



CHANGE IN TRAINING COORDINATOR

Children's Hospital Colorado has enjoyed serving as the statewide CPS training coordinator for the past three years. With a desire to become more engaged in localized CPS programming efforts, effective September 30 Children's will conclude its role in providing training, education, and direction for the improvement of CPS in the state of Colorado as contracted by CPS Team Colorado.

The new contractor selected to fill this role will be announced in the October newsletter. Until then, if you have questions regarding training please direct them to Heather Cobler, [303-239-4537](tel:303-239-4537) or heather.cobler@state.co.us.

EARN CEU's ONLINE

We understand there is a current lack of training scheduled, due to the close of the federal fiscal year September 30th. In the meantime, if you need to earn CEU's to recertify here are a few places to get started:

- <http://www.safekidswebinars.org/>
- <http://cpsboard.org/certification-recertification/>
- <http://saferideneews.com/srndnn/CPSTsProfessionals/RecertificationCEUsfromSRN/tabid/92/Default.aspx>
- Log in to your certification profile at www.cert.safekids.org <<http://www.cert.safekids.org>>. Once logged in, scroll down under your Action List and select Online CEUs.

If you need assistance in connecting with an instructor to endorse your seat checks, please let us know.

A comprehensive guide on how to recertify is found here:

http://cert.safekids.org/sites/default/files/how_to_recertify_2013.pdf

DIVERSITY POSITION ON STATE CPS ADVISORY COUNCIL

A new position has been created on the Colorado CPS Advisory Council as a **Diversity Representative**. This position was created in order to better mirror the national cps board, and represent and bring perspective of the diversity needs of populations across Colorado. **The application period for this position has been extended to September 30, 2013.** If you are interested in serving on the Advisory Council in this capacity please complete the application by using the link listed below.

To apply please follow this link; <http://www.coloradodot.info/programs/seatbelts-carseats/carseats/about-us/apply-cps-council>



COLORADO CPS TECHNICIAN & INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Juanita Montoya and Janet Werst for being selected as Colorado's 2013 CPS Technician and Technician-Instructor of the Year, respectively.

Juanita Montoya (at right), from Servicios De la Raza, was nominated as a CPS Technician for her willingness to go above and beyond what is required of a CPS Technician. Jaunita makes house calls, works with local media, and attends other agency events when they are in need of staffing, Thanks to her skills as a bilingual CPS Technician, families are referred to her from organizations and technicians across the Denver-Metro area.



Janet Werst (at left), from University of Colorado Health - Northern Region, who was nominated as a CPS Technician-Instructor displays passion for serving others in the field of child passenger safety that is unparalleled, according to her nomination. She not only inspires her students in class to be the best technicians 'technically' but also models how to connect with the families we serve, other students, co-workers, etc. Janet Werst possesses an amazing ability to lead with a clear vision of a comprehensive CPS Program.

Congratulations to you both. Thank you for your continued dedication to child passenger safety in Colorado!



STATEWIDE CPS CAMPAIGN

Thank you to all who hosted events during August and September for the Statewide and National Campaigns. Over 40 events were held during the past two months! The importance of Child Passenger Safety will continue to be stressed by CPS Team Colorado in the coming months. According to the 2013 Juvenile Seat Belt Survey, we as safety advocates have helped contribute to a 9 point raise in the number of newborn to age 4 who are properly restrained (2012: 83.7%, 2013: 92.7%).

Next year's efforts will begin to shift focus to children older than age 4. According to the 2013 Juvenile Seat Belt Survey the percentage of children ages 5-15 dropped slightly in the last year. And according to the Center for Disease Control (CDC) this is still the No. 1 cause of death for children in this age group.

NEW CPS MEDIA

Later this year you will start to see the new look of educational media distributed by CPS Team Colorado. The brochures, posters, ID Stickers, etc. have been re-designed by CDOT to provide continuity between all sources of media used by CPS Team Colorado and our partners. The content of these items hasn't changed, but will look different. To see what to expect, please view the attached PowerPoint presentation.

UPDATE YOUR RECALL LISTS

A new child restraint recall was issued on September 11, 2013. Please make sure you are using a list that is dated on or after that.

FREE versions:

- NHTSA: <http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/problems/recalls/childseat.cfm>
- University of North Carolina:
http://www.hsrc.unc.edu/safety_info/child_passenger_safety/child_restraint_recalls_pdf.cfm

SUBSCRIPTION versions:

- <http://www.800bucklup.org/technicians/index.asp> (Look under "Training Materials.")
- <http://carseat.org/> You can "view" this one online for free, but must subscribe to print.

SMART PHONE APP:

- <http://apps.usa.gov/product-recalls-2.shtml>



REPORT YOUR CPS ACTIVITY NOW

Your reporting helps the state program obtain funding for training (CPS Tech courses, CEU/Refresher classes, CPS Renewals and more) and other CPS resources (such as car seats, training dolls, height charts, scales, etc.) statewide. Recently, CPS Team Colorado placed a significant amount of resources across the state. Those resources and the contact information for the people who hold them can be found here: <http://batchgeo.com/map/dfbb759fbefe00d2fdfa837e47a81710>. All certified CPS Technician or Instructor in Colorado is welcome to use these resources.

The CPS Team Colorado grant cycle closes on September 30, 2013. If you have activity that hasn't been reported for the last 12 months please make sure you submit your data. The data we collect from you is vital to the sustainability of the state program and the associated funding. If you do not think this applies to you – it does! Please ensure there is a system in place for yourself or your organization to report on a monthly or quarterly basis (which ever works best for you). Reporting can be done here: <http://www.coloradodot.info/programs/seatbelts-carseats/carseats/technicians/inspection-reporting.html> . If you have any questions about reporting, please contact Heather Cobler.

JOURNAL ARTICLES OF INTEREST

Caregivers confidence in performing child safety seat installations: what matters most?

Mirman, J., Curry, A., Zonfrillo, M., et al. (2013). *Injury Prevention*. doi:10.1136/injuryprev-2013-040866

Abstract

Background Although effective when used correctly, child restraint systems (CRS) are commonly misused. Caregivers must make accurate judgments about the quality of their CRS installations, but there is little research on the psychological, technological, or contextual factors that might influence these judgments.

Methods Seventy-five caregivers were observed installing a CRS into a vehicle and completed self-report surveys measuring risk appraisals, previous utilization of CRS resources, task difficulty, and confidence that the CRS was installed correctly.

Results Approximately 30% of caregivers installed the CRS inaccurately and insecurely, but reported that it was correctly installed. Predictors of confidence were ease of use ($\beta=0.47$) and exposure to CRS resources ($\beta=-0.34$). Installation errors and CRS security were unrelated to caregivers' confidence.

Conclusions An interdisciplinary approach is needed to understand factors influencing caregivers' judgments about their installations optimize channels to connect caregivers to CRS resources, and to design safety technologies in light of these findings.



2013 CPS TRAINING

Training added or updated since the last newsletter is in **RED**.

The following training is not sponsored by CPS Team Colorado. Please contact the Instructor indicated for more information.

CPS Technician Training. The CPS Technician certification course requires a \$75 certification fee payable to Safe Kids at the time of registration. There are no other local fees for this course.

Date(s)	Location	How to Register
<i>--No trainings scheduled at this time --</i>		

CPS Renewal Offerings* (for expired CPS Tech's)

-The Renewal course requires a \$75 certification fee payable online to SAFE KIDS at the time of registration. There are no other local fees for this course.

Date	Location	How to Register
October 19 9 AM to 6 PM	Simosky Home 8335 Wildridge Rd Colorado Springs, CO	http://cert.safekids.org/ search course ID # CO2013822767 Questions? Contact Chris Simosky hstapestry@msn.com (719) 495-0325

CEU Refresher Offerings (for currently certified CPS Tech's to help fulfill recertification requirements)

-Unless otherwise noted, class times are 9 AM to 5 PM.

Date	Location	How to Register
September 27 9 AM to 4 PM	Poudre Fire Authority, Station 4 1945 West Drake Road, Fort Collins, CO	Contact Vera Fullaway vfullaway@comcast.net

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