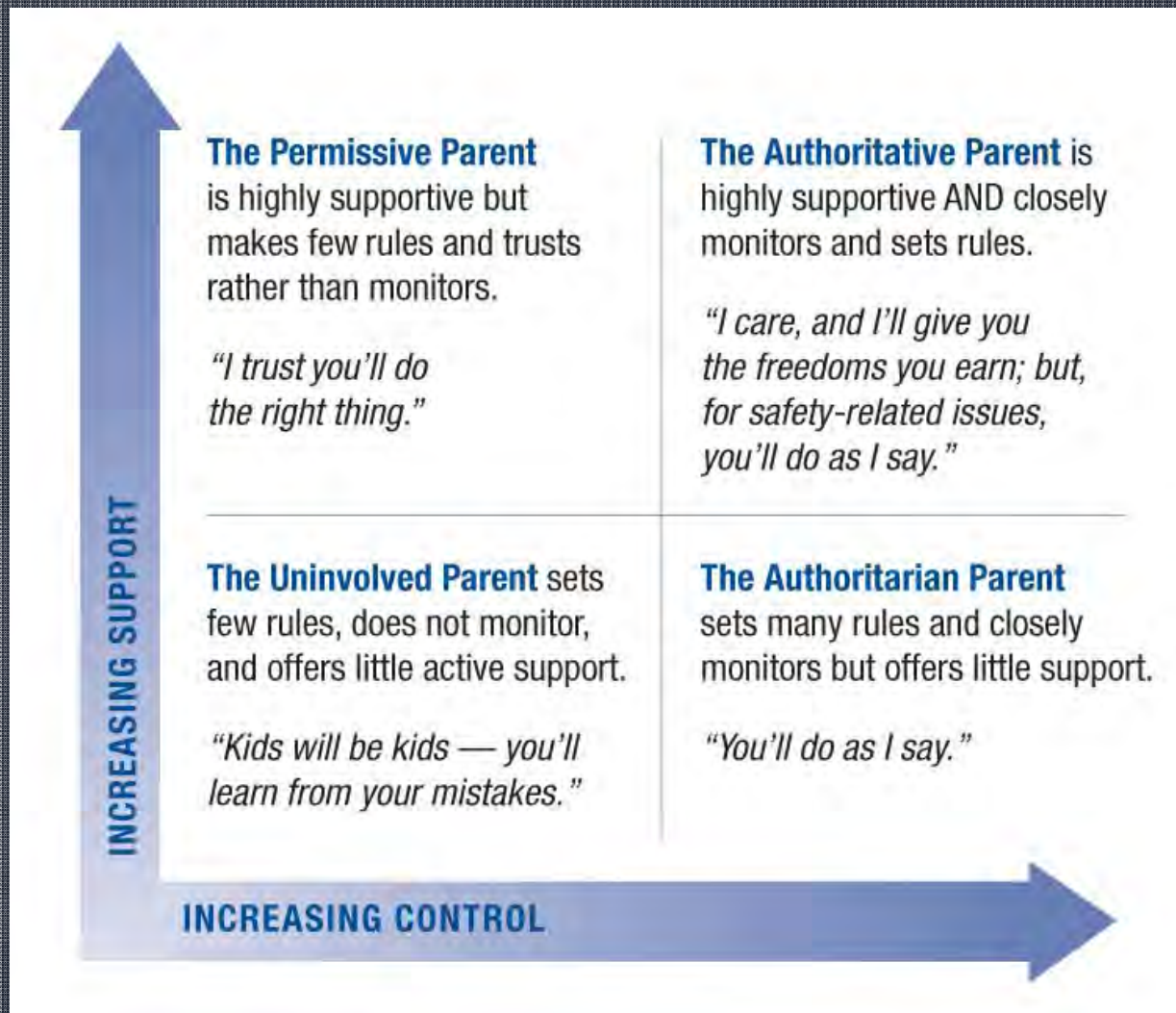
**Provides tools and resources for parents**

**Developed by Kean University, DHTS and State Police**





# Parenting Styles: the balance between support and control





# Parents Really Do Matter!

**Teens Describing Having  
Authoritative Parents Are:**

**Half as Likely to Crash**

**71% Less Likely to Drive  
While Intoxicated**

**30% Less Likely to Use a  
Cell Phone While Driving**





# Parents Really Do Matter!

**Teens Describing Having  
Authoritative Parents Are:**

**Twice as Likely to Wear  
Seat Belts**

**Twice as Likely to Believe  
Belts Affect Safety**

**Speed Half as Often**





# **NJ Parent/Teen Safe Driving Orientation**

**Understand the GDL**

**Being a Good Role Model**

**Effective Enforcement of  
the GDL at Home**

**Fitting in Practice Driving**

**Controlling the Keys and**

**Lowering Your Teen's  
Crash Risk**





# K-12 Unit and Lesson Plans

**Developed by the New  
Jersey Education Task  
Force**

**Lesson plans and  
resources tailored to  
K-12 standards**

## **NJ Traffic Safety Learning Progression Component**



**K-12 Unit and Lesson Plans**

**NJ Traffic Safety Education Task Force  
November 2010**



# Law Enforcement: Key to Improving Teen Driver Safety

GDL Role Call Video

Title 39 Reference Cards

GDL Enforcement Briefings

NEW JERSEY TITLE 39	
Graduated Driver License Violations	
<b>39:3-13.8</b>	• Fine for violations of special learners permit, examination permit and probationary drivers license: \$100 plus court costs and fees • No points assessed
<b>39:3-13.8a.</b>	<b>Supervision requirement for permit holders</b> All special learners permit and examination permit holders must be accompanied by an adult supervising driver in the front seat who must possess a valid New Jersey driver license, be at least 21 years of age and licensed to drive for at least three years
<b>39:3-13.8b.</b>	<b>Passenger restriction</b> The driver may only transport one passenger* <b>Exceptions:</b> This restriction is waived if the driver is accompanied by a parent or if the passengers are the driver's dependents (children)* * Passenger restrictions and exceptions are applicable to all probationary, examination and special learners permit drivers.
<b>39:3-13.8c.</b>	<b>Hours of operation</b> No driving between 11:01 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.
<b>39:3-13.8d.</b>	<b>Seat belt requirements</b> All occupants must be properly restrained
<b>39:3-13.8e.</b>	<b>Hand-held or hands-free interactive wireless communication device use restriction</b> Drivers cannot use cell phones (hand-held or hands-free), hand-held video games or any other hand-held wireless electronic devices (i.e., ipods, GPS) <b>Exception:</b> Waived in the event of an emergency
<b>39:3-13.8g.</b>	<b>Decal requirements</b> All permit and probationary license holders under the age of 21 must display a red decal on the front and rear license plate of the vehicle they are operating

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# Resources

Parent Resource for Teens  
Driving Safely  
[njteendriving.com](http://njteendriving.com)

Teen Website  
[UGOTBRAINS.com](http://UGOTBRAINS.com)

Driver Education Website  
[njteendriveducation.com](http://njteendriveducation.com)

New Jersey Division of  
Highway Traffic Safety  
Phone: 609-633-9300  
[www.njsaferoads.com](http://www.njsaferoads.com)

The screenshot shows the homepage of the New Jersey Teen Driving website. At the top, the logo reads "New Jersey teen driving" with the tagline "The parent resource for teen driving safety". A navigation bar includes links for Home, Risk Factors, GDL, Quick Tips, Laws and Legislation, Driver Education, Technology, Resources, News, and Videos. A prominent banner features a video player with the title "Why is your new driver at risk?" and the text "Overconfidence and an 'it can't happen to me' attitude", with a "LEARN MORE" button. To the right, a sidebar titled "NEW JERSEY TEEN DRIVING INFORMATION" lists links for GDL information, the NJ Teen Driver Study Commission Report, an online driver manual, driver education info, teen driving laws, and a state map of teen crashes. Below this, the "IN THE NEWS" section highlights recent news items like a teen killed in a crash and a student killed in an accident. The main content area is divided into "For Parents" and "For Teens" sections. The "For Parents" section includes links for quick tips, contracts, educational videos, and parent resources. The "For Teens" section includes links to the UGotBrains website and social media groups. At the bottom, there are sections for "Videos" (featuring a testimonial from a crash victim's parent) and a "Crash Map" (an interactive map of New Jersey showing crash locations). A "SHARE WITH FRIENDS" section with social media icons is also present. The footer contains the website name "NJTeenDriving.com" and a navigation bar with links for Home, About Us, Privacy, and Contact Us.

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**NEW JERSEY TEEN DRIVING INFORMATION**

- [What is the Graduated Driver License Program \(GDL\)?](#)
- [New Jersey Teen Driver Study Commission Report](#)
- [Online Driver Manual](#)
- [Driver Education Info](#)
- [Teen Driving Laws](#)
- [State Map of Teen Crashes](#)

**IN THE NEWS**

- [Milville grad among two killed in crashes](#)
- [Teen rams car into tree, dies](#)
- [Shawnee student killed in accident](#)
- [A life - and death - lesson at Franklin High School](#)
- [View all](#)

**For Parents**

Being the parent of a new teen driver can be challenging. Here are useful topics to help you.

- [Quick Tips for Keeping Your Teen Safe](#)
- [Parent to Teen Driving Contracts](#)
- [Educational videos](#)
- [Parent resources](#)

**For Teens**

Learn what other teens have to say about driving. Visit our website and join our groups.

- [UGotBrains.com](http://UGotBrains.com)
- [Facebook](#)
- [Twitter](#)

**Videos**

Hear from people who have been affected by teen crashes and learn from experts in the field  
[VIEW NOW](#)


**Crash Map**

Use this interactive map to see where teen crashes are happening in New Jersey  
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