

ARKANSAS CPS TECH UPDATE

This is the 21st 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



The website, sponsored by the UAMS Child Passenger Safety Education Program and funded by the Arkansas Highway Safety Office, went live on September 1, 2010. It is an interactive way for parents and caregivers to find technicians in their area and educate them about car seat safety.

The website is also a great tool for certified technicians. Under 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. For a calendar of upcoming events, come and visit us at <http://www.carseatsar.org>.

CPS UPDATE – LATEST NEWS YOU CAN USE:



National Transportation Safety Board Panel Advocates Use of Child Restraint Systems

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Use of Child Restraint Systems Should Be Mandatory Says Panel at NTSB Forum

-Participating on the Aviation Child Passenger Safety panel at the NTSB's forum on child passenger safety Thursday, AFA-CWA International President Pat Friend reiterated the union's longstanding call for separate seats and restraints for passengers less than two years of age. "As flight attendants, we are required to secure all items in the cabin, galley and lavatories; from carry-on bags to coffee pots. We do this because we are trained that in an emergency loose items can be dangerous if flying through the cabin. A lap child has the potential to be one of those 'loose items' that may not only suffer serious injury themselves but also injure others," said Friend.

To read the full article go to: http://www.kidsflysafe.com/cares-safety-news-details?news_item_id=39

Note: AFA-CWA is the union for the Association of Flight Attendants-Communication Workers of America

WELCOME NEW TECHNICIANS!

(3rd Quarter of 2010)

October 2010 Certification Class in Fordyce

Rhonda Harris, Mid-Delta Health Systems
Melissa Jackson, Chicot Memorial Hospital
Theresa Marks, First Step
Morgan McKnight, Delta Memorial Hospital
Sherry Pennington, Delta Memorial Hospital
Tiffany Ross, UAMS AHEC South Arkansas
Mary Scemons, Mid-Delta Health Systems
Jason Wallace, Hwy 8 Christian Center
Rebecka Wendling, UAMS AHEC South Arkansas

December 2010 Certification Class in North Little Rock

William Calzavara, Arkansas Children's Hospital
Katina Criswell, Independent Choices

Kevin Fowler, Arkansas Children's Hospital
Sarah Freeman, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
Deena Garner, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
Michael Jackson, Arkansas Children's Hospital
Gloria Martinez, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
Virginia Norton, Marianna, AR
Gary Ragen, Injury Prevention Center
Detrich Smith, Arkansas Department of Health
Tonya Smith, Brinkley, AR

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 10/30/10. The *SafetyBeltSafe USA* recall list was updated October 30, 2010. New models without recalls have been added to the list but no new car seat recalls were added. The University of North Carolina Highway Safety Research Center and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's recall lists were last revised November 1, 2010.

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.hsrc.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 PROJECT SPOTLIGHT: Kids First



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Kids First, a program operated by the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS), provides diagnostic and treatment services for over 700 Arkansas kids. With 11 locations throughout the state, they serve children ranging in age from 6 weeks to 5 years who have special health care needs. Kids First provides therapeutic services based on individual needs such as developmental delays, nutrition, and behavioral therapy.

Jessica Crymes is a child care technician with the Kids First in Mountain View. She attended a Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Technician Certification course in September 2010 after realizing the need for a technician in her area. Since then Jessica has attended several car seat check-up events to help educate parents. She has also given several presentations to church groups and MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) covering the four steps of CPS and how to properly secure children in car seats. She has also held a workshop for parents and has established a car seat fitting station at Kids First for parents and caregivers.

Submitted by Jessica Crymes, CPST

CPS RESOURCES:

CPS Express !



A) National CPS Certification's *CPS Express* is available online:

<http://cert.safekids.org/resources/express.html>

The December 2010 Issue includes information on the following:

- Re-Certification
 - Overtightening Seat Belts: 2 questions answered
 - Just for Instructors: When an Instructor Makes a Mistake
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B) National CPS Board *Tech Update Tools for Techs* – **Sign up now!**

Source: Fall 2010 Issue Go to www.cpsboard.org



1) NHTSA's *Traffic Tech*, "Reducing Nonuse fo Restraints by Children Ages 5 to 7," – a summary of the study "Identifying Strategies to Reduce the Percentage of Unrestrained Young Children" Go to NHTSA, Traffic Tech Publications. Select #382.

2) **Child safety seat inspection station locator accessible at NHTSA's home page.** – Go to www.nhtsa.gov and find Child Safety Seat Inspection Station Locator in the upper right blue pane. This site also provides access to an online defect-reporting form. The form takes approximately eight minutes to complete. It is suggested that a technician be familiar with all information needed for reporting the defect so all necessary details are available prior to starting to complete the form.

3) **AAP CPS page provides a wealth of information**, including the latest edition of the Car Safety Seats: Product Listing for 2010.

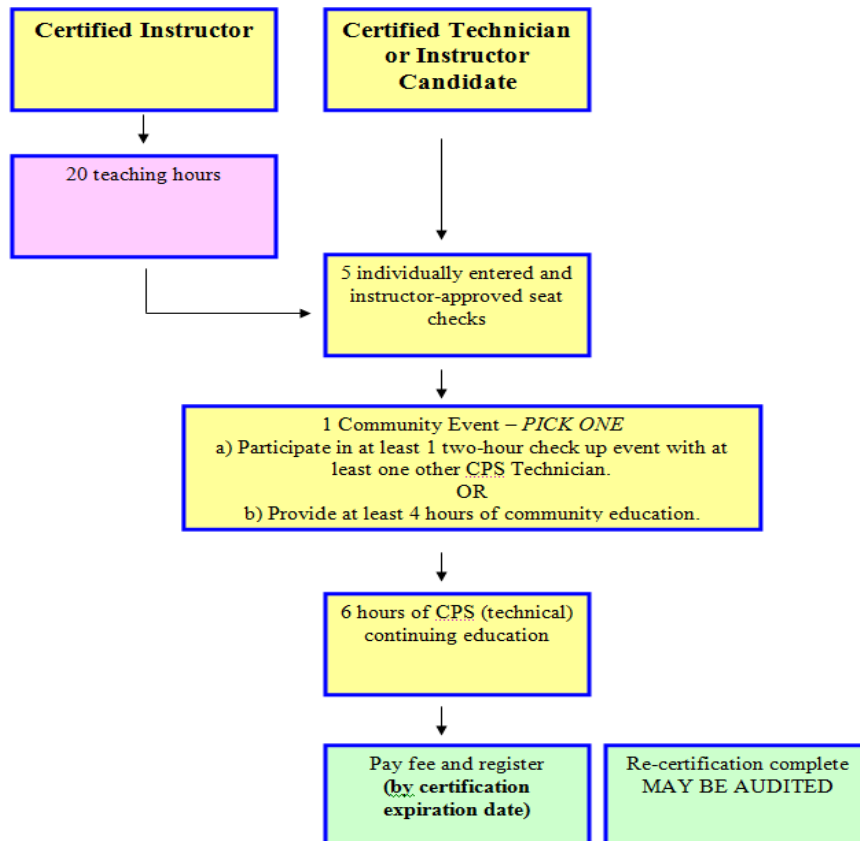
C) RECERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS – Don't Wait Until the Last Minute!



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.

Tips on How to Get CEUs for Recertification

CPS Re-certification Requirements



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)

[Tech Update](#)

- 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](#) – 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](#) at www.saferidenews.org

- **ALERT:** A new pink Latch Manual for 2009 has just been released. Go to www.saferidenews.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](#) 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.

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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 October 2010!

If you would like to be taken off of the mailing list, you may do so by replying to this email and typing "Please remove" in the subject line.

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Never tell people how to do things. Tell them what to do and they will surprise you with their ingenuity.

George Patton