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CERTIFICATION UPDATES

Safe Kids Worldwide and State Farm Celebrate 25 Years of Driving Child Passenger Safety Forward

Silver Spring, MD, 2025 – Safe Kids Worldwide and State Farm proudly commemorate 25 years of collaboration dedicated to promoting child passenger safety (CPS) efforts through expanded Good Neighbor Car Seat Safety education and resource access.

This milestone year kicked off nationally, beginning with a Day of Action across nine cities—including Murfreesboro, TN; Shelton, WA; Atlanta, GA; Phoenix, AZ; Lakeland, FL;

Cocoa Beach, FL; and Bloomington, IL—bringing vital car seat checkup events directly to communities.

“We are celebrating 25 years of a wonderful partnership with State Farm, who have been incredible leaders in keeping kids safe from the car seat to the driver’s seat,” said Torine Creppy, president of Safe Kids Worldwide. “As we look ahead, we know we can have greater impact by adapting programs to reach all families ‘where they are’—improving access to education and resources while fostering a safety-conscious culture for families and communities.”

“State Farm is proud to partner with Safe Kids in our shared mission to protect children on the road,” said Rasheed Merritt, assistant vice president, State Farm Corporate Responsibility. “Together, we’ve made great progress helping educate parents, raising awareness, and providing resources that save lives. We look forward to continuing this important work to advance child passenger safety.”

The Day of Action marked the launch of a year-long effort reaffirming Safe Kids and State Farm’s steadfast commitment to advancing child passenger safety, emphasizing the critical milestones that have strengthened protection for children on the road throughout the relationship.

- In 1996, State Farm pioneered support for critical research that shaped modern child passenger safety advancements.
- Since 2005, State Farm has sponsored Safe Kids’ National Child Passenger Safety Technician Certification program, contributing to the training and certification of over 230,000 technicians.
- In 2023, Safe Kids and State Farm launched the Good Neighbor Car Seat Safety Program expanding CPS education, resources, and safety support for families nationally.
- The Good Neighbor Car Seat Safety Program also aids disaster recovery with safety education, car seat distribution, and emergency support.

Together, Safe Kids Worldwide and State Farm remain committed to helping ensure that every child travels safely, empowering families with the tools and knowledge they need to protect their youngest passengers.

Find a [Good Neighbor Car Seat Safety Event](#) in your area. From Car Seat to Driver’s Seat™, help us drive child passenger safety forward.

Tentative 2026 Upcoming Webinars!

Brought to you by State Farm, the National Child Passenger Safety Board and Safe Kids. All CPSTs watching a live webinar must watch at least 45 minutes to earn CEU or CHES credits. Below are the tentative dates and Manufacturers for the 2026 webinars. Watch for upcoming registration information at:

[Recertification | National CPS Certification](#) or <https://www.facebook.com/CPScert>

January 21: **Evenflo**

February 18: **JOIE**

March 18: **Chicco**

April 15: **AXKID**

May 20: **Bubblebum**

June 17: **Doona**

July 15: **Baby Trend**

August 19: **UPPAbaby**

September 16: **Britax**

October 21: **Graco**

November 18: **babyark**

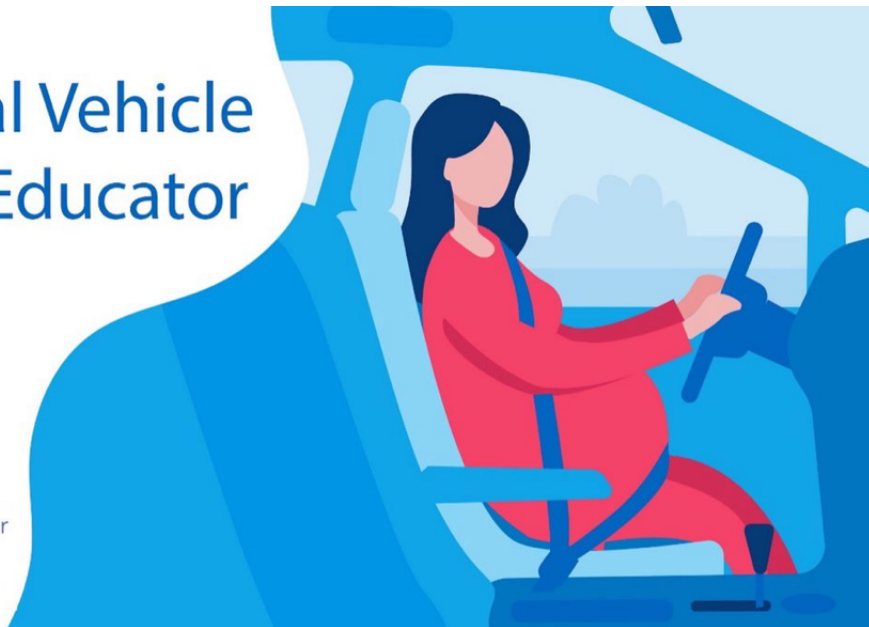
INSTRUCTOR UPDATES

New Required Instructor Course

This requirement will go into effect on February 1, 2025. The required instructor course is available at training.safekids.org and must be completed by all instructors once during every certification cycle. For questions related to the course or implementation of the requirement, please reach out to Cass Herring cherring@safekids.org.

TECHNICIAN UPDATES

Prenatal Vehicle Safety Educator



Prenatal Vehicle Safety Educator Endorsement

Coming soon: In collaboration with the Hudson Center for Prenatal Vehicle Safety We are happy to share that we will be adding a Prenatal Vehicle Safety Educator Endorsement to the certification profile. After completing the training CPSTs will receive prenatal vehicle safety endorsement and be able to offer prenatal seat belt checks. Participants only need to attend one of the training sessions. For more information about the training sessions please visit Hudson Center for Prenatal Vehicle Safety. This will be a retroactive endorsement.

What Documents to Send for an Audit

When you receive an audit selected email, you were randomly selected for a recertification CPST audit. To complete the audit, please submit ALL CEUs completed for your recertification to cpsaudit@safekids.org . Emailing all required 6 hours of CEUs proof of attendance/ completion documentation a month after you received your audit selected email, satisfies the requirement for passing an audit. Should any questions arise about audits, please visit the policies & procedures manual National CPS Certification Policies & Procedures Manual or email cpsaudit@safekids.org.

The National Child Passenger Safety Board Wants to Hear from You!

Do you need CPS resources for your program or team? Child Passenger Safety

Technicians, Instructors and advocates can now “request a resource” to be added to the Resource Center at www.cpsboard.org/resource-center/. All requests will be reviewed by the NCPSB.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Conferences

[Injury Free 2025 National Conference](#)

December 5-7, 2025

Ft. Lauderdale, FL

[Register Now Online](#)



[Lifesavers Conference](#) (2026)

April 19-21, 2026

(with auxiliary trainings April 18, 2026)

Baltimore, MD



MACPS Calendar of State, Regional, and National CPS Conferences

2026

UT: February 25

2026 Utah CPS Conference (West Valley City)

Stacy Debban, sdebban@utah.gov

MA: March 06

Massachusetts Child Passenger Safety Conference (Worcester)

Mandi Summers, mandi.summers@baystatehealth.org

OK: April 15

Martha Collar Tech Reunion – Oklahoma Statewide CPS Conference (Broken Arrow)

Beth Washington, bawashington@saintfrancis.com

Lifesavers Conference (Baltimore, MD): April 19-21 (with auxiliary trainings April 18)

www.lifesaversconference.org

CA/AZ/NV: May 4

Southern CA CPST Summit (Los Angeles)
Kristen Sanders, ksanders@ph.lacounty.gov

NC, SC, TN, VA: May 04-06

Safe Kids North Carolina Conference (Cherokee, NC)
Allan Buchanan, allan.buchanan@ncdoi.gov

IN: May 19–20

Indiana CPS Conference (Indianapolis); www.preventinjury.org
Becky Tamosaitis, btamosai@iu.edu

ID: May 21–22

2026 Child Passenger Safety Conference (Boise)
Carma McKinnon, carma@lemhicountyidaho.org

LA: June 9

Louisiana Child Passenger Safety Conference (Baton Rouge)
Bridget Gardner, bridget.gardner@lcmchealth.org

WA: June 17

Washington Safety Summit (Wenatchee)
Wanda Yamashita, wanday@theyamashitas.com

NC: August (Extended Learning Sessions on August)

KIDZ IN MOTION Conference (Wilmington, NC); www.kidzinmotion.org

SC: September 15

2026 Child Passenger Safety Summit (Columbia)
Kevin Poore, poorekh@dhec.sc.gov

Holiday Travel Season Reminder:

The holiday season is one of the busiest times of year for travel, with families hitting the road to visit loved ones or enjoy a well-earned vacation. As CPSTs, it's important for us to remind families amid all the excitement, it's easy to overlook one of the most important parts of the journey; making sure children are safely secured in the car. Here are a few tips to share with caregivers during this travel season:

- Before traveling, take time to inspect the car seat for recalls or signs of wear and tear; and make sure the child hasn't outgrown in.
- Bulky winter coats can interfere with the harness fit; so, skip the heavy jackets, and dress children in thin, warm layers or use a blanket over the harness.
- If flying, remember that most car seats approved for motor vehicles are also certified for air travel; bringing your own car seat ensures your child is protected

in the air and once you land.

CEU AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION RESOURCES

Visit training.safekids.org to see updates to the CEU platform and look for new CEUs coming soon. For assistance with login or certificates please contact Matt Louzon at mlouzon@safekids.org.

Technical Resource Highlight: [IIHS.org](https://www.iihs.org)

For the second installment of this series, I want to highlight a leading source of data and independent research on child passenger safety. The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) is dedicated to reducing deaths, injuries and property damage from crashes through research and evaluation and by educating consumers, policymakers and safety professionals. As we enter holiday travel season, finalize program planning for 2026, and prepare for a new legislative session, success is far more likely when our decisions are based on such empirical evidence.

[Child Safety Main Page](#)

This comprehensive overview addresses multiple topics at a high level and highlights respected research throughout. It has an overview of the most recent fatality data available and compares that to other years as far back as 1975, demonstrating progress and trends. It then goes through best practices for transporting children safely, citing and linking published research throughout, and provides a summary of restraint selection guidelines. Another interesting summary calls out actual restraint practices, listing how children are being restrained and what state laws require. Child restraint misuse is well-addressed, citing multiple studies and statistics throughout, and backover crash injury information and solutions are added.

[Fatality Facts](#)

This page is a deep dive into child fatality statistics, anchored by the most recent year that has been fully analyzed (currently 2023). With links to research and resources throughout, the narrative addresses trends from the early days of child passenger safety, where progress has been made, and where gaps still exist. This evidence can be used by advocates to validate our claims and teachings, and to focus our efforts for upcoming years. Charts and graphs are used throughout, beginning with an overall look at all traffic deaths that include child occupants, pedestrians and bicyclists by category and by rate. With a focus on child occupants, the largest segment, fatality data from

1975-2023 are analyzed by seating position, sex, rate, restraint use, time of day and by month.

[Driving with Kids](#)

This comprehensive guide was developed for parents and caregivers. It starts with an overview of selecting the right type of car seat for children by age and size. Next it discusses purchasing car seats, encouraging the use of a new car seat, warning against counterfeit or noncompliant car seats, using second-hand car seats, and even expiration dates. There are sections on installing car seats with LATCH or seat belts and tethers, vehicle LATCH ratings, adjusting harnesses for children, and the purpose and evaluation of booster seats. Finally, it discusses supervision of children in and around cars, making caregivers aware of backovers, restraint use and hot car deaths.

[Additional Safety Resources](#)

The IIHS is an excellent source of information on all vehicle safety issues, and its website goes far beyond child passenger safety. You can find cutting edge research on a variety of topics with its tabs, links and search function, and learn of advancements that the research supports. You can also see good summaries of state laws for both children and adults. A wealth of credible and respected information will be found as you scroll and search.

*- Joe Colella, CPSTI
Baby Safety Alliance*

CERTIFICATION WEBSITE

Alert: Stop Spinning

If you are in your CPS online profile and **the page won't load** (spinning circle), it is probably because you are using Internet Explorer for the browser. Internet Explorer is not compatible with some web pages because it is no longer supported/updated.

The solution is to **use a different browser such as Chrome, Safari, Firefox or Edge.**

SAFE KIDS' TEAM CERT IS HERE TO HELP!

The Safe Kids team is available to help you with recertification, course management, CEU audits and any other certification-related issues.

- Technical content and questions, understanding Certification policies and

procedures

Cass Herring, certadvisor@safekids.org

- Recertification, managing a course, or paying a fee (roster issues)

Wardell Bonner or Theresa Jean, cpscert@safekids.org, or 202-875-6330

- Pre-approvals for CEUs, technician proxy applications, instructor candidacy applications, Nursing Continuing Education credits

Stephanie Heitsch, sheitsch@safekids.org

- Audit questions

Franki Algarin, cpsaudit@safekids.org

- Questions related to training.safekids.org

Matt Louzon, mlouzon@safekids.org



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