Occupant Protection for Children (as of March 10)

CPS & Vehicle Manufacturers Latest Technology (Round 1)
You are invited to meet the first panel of child restraint (CR) manufacturers, large and small, as they showcase their newest car seats, changes to established products and the latest injury prevention technology.
(CEU 1.5)

CPS & Vehicle Manufacturers Latest Technology (Round 2)
Welcome back! Meet the second panel of child restraint manufacturers (CR), large and small, as they showcase the newest car seats, changes to established products and the latest injury prevention technology. Visit with Round 1 and 2 manufacturers at their exhibit booths during the conference and earn an additional CEU.
(CEU 1.5)

School Bus Transportation: Times Are Changing
Changes in social norms and state laws can impact school bus transportation. This session takes a closer look at how improvements in traffic safety laws and industry standards impact transporting children of all ages and the caregiver's perception of safety on the bus. We will look at children under age two, children with special transportation needs and Child Safety Restraint Systems (CSRS) on buses. Experts will discuss real-world experiences with lap and shoulder belts on buses, grassroots programming efforts, new resources and best practices. This workshop could be especially beneficial for individuals who work in school based transportation or have a desire to learn more about the issue.
(CEU 1)

Forgetting Children in Cars, Why Does It Happen & How Can We Prevent It?
Most people can’t imagine how a responsible caregiver forgets a child in a car, but more than 50% of these deaths are unintentional and can happen to anyone under the right circumstances. So how does this happen? A memory expert who has studied child vehicular heatstroke from a neurobiological perspective will explain why, while the founder of the Texas Heatstroke Task Force will explain what you can do to educate parents, caregivers and the public about how to prevent it. You’ll also hear from a parent who never thought it would happen to him and the work he is doing to prevent other families from experiencing a similar tragedy.
(Community Education Credit)

Tethers: Free, Available & Unused
Tethers on forward facing car seats reduce head excursion and add significant protection in crashes for children riding forward-facing. So why, almost 20 years after becoming standard equipment in passenger vehicles, are tethers used by only half of parents to secure their forward-facing children in car seats using tethers? Join in a discussion examining what parents believe about tethers, what it will take to ensure they recognize that tether use is critical for correct installation, and research being conducted to better understand this underutilized tool.
(CEU 1.5)

You Don’t Need a PhD to Evaluate Your Program!
Is it time to evaluate, expand or modify your CPS program? Learn how to use evidence-based programs to stabilize your technician base, incorporate new evaluation strategies, and expand or cultivate new partnerships. Apply these new concepts to your program to maximize its full potential and take it to the next level without reinventing the wheel!
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**Leveraging Uncommon Partnerships to Expand & Promote CPS Programs**

Don't work harder, work smarter! Broaden your child passenger safety program’s reach through partnerships that promote resource sharing, making it easier for multiple audiences to access your services. Atypical, real-world child passenger safety program partnerships and their impact will be showcased.

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**Vacation Travel Risks & What Parents Need to Know**

Family vacation may mean trading the car, van or SUV for a recreational vehicle (RV), using public transportation or hopping on a plane. Explore challenges parents face when on vacation and what they need to know to safely transport their precious cargo in on-demand rideshare vehicles such as Uber and Lyft, when traveling by plane, or in RVs.

(CEU 1.5)

**Good, Better, Best: Laws, Best Practice & Car Seat Instructions**

Rear facing until age 2? Rear facing until age 3? Turn them around at one year? What’s best practice? What does the data show? Having a hard time explaining to parents and caregivers why their respective state's child passenger safety law may differ from the child safety seat manufacturers' instructions that are based on FMVSS 213? What should a technician focus on - the law, best practice or manufacturer instructions? Learn how information used to craft state laws can become quickly outdated due to new research, the latest products and changing data, and why the technician re-certification process that requires continuing education is so important. Don’t miss this opportunity to see if your skills are keeping pace with what you should be telling parents!

(CEU 1)

**New Technology? Yes, Please!**

Car seat manufacturers continually add features to improve their products’ crashworthiness and ease of use. Take a deep dive into how several technologies work and the impact they’re having on the ever-changing car seat landscape. Also explore the pros and cons of using an electronic checklist in the field including findings from recent events.

(CEU 1)

**Building Bridges into Diverse & Underserved Communities**

Are you trying to expand your program’s outreach into diverse and underserved communities? Take note - they are not one and the same. Learn how advocates effectively expanded their programs to reach these distinctly different populations using strategies that address cultural barriers while being sensitive to each community’s unique and real needs.

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