

ARKANSAS CPS TECH UPDATE

This is the 19th 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. A quarterly calendar will be included, as well as training dates for future planning purposes. 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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Techs Needed?</i>
Every Wed.	By appointment	UAMS CPSE Permanent Fitting Station Contact: Tatiana Swanigan, 501-364-3370	ACH South Campus, 11 Children's Way	If available
Tues./Thurs.	By appointment	ACH Community Outreach Checkups Contact: 501-364-5437	ACH Community Outreach 1119 Bishop Street, Little Rock	If available
08/19/10	10:00 – 3:00	CEU Workshop by UAMS and ACH Contact: Kristen Hewitt, ACH, 501-364-3296	Van Buren Police Department 111 South 11 th Street Van Buren, AR 72956	N/A
08/31/10	10:00 – 3:00	CEU Workshop by UAMS and ACH Contact: Kristen Hewitt, ACH, 501-364-3296	ACH South Campus Building 11 Children's Way	N/A
9/14/10 9/18/10	7:30 – 4:30	Technician Certification Class w/ checkup Contact: Mike Smith, 870-931-111	Dimensions 2012 Wilkins Ave. Jonesboro, AR 72401	N/A
9/18/10	10:00 – 1:00	ACH and Cabot Junior Auxiliary Checkup Contact: Kristen Hewitt, ACH, 501-364-3296	Cabot Wal-Mart 304 South Rockwood Drive Cabot, AR	YES
09/21/10 09/25/10	9:00 – 5:00	Technician Certification Class Contact: Tatiana Swanigan, 501-364-3370	Conway Regional Medical Center 2302 College Avenue Conway, AR 72034	N/A
09/25/10	10:00 – 1:00	NHTSA Seat Check Saturday Contact: Tatiana Swanigan, 501-364-3370	Location in Conway to be determined Tentatively Target area parking lot	YES
10/05/10	10:00 – 3:00	CEU Workshop by UAMS and ACH Contact: Kristen Hewitt, ACH, 501-364-3296	ACH South Campus Building 11 Children's Way	N/A
11/02/10	10:00 – 3:00	CEU Workshop by UAMS and ACH Contact: Kristen Hewitt, ACH, 501-364-3296	ACH South Campus Building 11 Children's Way	N/A
12/09/10	10:00 – 3:00	CEU Workshop by UAMS and ACH Contact: Kristen Hewitt, ACH, 501-364-3296	Location to be determined	N/A

CPS UPDATE – LATEST NEWS YOU CAN USE:

A) Consumer Advisory: Parents and Caregivers Reminded Never to Leave Children in Cars



WASHINGTON, June 8, 2010 - As summer approaches the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is reminding parents and caregivers that summer heat can make it especially dangerous to leave children in cars.

Prior agency research shows the risk of a serious injury or death during hot weather is heightened for children left alone in vehicles. Hyperthermia (heat-stroke) is the leading cause of non-crash vehicle deaths for children under the age of fourteen (14). NHTSA has found at least 27 documented deaths per year.

Safety tips from NHTSA to prevent hyperthermia include:

- Never leave a child unattended in a vehicle.
- Do not let your children play in an unattended vehicle. Teach them that a vehicle is not a play area.
- Never leave infants or children in a parked vehicle, even if the windows are partially open or with the engine running and the air conditioning on.
- Make a habit of looking in the vehicle - front and back - before locking the door and walking away.
- If you are bringing your child to daycare, and normally it's your spouse or partner who brings them, have your spouse or partner call you to make sure everything went according to plan.
- Ask your childcare provider to call you if your child does not show up for childcare. Do things to remind yourself that a child is in the vehicle, such as:
 - Writing yourself a note and putting the note where you will see it when you leave the vehicle;
 - Placing your purse, briefcase or something else you need in the back seat so that you will have to check the back seat when you leave the vehicle; or
 - Keeping an object in the car seat, such as a stuffed toy. When the child is buckled in, place the object where the driver will notice it when he or she is leaving the vehicle.
- Always lock vehicle doors and trunks and keep keys out of children's reach. If a child is missing, check the vehicle first, including the trunk.
- If you see a child alone in a hot vehicle, call the police. If they are in distress due to heat, get them out as quickly as possible. Warning signs may include: red, hot, and moist or dry skin, no sweating, a strong rapid pulse or a slow weak pulse, nausea or acting strangely. Cool the child rapidly. Call 911 or your local emergency number immediately.

For additional safety tips and information on how to keep kids safe in and around vehicles visit www.nhtsa.gov/KeepingKidsSafe.

B) NTSB ISSUES SAFETY ALERT TO URGE PARENTS TO USE CHILD RESTRAINT SYSTEMS DURING AIR TRAVEL



Washington, DC, May 27, 2010 - The National Transportation Safety Board today issued a Safety Alert to advise parents of the dangers to young children on aircraft when not restrained in an approved child restraint system or device. The Safety Alert notes that preventable injuries and deaths have occurred in children younger than 2 years who were unrestrained.

Specific child passenger safety issues on aircraft include the likelihood that parents and caregivers may not be able to maintain a secure hold on a lap-held child during turbulence and survivable accidents. Additionally, unrestrained children have become separated from their parents during survivable crashes and parents were unable to locate them during the evacuation.



"As the summer travel season gets underway, the NTSB would like to remind families traveling with children that child restraints are the best way to keep youngsters safe - whether traveling by car or air," said NTSB Chairman Deborah A.P. Hersman. "While the NTSB would still like to see a federal regulation requiring the use of child restraints on aircraft, we continue to recommend that, when traveling by air, all

parents purchase an airline ticket for every child in the family and place each child in a size-appropriate restraint system to ensure that everyone travels safely."

The Safety Alert can be found on the NTSB website here: http://ntsb.gov/alerts/SA_015.pdf.

Additional information about past NTSB safety recommendations on child passenger safety on aircraft can be found on the website here: <http://ntsb.gov/aviation/aviation.htm>

WELCOME NEW TECHNICIANS!

(2nd Quarter of 2010)

May 2010 Certification Class in Bryant



Rosie Burton, The Family Center in Helena
Debbie Crow, Arkansas Children's Hospital
Sharon Hampton, Kids Choice Therapeutic Services, Inc. in LR
Essie Hewett, Kids Choice Therapeutic Services, Inc. in LR
Adrienne Howard, Arkansas Children's Hospital
Lee Lobbs, Saline County Sheriff's Office
Beatriz Meza, Arkansas Children's Hospital
Lucy Moore, The Family Center in Forrest City
Nakita Radford, Counseling and Education Center, Inc. in Helena
Tracy Shell, Saline County Sheriff's Office
Jerry Spradlin, Sherwood Police Department



Michael Tippin, Sherwood Police Department
Zachary Warren, Sherwood Police Department
Amy Witherow, UAMS/AHEC in Fayetteville

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 07/06/10. The *SafetyBeltSafe USA* recall list was updated May 16, 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 February 5, 2010**.

The latest recalls are for the Dorel Maxi-Cosi Mico and the Mia Moda Viva and Viva Supreme for the seats listed below:

Dorel Maxi-Cosi Mico



MAKE: Dorel Juvenile Group (DJG) is recalling certain Maxi-Cosi Mico restraints

MODELS: 22-371, 22-372 or base only 22-515: Production Dates: All made before 06/28/08.

DEFECT: Shell may not attach securely to base or may be difficult to detach.

CORRECTIVE ACTION: Owners are to call 877-657-9546 for kit to replace springs in base. Use without base until repaired.

Mia Moda Viva and Via Supreme



MAKE: Mia Moda is recalling certain Viva, Viva Supreme restraints

MODELS: #5000-5081: Production Dates: All (discontinued 4/30/09)

DEFECT: The harness splitter plate, which is located on the rear of the seat, has sharp edges that can cut the seat's harness. The base also could crack in a crash. If a crash were to occur, a child wouldn't be adequately restrained and could be injured or killed.

CORRECTIVE ACTION: Owners are advised to **do not use**. Go to www.vivacarseatrecall.com or call Lerado Group USA (877-546-8437) for refund.

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 PROJECT SPOTLIGHT: Arkansas Department of Community Correction – Southeast Center (SEACCC)



Arkansas Department of Community Correction

Southeast Center

7301 West 13th Street

Pine Bluff, Arkansas 71602

Telephone: (870) 879-0661 Fax: (870) 879-1513

SEACCC of Pine Bluff is a Modified Therapeutic Community, with a population of 350 non-violent female offenders. Our program provides long term drug rehabilitation services, focusing primarily on the restructuring of families interrupted by addiction. We provide individual counseling, life skills training, continuing education, vocational training, and aftercare services to residents incarcerated at the facility.

Approximately 7% of our incarcerated females enter into this facility pregnant and from low income families. The CPS program provides trained staff an opportunity to educate incarcerated mothers on the importance of child safety seats and proper usage. The CPS program has identified DCC as one of the Child Passenger Safety Education Program satellites and 26 brand new car seats have been provided to us through a CPS grant.

The CPS program has trained and certified Cpl. Karen Davis and DCC Advisor Melva Trask as CPS technicians. We are able to issue car seats to the temporary caregivers once they arrive, at the local hospital, to assume custody of residents' newborn babies. The DCC designated CPS certified technician educates the families on the proper installation of car seats and provides safety information regarding the Arkansas Child Passenger Protection law. Family members are also provided information regarding resources in their local communities. The residents and staff of DCC appreciate the opportunity to take part in the 2010 UAMS Child Passenger Safety Education Program.

Submitted by DCC Advisor Melva J. Trask CCDP-D, CTTS, CPS, MS.

CPS RESOURCES:



A) National Child Passenger Safety Board's *Tech Update* Available Online – www.cpsboard.org

1) The Spring 2010 Issue includes information on the following:

- 4 Steps for Kids: Overview and Mini-Refresher
- Did You Know? Tethering High-Weight Harness Child Restraints
- When Best Practice and The Real World Collide: Non-Regulated Padding and Covers
- CPS Highlights of 2010 Seattle Auto Show: Center Rear Issues for Vehicle Designs
- National Child Passenger Safety Board Survey — New CPS Technicians Seem Satisfied, Confident
- Tools for Techs
- Save the Dates!
- Sign up for Email Notification

2) The Winter 2009-2010 Issue includes information on the following:

- Curbside Help with Harnesses and Vests
- Entanglement Issues with Switchable Retractor-Equipped Shoulder Belts
- Steps to a Recall
- When Best Practice and Real World Collide – Infant Inserts
- Tools for Techs
- KIM 2009 Conference Sessions
- Save the Dates!
- Sign up for Email Notification

B) National CPS Board *Tech Update* Tools for Techs – ***Sign up now!*** Source: *Winter 2009-2010 Issue*



- #### 1) New School Bus Listserv
- If you have questions related to choosing and using child safety restraints on school buses, the new school bus listserv may be helpful. Monitored by top school bus CPS experts, the new listserv provides an excellent opportunity to learn more about the difficulties and solutions for helping

younger children and those with special needs ride more safely on school buses.

CPSforSchoolBuses-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

2) NHTSA email alerts – Sign up to receive email alerts on traffic safety marketing materials, including CPS information, at traffic.marketing@dot.gov. Insert “Subscription request for email alerts” on the subject line, and state in the body of the email: “I would like to receive email alerts on NHTSA traffic safety information and issues.”

3) Vehicle or Child Restraint Complaint - File a complaint about a vehicle or child restraint at <http://www-odi.nhtsa.dog.gov/ivoq>. Help parents and caregivers to understand their role in getting the complaint filed.

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.

Basic re-certification requirements and deadlines:

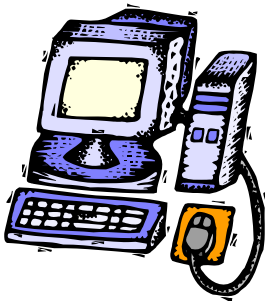
- 1) **Five seat checks** approved by a certified instructor (you may use the technician proxy option). You can do the checks at any time during your certification cycle as long as they are entered online and a certified instructor approves them before your re-certification date.
- 2) **Community education**(choose one):
 - Participation in at least one two-hour checkup event with at least one other CPS technician using any standardized checklist to provide documentation, if needed.
 - Provide at least four hours of community education. Examples include making presentations to parents, educators, kids, organizations (such as PTAs or law enforcement), or other stakeholders who are not technicians.
- A minimum of six hours of CPS technical continuing education units earned and reported during a current two-year certification cycle.
- 1) You cannot carry over CEUs from one period to the next, even if you have accumulated more CEUs than are required.
- 2) Because your certification cycle stays the same, any CEUs obtained after you recertify but before the first day of your new certification cycle may not be applied to the new cycle.
- 3) You can record CEUs at any time during your certification cycle, but they must fit into one of the five approved categories and meet content requirements.
- **Register and pay** the re-certification fee before your certification expiration date. You can register up to 4 months in advance of your certification expiration date. You will **NOT** lose any time--your dates stay the same.

- **To get to the payment screen**, you must have:
 - (1) Completed all five seat checks (entered and CPSTI approved)
 - (2) Entered at least six CEUs
 - (3) Entered your community event information
 Once all three are done, you will see a "Click Here to Continue" button that will take you to the payment screens.
- Once your registration is complete, your re-certification will be processed in two to four days.

A PPT or PDF with instructions on how to recertify, including screen shots, are available under Resources -> Instructions.

If you encounter any problems with the recertification process, please contact the toll-free CPS customer service number 877-366-8154. Their hours of operation are Monday through Friday 9 am – 7 pm ET. Their fax number is 917-305-9876. They are also available at cps.certification@safekids.org.

- **CEU HOURS OFFERED THROUGH ONLINE COURSES (Category 4)**



1) Provided by: National Child Passenger Safety Board

Total available: 4 CEUs

Location: <http://www.cpsboard.org/>

Comments: Four presentations.: Boosters and Airbags, Latest Child Restraints, Fact or Fiction, Real World LATCH, Tethers, and CPS Technician. Each presentation is available for download. After carefully reviewing each presentation, you must complete the online quiz. A certification 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.

2) Provided by: Safe Kids Worldwide and NHTSA

Total available: 6 CEUs

Location: <http://www.safekidswebinars.org/>

Comments: This new site will be the place to obtain online CEUs on a variety of topics. Currently available: School Buses (worth 2 CEUs), Transporting Children in Vehicles Other Than Cars , A Tech's Guide to Recalls, Vehicle Safety Part 1: Federal Regulations, and Vehicle Safety Part 2: Non-Federal Information for the Consumer. The format may also include research questions and slides with a quiz at the end.

** Each webinar is available for download (pdf) for local technical update sessions.

3) Provided by: Britax Tech Site (available only through your online profile)

Earn CEUs at your convenience by watching videos online and successfully completing a quiz. Topics include Britax Superior Energy Management; Britax Safety Standards, Superior Comfort, Fit and Ease of Use; Britax Convertibles Features and Basic Installation; Britax Combination Seats Features and Basic Installations.

4) Evenflo Tech Site (available only through your online profile)

Session includes a Child Restraint Manufacturing and Materials presentation.

- **CEUs OFFERED THROUGH NEWSLETTERS/MANUALS/JOURNALS (Category 5)**



1) Provided by: CPS Board: 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 (1CEU max.).

2) Provided by: Safe Kids Worldwide:

www.safekids.org/certification.

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

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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The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (January 15, 1929 - April 4, 1968)