Pelham — Back up cameras won't simply be an option on vehicles by 2018. Families who've lost loved ones in back over accidents pushed for the law requiring them in all new cars. But even then, drivers of older vehicles won't have a clear view of what's behind them. Fighting For You put moms at the wheel and their children behind the car to show the blind zone.

The Dahlens make time every week to gathering together as a family. Friday, they sat together and told shared stories. "You were there?," asked one child. "And me?," chimed in another of the tale at hand of their energetic, enthusiastic sister, Abigail. "She came into our life very suddenly and took over and ruled our family," said Brandy Dahlen of her fourth child, Abigail.

April 11, 2010, just two days after celebrating her second birthday with pink cupcakes, Abigail was outside chasing a ball when she tripped and fell in a neighbor's driveway. Dahlen says the teenager next door didn't see Abigail and backed over her.

"You always have that in the back of your mind as parent- what if something happens to my child? I have to say it's far worse than anything I could ever imagine. Still five years later, I miss her. I think about her. I feel her presence," said Dahlen.

Dahlen... says she aches to hold the tiny hands now imprinted on the grave marker. "If I had a choice, I would've died with her that day," she said.

According to KidsandCars.org, 50 children are backed over every week. Of those children, 48 will go to the hospital with injuries and two will die.

"It's really hard to comprehend how big the blind zone is behind every vehicle," said Amber Rollins of KidsandCars.org. "You could fit a whole bus load of children behind the car and not see one of them."

The group dedicated to keeping children safe in and around motor vehicles placed 62 children unseen by rear view mirrors behind an SUV for a public service announcement.

Some hoover mothers got to blind zone see for themselves. With the car turned off, Fighting For You wanted to know if they could see the six toddlers playing behind a minivan or even the adults seated beside them at times in the rear view mirror.

"Oh, I can't see anything," said mother, Lauren Ellis. "A little nerve racking. It would be really impossible them," said mother, Sophia Martin. Even more concerning? While mother Fariss Maners was behind the wheel, her toddling twins were on the move. They got 20 feet away from the bumper and their mother still couldn't see them.

"That's very scary, very concerning and very eye opening all at the same time," said Maners. The Dahlens' will tell you that moving forward, breathing is still a struggle.

"I can't mentally let myself go into the what if situation. I just forbid that because it would make me crazy. I just have to get up everyday and say, 'okay, this happened, so what happens now?.'"

Abigailis now the inspiration behind trips to Washington D.C. to fight for the backup camera law now on the books.
"It's like she's a part of our life and try as many ways as we can to keep her a part of their life," said Dahlen of still throwing Abigail birthday celebrations, hanging her stocking on Christmas and frequently gathering at Abigail's grave for family time.

But at the end of their weekly family time, the Dahlens hold hands to head home always without Abigail.

Talking to young children about the car dangers can be difficult. Here's what the Dahlens do- every time they walk into a parking lot, they hold hands and talk about what they see. The children are asked if cars are moving or if they see any tail lights. If they see lights, they stop until they know where the car is going.

For more information about back over dangers and what you can do to protect your family, click on this link to KidsandCars.org. You can read Abigail's story and meet other children who lost their lives to backovers.

Don't have a back up camera? Consumer Reports takes a look at how cameras can be added to older vehicles.

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