



Families Acting for Community Traffic Safety FACTS

Youth leaders can help families promote basic safety attitudes that last a lifetime. FACTS—Families Acting for Community Traffic Safety—is a national FCCLA peer education program through which young people strive to save lives through sober driving, seat belt use, and safe driving habits.

Through FCCLA's FACTS program, young people learn the realities of traffic safety. They discover that safety is a family matter. Their FACTS projects can reach their peers, children, and adults with traffic safety messages and activities. Youth-created FACTS projects relate to the following units—

- **Think SMART** — Promote attitudes and provide events that keep young people from driving when under the influence of alcohol and other drugs
- **Buckle UP** — Promote the benefits and safe use of seat belts, child safety seats, booster seats, and air bags
- **Arrive Alive** — Promote safe driving habits, especially for less-experienced drivers.
- **Speak Up** — Promote the empowerment of teens to speak up for their safety.
- **Bridge the Gap** — Promote conversation and training for parents of teens as they work together to enhance traffic safety.

Partners:

- HBO Family, www.hbofamily.com
- Local law enforcement, fire fighters, and medical personnel
- National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), www.nhtsa.gov
- National Organizations for Youth Safety (NOYS), www.noys.org
- National Sleep Foundation
- Recording Artists, Actors and Athletes Against Drunk Driving (RADD), www.radd.org

Awards:

FCCLA offers national recognition to chapters that complete FCCLA FACTS projects. This honor includes cash awards and special recognition at the National Leadership Conference and in the *Teen Times* magazine. Chapters apply for recognition for their hard work and innovative projects with the National FACTS Program Award Application available on the FCCLA Web site under Awards/Scholarships.

- High School Award — \$1,000
- Middle School Award — \$1,000
- Runner-Up Award — \$500

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Put the brakes on impaired driving and traffic crashes by participating in FCCLA's FACTS program. Through peer education help your friends arrive alive and lower the number one cause of death for youth in America.