

ARKANSAS CPS TECH UPDATE

This is the 26th issue of our quarterly electronic newsletter for child passenger safety (CPS) advocates throughout Arkansas. In order to remain up to date on major issues in the ever- changing field of CPS, each edition will provide the latest news, recall information, and CPS information. We would like to spotlight a local or statewide CPS program that is making a difference in their community or state. If you would like to share the successes of your program, or other programs you know about, we would love to hear about them. We welcome any and all suggestions to help make this newsletter useful to you as a CPS technician or advocate. If this is your first time to receive the Tech Update, back issues are available upon request.

Visit our website to learn more about upcoming events: www.carseatsar.org

Also be sure to check out the *Technician Corner* tab, you can find back issues of the CPS Tech Update and links to many of the websites we rely on for up-to-date information. **Please let us know if you have any CPS events you would like on the calendar.**

QUICK GLANCE:

May 5: Safe Kids Day at the Zoo

May 5: Car seat check, Pulaski Academy, Little Rock

May 12: Car seat check, St. Theresa's Catholic Church, Little Rock

May 30-June 1: Car seat technician class, Clarksville

Remember: In order to recertify, you must have a community event and log five seats checks that have been checked by an instructor. If you come to any of the events listed above you can accomplish both goals.



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LIVE WEBINARS:

Child Restraint Manufacturer Update: Evenflo

May 23, 2012 from 1 pm - 2 pm ET (NY time)

CPS CEUs available: 1 (CHES/MCHES credit is also available)

Fees/Requirements: \$0, Pre-registration is requested

For more information: <http://bit.ly/Evenflo2012>

Portable Child Restraints: BubbleBum, Safe Rider Vest, E-Z-on Vest

June 20, 2012 from 1 pm - 2 pm ET (NY time)

CPS CEUs available: 1 (CHES/MCHES credit is also available)

Fees/Requirements: \$0, Pre-registration is requested

For more information: <http://bit.ly/CPSJune20>

WELCOME NEW TECHNICIANS!

(1st Quarter of 2012)



January 2012 Certification Class in Brinkley

Tenekia Farris, Lee County Cooperative Clinic

Robert Fox, Riverside Ambulance

Iris Hamilton, Arkansas Department of Health

Brad Richardson, Lee County Cooperative Clinic

Christie Sides, ARcare

David Simmons, Riverside Ambulance

Michelle White, St. Mary's Regional Medical Center

Herbert Wicker, East Arkansas Area Agency on Aging

March 2012 Certification Class in Sheridan

Debra Chandler, Baptist Health

Anthony Dulin, Grant County Sheriff's Office

Richard Harper, Sherwood Police Department

Tasha Harris

Julie Ingle, Arkansas Children's Hospital

Heather Lee, Baptist Health

Dianne Main, Grant County Hometown Health Improvement Coalition

Dawn Porter, Arkansas Department of Health

Janice Ray, Arkansas Department of Health

Lori Sloate, Baptist Health

Kristie Taylor, Arkansas Children's Hospital

Ramona Wallace, York W. Williams Child Development Center

March 2012 Certification Class in Mtn. View

Jeremy Beaudin, Mountain View Police Department

Clayton Borecky, Van Buren Co. Sheriff's Office

Donald Crispell, Mountain View Police Department

Bobby Day, Mountain View Police Department
David Hess, Van Buren Co. Sheriff's Office
Linda Landers, Sharp County Health Department

CPS PROJECT SPOTLIGHT:

In southeast Arkansas there is a fire that has begun to burn brightly. Ramona Wallace is a certified CPS Technician helping to serve the counties of where she works and lives. When she first came through the certification class in March 2012, she says, "I thought I knew everything about car seats, but I came away with good knowledge and knowing that I can help the families I see daily." At York W. Williams Child Development Center in Chicot County, she assists families with their car seats, and she talks to the parents she sees at Wal-Mart looking for a car seat. "I just can't pass up opportunities when they present themselves."

Mrs. Wallace discovered that a CPS program is easy to implement. "The resources are out there at Safe Kids and websites," she says. She uses these resources to distribute information as well as car seats to families. Mrs. Wallace says, "Just call me an advocate for prevention."

If you know of families who could use Mrs. Wallace's assistance, she can be reached by email at ramonaw.trainer@yahoo.com.

RECALLS: ARE YOU UP TO DATE?

Do you have the most up-to-date recall list? The Recall List is based on the latest information received and verified as of 01/05/12. The *SafetyBeltSafe USA* recall list was updated January 29, 2012. The University of North Carolina Highway Safety Research Center recall list was updated January 31, 2012, and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's recall list was last revised January 27, 2012.

To access and view an updated recall list, go to:

1) SafetyBeltSafe, USA: www.carseat.org

This recall list includes both official recalls and problems that have been identified by child passenger safety advocates. Sections are organized alphabetically by manufacturer. At the end of each section is a list of seats without recalls and seats that should no longer be used. There is no cost to view the SBS recall list. Only subscribers can print the recall list.

2) University of North Carolina, Highway Safety Research Center: www.hsrb.unc.edu. This recall list is available on-line and can be printed free. It is updated when an official recall is added to the list. The index of seats makes it easier to find recalled seats in the document. On this site, you can sign up for a free notification service to receive an email whenever a new recall is added to this list.

3) National Highway Traffic Safety Administration: www.nhtsa.gov

This recall list is available on-line and can be printed free. It is only updated when an official recall is added to the list. On this site, you can sign up for a free notification service to receive an email whenever a new recall is added to this list.

CPS RESOURCES:

CPS Express !



A) National CPS Certification's *CPS Express* is available online:
<http://cert.safekids.org/resources/express.html>

The February, March and April 2012 Issues include information on the following:

- 2011 Certification Program Highlights
- ATVs: Dangerous for Kids
- CHOP Unveils New CPS Website
- New Recertification Reminders
- NHTSA Unveils New '10 – Year-old Child' Crash Test Dummy

B) Curbside Notes



Discussing expiration dates with families

- Strongly encourage replacement of CRs that have expired, as indicated by the CR manufacturer.
- Emphasize that an expiring seat is an opportunity to “upgrade” their child’s CR to a more current model that has newer features for ease of use and protection.
- Point out the advantages of newer CRs, such as LATCH capabilities, and the additional features many CR manufacturers have added, such as side-impact protection and greater adjustability to better fit the child.
- Explain to caregivers that high-weight CRs now have longer life spans, and encourage use of this type of seat until its height or weight limit or expiration date.

Promoting top tether use

- Remind parents of the importance of top tethers in limiting how much the child’s head moves forward in a crash and that CRs provide much better protection when tethered.
- Encourage proper tether use in all FF harnessed restraints, regardless of whether lower anchors or seat belts are used for installation.
- Encourage the use of the top tether with belt-positioning boosters (BPBs) if available and permitted by the CR manufacturer.
- Refer to the vehicle manual to identify proper tether locations. *The LATCH Manual* also identifies TAs and gives tether retrofit information for parents to use when contacting the vehicle manufacturer.
- Refer to the *2010 National Child Passenger Safety Certification Training Student Manual*, Chapter 6, “Vehicle LATCH—Lower Anchors and Tethers for Children.”

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D) RECERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS – Don’t Wait Until the Last Minute!



Tips on How to Get CEUs for Recertification

You may re-certify up to four months before your certification expiration date without losing any time. Avoid problems--don't delay! You **MUST** know your username and password to complete the online recertification process. If you don't know both, please call 877-366-8154.

You need 6 CEUs (you can mix and match) to recertify. Many may be done at your convenience.

A few tips to get you started...

Newsletters/Manuals/Journals: (Category 5)

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- At the CPS Board's home page (www.cpsboard.org/), click on **Earn CEUs Online** (right column). You will have several editions to choose from.
- Two updates with quizzes for one CEU only (1 CEU max).

[Examples of scientific articles](http://cert.safekids.org) – updated quarterly <http://cert.safekids.org>

- This is a listing of various scientific journal articles that you can read (you have to locate them). It allows for 3 articles to equal 1 CEU; 1 CEU is the maximum allowed for this category.

[LATCH Manual Quiz](http://www.saferideneews.org) at www.saferideneews.org

- **ALERT:** A new pink Latch Manual for 2009 has just been released. Go to www.saferideneews.com to complete the online order form.
- Click on Quick Links, scroll down to the CEUs for CPSTs section and click on the links to the 2009 LATCH Manuals (pdf) for the Latch Quiz.
- 1 CEU max. (limit one quiz)

[Car seat manufacturer instruction quiz](http://www.carseat.org) at www.carseat.org

- At the Safety Belt Safe USA home page, click on CEUs for Recertification (under the column Tools for Techs).
- To get to the quiz, you must click on the blue word quiz near the bottom of the page.
- 1 CEU max. (limit one quiz)

Online Sessions: (Category 4)

- www.SafeKidsWebinars.org - 4 online presentations on School Buses, A Tech's Guide to Recalls, Transportation of Children in Vehicles Other Than Cars and Federal Regulations. Read the instructions and requirements carefully
- www.cpsboard.org - 4 online presentations worth 1 CEU each. Click on the Earn CEUs Online link on the right. Read the instructions and requirements carefully. A certificate of completion will be generated when the quiz is passed (80%). Be sure you can **print** from the computer before you start. You must be able to print proof of completion.
- www.buckleupnc.org/training/index.cfm - Online videos from NC CPS Conference worth 0.5 to 1 CEU each (5 CEU sessions are currently available). For CEUs, you must create an account on www.buckleupnc.org. Techs will only be able to take the quiz and earn CEU credits if they have created an account, are signed in, and have watched the entire video.
- **Manufacturer Sites:** Two manufacturers provide online CEUs through special links in currently certified technicians' online profiles by clicking on the **Online CEUs action item** and selecting on Britax or Evenflo. Follow the instructions provided.

FY...

Stat Team Services is looking for qualified CPS techs to fill vacant positions. The STAT Team provides support to clinical areas in an effort to enhance the productivity of the licensed personnel throughout the hospital. The Technician's main responsibility is with the safe transportation of patients throughout Arkansas Children's Hospital as well as educating families on passenger safety prior to discharge from the hospital. The Technician routinely performs additional duties such as:

- Safely transport or assist hospital staff with the transport of patients to and from various areas of the hospital such as radiology, MRI, heart station, EEG, ultrasound, the outpatient clinics, etc.
- Safely lift or assist nursing staff with moving patients who are immobile or need additional assistance
- Retrieve supplies and equipment and deliver to direct patient caregivers
- Deliver medical records, patient pharmaceuticals and laboratory specimens as needed by clinical staff
- Move beds throughout the hospital in order to facilitate patient admissions or transfers

Requirements: High School diploma or GED and 2 years' experience in hospital/medical setting required.

Interested Applicants Must Submit an Online Application at www.archildrens.org

OPINIONS, SUGGESTIONS, CORRECTIONS, ETC.

As CPS Technicians and Advocates, your opinion is important to us. Please let us know what you are doing in your community and we will add it to the Calendar of Events. Also, share with us a summary of your program and we'll spotlight your program in upcoming editions. Let others know the great work you are doing. Thanks for all you do in protecting the children of your community and this great state. Next edition coming in July 2012!

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