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It's Here! The New Curriculum Goes Live

The CPS community was abuzz in January when the fully revised National CPS Certification Training Program curriculum became available for all CPST-Is to view online. The Renewal course was also updated simultaneously. This revision, a joint effort of NHTSA, the National CPS Board, and Safe Kids (along with the involvement of a contracted professional curriculum developer) marks the first major curriculum update since 2007.

Announcements from the CPS Board refer to this update as the “new curriculum,” and in many ways it is arguably the most significant refresh of the curriculum to date. Whereas earlier updates were called revisions, typically expanding on or swapping out material from the prior version, CPSTs will find this to be a complete rewrite. Terminology, layout, images, and photos have all been revised and made more modern looking.

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Key Information About the 2014 Curriculum

- **Start Date:** March 1, 2014
- **Hardcopy instructor guides and DVDs** containing other materials were mailed to instructors and instructor candidates on February 7. (If you should have received one but haven't, check to make sure your online profile has the correct mailing address.)
- **Don't have a DVD player?** Or just prefer to have the files on a USB drive? One can be ordered for \$20 (or \$15 each for three or more) using the form found [here](#).
- **Current CPSTs are encouraged to replace their materials** and review the new content. Starting March 1, technicians can download the new TG from the CPS Board website through their certification profile.
- **Find other useful tools and information** at www.cpsboard.org, including:
 - A one-hour webinar introducing the curriculum's important features.
 - A two-page curriculum summary PDF.
 - A materials-feedback form that CPSTs can use for communicating corrections or comments they've noted about the new materials.

Congrats

Congratulations to Matt Herbert for recently becoming a CPS Instructor candidate! Matt will be teaching his first CPS course on May 6-8, 2014. Upon successful completion, he will then become a Nationally Certified CPS Instructor. Way to go, Matt!

Remember:

Check and update your profile often; this is very important! Logon today to <http://cert.safekids.org> online services and ensure that your address, email address, phone number and recertification info are current and up to date.

**IT'S YOUR RESPONSIBILITY
TO KEEP YOUR PROFILE UP TO
DATE!**



Check out these websites to receive CEUs:

- www.safekids.org/certification
- www.carseat.org
- www.cpsboard.org
- www.saferidenews.com

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Feel free to contact one of us via email should you have any questions. We will be happy to help you and answer any questions or concerns that you may have.



A Message From...

**Trish Anderson,
CPS Coordinator**

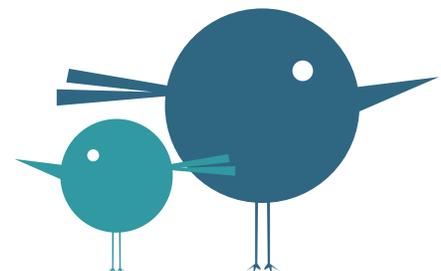
Thanks to everyone for all their hard work this year! Without you the program would not be a success! If you have any pics or stories send them to me and I'll be happy to publish them in the next newsletter.

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New Curriculum, from p.1

The student manual is now called a Technician Guide (TG), as the intention is for this to be a guide for use in the classroom as well as later, out in the field. Mirroring this terminology, the instructor manual is now an Instructor Guide (IG). The chapters (now called modules) are similar to those in the past, with a few key changes. The “Who Makes The Rules” chapter is now a part of Module 1, and safety standards are mentioned in modules to which they pertain. Seat belt systems are now handled in one module; pre-and post-crash locking types are not broken out, and these terms are no longer used. A final module now covers recertification requirements and how to prepare for, conduct, and debrief after a car seat checkup event.

Another modernization is that many resources formerly found in the appendix (as well as many new ones) are now found online rather than in the hardcopy TG, so resources can be updated and added as needed. The much-shorter appendix includes only certain resources that are needed during the course and a new feature called Job Aids: one-page

how-to guides showing certain technical activities, like using a locking clip.

A January 21 webinar for instructors covering the curriculum’s key features is now available for anyone to view on the CPS Board website. In the webinar, CPS Board members Jennifer Huebner-Davidson and Sherri Cannon, along with Emilie Crown, who piloted the course, discuss the many new features and their rationales. In general, however, CPS best practice is still the same, so the developers want CPSTs to know that the core of this curriculum will remain familiar.

Of course, the curriculum’s basic philosophy of Learn, Practice, Explain is also still the same. In fact, the presenters expressed the hope that CPSTs will take this philosophy to heart as they prepare to use the new materials: Let go of old habits, have faith in the new materials, and take advantage of the new tools. And, although a goal of the revision was to make it possible to cover the material in only three days, be open-minded. Think about what can be taught in three days, rather than what is missing.

KIDZ IN MOTION Update Curriculum

Are you planning a CPST update meeting this year? The KIDZ IN MOTION (KIM) Update curriculum has been fully revised for 2014. The presentations included can be used to offer

technicians up to 6 CEUs if presented before February 28, 2015.

Among the many topics covered in the 2014 KIM Update curriculum are an overview of the latest CR models and technology, as well as coverage of issues related to LATCH, head restraints, air bags, and inflatable seat belts. The curriculum

includes presentation slides and links to supporting materials.

Two options are available: For a donation of \$35, the presentations will be sent on a DVD. Or, for \$20, the order will be fulfilled using the Dropbox file-sharing system. Quantity discounts are available.

Go [here](#) for more details.

Occupant Protection Brochure



Have you seen our Occupant Protection Brochure? It is an excellent resource for safety information and guidelines for children of all ages and sizes. If you would like copies of the brochure, please contact Trish Anderson at Trish.A.Anderson@wv.gov or 304-926-3821.



Safety Information

Facts to Remember About Child Passengers

- The best car seats are ones that fit your child, fit your vehicle, and are used correctly every time.
- Always refer to your specific car seat manufacturer's instructions. Read the vehicle owner's manual on how to install the car seat using the seat belt or LATCH system, and check height and weight limits.
- Replace any car seat and booster seat that has been in a crash; they might have defects you cannot see.
- Your child should have adequate head support. When using a backless booster seat, your child's ears should not be higher than the vehicle back. If using a high back booster seat, your child's ears should not be higher than the booster back or vehicle head rest.

Choose the CORRECT Safety Seat for Your Child

Infant Seat

An infant seat is the smallest and lightest safety seat made with a carrying handle for easy infant transport. These are designed for infants 20 - 35 lbs depending on the brand and model.

Infants seats are to be used as rear-facing only.

Forward Facing Combination Seat

These seats are forward-facing only, and are equipped with a five point harness system.

When your child outgrows the harness around age 4 and 40 lbs, the harness can be removed. The seat can then be used with a lap and shoulder seat belt as a booster seat.

Convertible Seat

A convertible seat is a more versatile seat that is capable of being used as rear-facing or forward-facing.

Convertible seats are for infants and toddlers and can rear-face up to 35 lbs, depending on the brand and model.

High Back Booster Seat

A booster seat is used when your child has outgrown a five point harness. They are used with a lap and shoulder seat belt as the restraints. High back booster seats are equipped with seat belt positioners and padded head supports.

All-In-One Seat

These seats are more versatile than the infant or convertible seats. Accommodating infants and toddlers, it can be used as rear-facing, forward-facing, and as a booster seat.

Backless Booster Seat

These seats boost the child for correct positioning of the lap and shoulder belts. They can only be used in vehicle seats with headrests.

IMPORTANT GUIDELINES

- Children should ride rear-facing until age 2
- Never place a rear-facing car seat in front of an active air bag
- At age 2, children may ride forward-facing in a five-point harness
- At around age 4 and 40 pounds, a booster seat may be used
- Children should remain in a booster seat until age 8 and 4'9"
- Children should remain in the backseat until age 13

What everyone should know about seat belts:

- Buckling up correctly is the single most effective thing you can do to protect yourself in a crash. Being ejected out of a vehicle in a crash is almost always fatal.
- Air bags are designed to work with seat belts, not replace them. If you don't wear your seat belt, you could be thrown into a rapidly opening frontal air bag; a movement of such force could injure or even kill you. See www.safercar.gov for more on air bag safety.
- Know how to buckle up safely. The lap belt and shoulder belt should be secured across the pelvis and ribs, which are more able to withstand crash forces than other parts of your body.
- Before you buy a new car, check to see that it's seat belts are a good fit for you. Ask the dealer about seat belt adjustments, which can help you get the best fit. If you drive an older model car that has lap belts only, or if you need a better fitting belt, contact your vehicle's manufacturer for more information.

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- Passenger is of sufficient height to sit with knees bending at the end of the seat

CPS in 2014

In 2014, we look forward to training more technicians across the state and holding more renewal classes. There are currently five certified instructors that teach in West Virginia and 234 certified technicians. We hope to work with the Kanawha County Emergency Ambulance Authority and local hospitals to certify nurses that work with women and children. In addition, we are working toward recruiting interested participants, agencies, or groups such as Emergency Medical Services for Children, WIC, DHHR, and day care centers to increase our certified technicians. Additionally, the statewide Child Passenger Safety Coordinator hopes to continue building on the relationships formed this year with other entities that are passionate about child passenger safety.

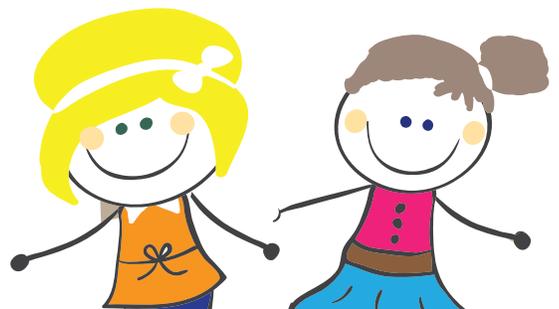
Stats & Information

Technicians

Region 1	• 36
Region 2	• 20
Region 3	• 43
Region 4	• 25
Region 5	• 23
Region 6	• 45
Region 7	• 31
Region 8	• 11

2013 CPS Totals

Child Safety Seats Checked and Replaced	2,100
Technicians Trained	66
Technicians Recertified	7
Check-Ups Conducted	75





WAY TO GO!

REGION 2



*Loretha Wilson,
Southwest Community Action Council*

Loretha is a CPS Technician who installs car seats mainly on school buses and large vans in her area. In the past year, she completed 200+ seat installs and was awarded for the highest number of child safety seat installations for Region 2.



*Steve Amis,
Ceredo Police Department*

Steve received the “Most Enthusiastic About Child Passenger Safety” award. He is the number one technician in Region 2 and is constantly looking for child safety seats that need properly installed.



*Matt Herbert,
St. Mary's Medical Center*

Matt is a CPS Technician who is very active in the community. He is a TIPS Trainer who teaches at many events held in the region as well as being a volunteer nurse for the WV SADD Conference for the past several years.



*Judy Rule,
Cabell County Library*

Judy is a longtime friend of the Region 2 GHSP. She has always provided an opportunity for Highway Safety to attend the library's annual Legislative Breakfast. Not only does this give the library a chance to discuss funding with legislators, but it also allows Highway Safety to promote their message to the legislature.

Region 3 Upcoming Child Seat Events

Due to the inclement weather this past winter, Region 3 was unable to conduct any child seat clinics in their area. With warmer weather coming, there are several child seat events scheduled. Check out their upcoming events below:

Upcoming Schedule	
*May 2nd	- Child Seat Clinic, Wood County Community Baby Shower @ south Parkersburg Baptist Church from 12-2 PM
*May 3rd	- Child Seat Clinic, Home Depot in Vienna, WV from 9AM-2PM
*May 17th	- Child Seat Clinic, Calhoun County Community Baby Shower @ Calhoun County Commission on Aging Building from 10AM-12PM
*May 26th	- Child Seat Clinic, Doddridge County Safety Day

KIM Class held in Beckley

January 28, 2014 • Beckley, WV



Upcoming CPS Course

A free Kidz in Motion Class will be offered on Monday, May 5, 2014 beginning at 8AM at Saint Mary's Medical Center, Education Center, 2825 5th Avenue, Huntington, WV.

Upon completion of this course you will have obtained all 6 CEU's needed in order to re-certify with Safe Kids. You will also receive a certificate of completion. Lunch is provided.

To register for this course, please click [here](#).

Pass it on!

Do YOU wish to be an
Advocate or Resource
in YOUR Community?

**A Nationally Certified
West Virginia Child Passenger Safety
Certification Course Will be Offered on**

**May 6 - 8, 2014
8 am to 5 pm**

**St. Mary's Medical Center
Center for Education and Learning
2825 5th Avenue, Huntington, WV 25702**

*Seats are limited! Register at <http://cert.safekids.org>
with course ID# WV20140311260*

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