



Welcome to the newsletter for Child Passenger Safety Technicians, Instructors and Advocates in the great state of Colorado! We hope you find all the information you need to stay connected to your fellow safety professionals for statewide

happenings, training and national CPS information.

Please feel free to contact us if you would like to see content added or have questions concerning information in this newsletter.

We welcome misuse photos, unique stories and information about the great things going on in your community!

[contact us](#)

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Newsclips



[BumpClubandBeyond](#)

has piloted a new series of educational events with Target and Baby Center in three suburban Chicago-area Target stores in early November.

BCBasics for Moms and Moms-to-Be focused on car seat safety, strollers, baby carrying and wearing and the registry process. The BCBasics series was hosted in-store within the baby section at Target and free to the public.

New National Survey Reveals Majority of Parents Do Not Follow Car Seat Safety Guidelines

Chicco USA Reminds Parents About the Importance of Proper Car Seat Installation and Usage

In celebration of Baby Safety Month Chicco USA conducted a national survey that exposes common missteps parents make when it comes to car seat safety.

According to the 2013 Chicco Baby Safety Month Survey, the vast majority of parents recognize that the rear-facing position for children riding in a car seat is the safest. In fact, nearly **90 percent** of parents surveyed said they believe their child should remain rear-facing as long as possible. However, **58 percent underestimate the minimum age at**

which it is safe to turn their child's car seat to forward-facing.

The survey also revealed the alarming statistic that **less than one third (31 percent) of parents are**



have a great photo or story to share? Want to brag about your awesome team? We'd love to hear about it! [Click here](#) to contact us.

Data reporting on the CPS Team Colorado website is new, improved and easier than ever to use!

Please remember to enter your seat check data..not just for your inspection station but also any checks you do outside of the inspection station.

This data is a vital piece of the CPS Team program! Our statewide funding comes from the Colorado Department Of Transportation (CDOT). CDOT is a data driven, government entity that must have the required data to continue to fund our program.

CPS Team Colorado does not release the data to other organizations, they do not allow other organizations to use their data to apply for other funding and they do not release specifics of what agency checked what, where or how many.

Click [here](#) to enter seat checks.



following manufacturers safety guidelines as to when to turn their child's car seat from rear- to forward-facing. Instead, **nearly half of parents (49 percent) choose to turn their child's car seat based on comfort**, rather than safety. Top reasons parents transition their child's car seat from rear- to forward-facing include: their child's feet were touching the vehicle seat (31 percent), followed by their child being too uncomfortable (10 percent) or fussy (8 percent) when rear-facing. The survey also revealed that many parents report that installing a convertible car seat was difficult (19 percent) and overwhelming (40 percent), yet **only 15 percent sought out professional help to install it.**

[Read the entire press release](#)



New 2013 ratings for child booster seats - IIHS news

Child restraint manufacturers continue to roll out new booster seats that do a good job of improving the way an adult safety belt fits a typical booster-age child.

This year, 19 of 31 new models evaluated by IIHS earn the top rating of BEST BET, and one model is a GOOD BET.

A surprise came from Britax, a company whose boosters have consistently earned the top two ratings. This year, three new Britax models didn't make their debuts as BEST BETs or GOOD BETs. They are the Frontier 90, Pinnacle 90 and Pioneer 70. These highback seats replaced two Britax boosters that previously earned the top rating. At the same time, Britax improved the design of the Parkway SG to earn a BEST BET rating when it is used as a highback booster. It has a lower rating when it is used as a backless seat. The Britax Parkway SGL also is a BEST BET in highback mode.

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This month's "Cone Award"



goes to Brian Lyons and the CPS Team in Pueblo for submitting the 'best' misuse photo for November 2013.



Note the wooden peg holding the

Technician Re-certification

Continuing Professional Development

What does this really mean for CPS Technicians?

Most licensing and certifying programs require that individuals renewing their license or certification demonstrate and submit proof of continuing professional development. What does this mean? Why is it important for CPS Technicians?

tray shield in place in this fine, circa 1999 car seat. Thank you to the Pueblo CPS Team for sending this car seat back to its maker!

photo courtesy Brian Lyons

Colorado Child Passenger Safety Advisory Council

The CPS Team Colorado Advisory Council serves as a cooperative body established to monitor and provide program direction and technical guidance to Colorado communities, agencies and organizations as a means to maintain a credible, effective child passenger safety (CPS) program. The purpose of the CPS Team Colorado Advisory Council is to manage the training, implementation and effectiveness of Child Passenger Safety in the State of Colorado. The guidance developed by this Council is directed toward helping agencies, organizations and others wishing to implement child passenger safety training programs to benefit the public.

Council Membership

The Council consists of child passenger safety advocates from districts across Colorado from hospitals, law enforcement, public health and other organizations. At-large groups are selected through an open application process. Appointments are three-year terms beginning October 1st of the application year. Members representing the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and Children's Hospital Colorado are appointed to the Council by their organization/alliance and are not subject to an open application process.

Roles and Responsibilities of CPS Council Members

- Council members are required to participate in four meetings per

It may be helpful to look at the purpose of a certification program. Certifying programs validate that individuals or organizations have mastered defined skills or capabilities and the knowledge required to apply these skills correctly. Safe Kids Worldwide, as the official certifying program for the National Child Passenger Safety Certification Training Program assures that all certified CPS technicians have the knowledge and skills to:

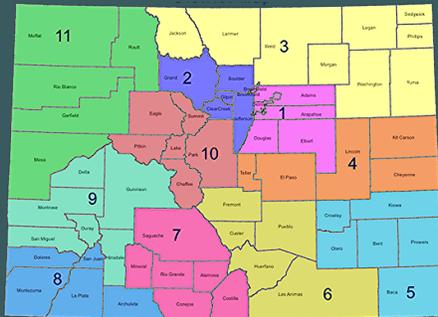
- 1) advise and coach families on selection and installation of child safety seats,
- 2) identify misuse or incorrect child safety seat installation and
- 3) correctly install child safety seats in a variety of motor vehicles according to vehicle and child restraint manufacturer instructions.

Your initial certification is based upon attending a national training course, passing the written testing (three written quizzes), demonstrating your technical CPS skills (three skills tests) and participating in a mandatory "clinical" session, or as it is known in the CPS community, a "checkup" event.

While your certification is valid (two years), you, and every other CPST, have an obligation to maintain your technical skills, adhere to the standards of the National CPS Certification Training curriculum and uphold the code of conduct. However, we

year (whether by call or in person).

- Council members are to serve as a liaison between the district/affiliation they represent and the technicians and instructors in that area.
- Council members should understand the needs of their District and assist in the coordination of CPS activities in their area.
- Council members are required to serve on at least one committee and to work on council/committee activities as needed between meetings.



CPS Team Co Advisory Council District Map

live in a constantly changing environment with new products and technology being introduced regularly. For this reason, most certifying programs require documentation of continuing professional development.

The CPS certification program requires completion and online documentation of three elements for re-certification: 5 seat checks reviewed by a CPS Instructor or Technician Proxy, 6 hours of continuing technical education and participation in a community event.

source:National CPS Board

re-certification frequently asked questions



Upcoming Webinars:

Safe Kids and State Farm present: Conventional Restraints vs. Specialized Restraints: What's the best option for children for children with special health care needs? Nov. 20, 2013 from 2 pm – 3 pm ET (East Coast/NY time) CPS CEUs available: 1 (CHES/MCHES credit is also available)

Register now: <http://bit.ly/Nov20CPS>

Safe Kids and State Farm present: Child Restraint Manufacturer Update: Summer Infant Dec. 12, 2013 from 2 pm – 3 pm ET (East Coast/NY time) CPS CEUs available: 1 (CHES/MCHES credit is also available)



Still Doing This?

IT'S TIME FOR AN UPDATE!

[Please Click Here for the Current Training Calendar](#)

According to NHTSA's FARS (Fatalities Analysis Reporting System) 1/3 of children who die in car crashes are completely un-restrained:

New findings from a study by Safe Kids Worldwide, made possible by a grant from the General Motors Foundation, indicate that there are parents who do not always take the

time to ensure their children are safely secured in vehicles.

In a survey of parents and caregivers, one in four respondents admitted to having driven without their child buckled up in a car seat or booster seat. -

See more at:

<http://www.safekids.org/research-report/do-you-always-buckle-your-kids-september-2013#sthash.84hf5x6O.dpuf>



available)

[Register now: http://bit.ly/Dec12CPST](http://bit.ly/Dec12CPST)

Safe Kids and State Farm present: Child Restraint Manufacturer: What's New January 23, 2014 from 2 pm – 3 pm ET (East Coast/NY time) CPS CEUs available: 1 (CHES/MCHES credit is also available)

[Register now: http://bit.ly/Jan23CPST](http://bit.ly/Jan23CPST)

Stay connected and in the know..

Apps for car seats and car seat related info:

**"Car Seat Helper"*

(developed by Phoenix Children's Hospital)

**"Car Seat Check"*

(developed by the American Academy of Pediatrics)

**"SaferCar"*

(developed by NHTSA)

**"Car-Seat.org"*

(developed by Car-Seat.Org)

Sign up for the CPS list serve [click here](#)

Recall information: [Links to several](#)



Thank you for
all you do
to keep kids
safe!.

recall sheets

click on the name to be connected with the sheet

- * [Safety Belt Safe, USA](#)
- * [University of North Carolina Highway Safety Research Center](#)
- * [National Highway Traffic Safety Administration](#)
- * [The Safety Restraint Coalition](#)

Child Passenger Safety Training Courses

The 2013-2014 Training Calendar is currently being developed. If you are interested in hosting a course in your area or attending a CPS Technician Certification course please [click here](#).



The fabulous Diane Downing-Instructor-La Junta Co Class
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There are a limited number of CPS Team Colorado fully funded classes available. Class sites are determined by need (data again!) interest, State Coordinator and Advisory Council feedback. We will do our very best to get courses where they are requested.

Advocate courses (full or half day awareness class) are a great way to introduce someone to Child Passenger Safety. If you have community members interested in becoming

If you have community members interested in becoming involved in CPS please direct them to one of these courses.

In some cases people make better advocates than technicians, they may not have time for the full course or it is just too overwhelming, an advocate course can be the spark to sustainable CPS involvement. [Click here](#) to request an Advocate course in your area.

Continuing Education (also known as refreshers, CEU class, or Update Refresher) courses will be offered on a frequent basis across the state. Please consider attending one of these courses instead of getting all your CEU's online.

Instructors will be available for the required seat checks. please [click here](#) to request a CE course in your area.

Certification Renewal courses are also available this year for CPS Technicians whose certification has expired within the past four years. One of the requirements of the course is that the technician has remained an active participant in CPS during the lapsed time. This course can be taken consecutively with the CE course but IT IS NOT an update class. If you do not feel your skills are current please take the CE course prior to enrolling in this course. [Click here](#) for more info.



