

Buckle Up Express

FEATURING WYOMING'S CPS TEAM



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Congratulations to Anna Thompson on her retirement



Congratulations Anna on your retirement! The Child Passenger Safety Program here in Wyoming would not be what it is today without your leadership from the beginning. You will be missed, but we know you will always be an advocate and volunteer for the program! Thank You!

Anna writes:

"I began at WYDOT Highway Safety Program on April 1, 1986. Yup, April Fool's Day! My first responsibility was to work with child passenger safety statewide doing trainings for the many child seat loaner programs that had been established before I started. This program went by the wayside once we discovered how important it was to know the history of the seat. In 1996, the first attempt at a certification course was piloted in Denver with a fill in the blank closed book test with 100 questions. The National Child Passenger Safety Technician Certification Course did not come into existence until 1997. Before that I used curriculum developed by SafetyBeltSafeUSA, International Chiefs of Police (IACP) and others who had been in the safety community longer than I. I became the first child passenger safety instructor in Wyoming in 1997 by teaching with other beginning instructors. My instructor number is I0029 which means I've been around for a while. In the first CPS Technician classes, the team of instructors came from other states to assist me. Now we have 13 instructors and many technicians. It has been a fun run for me knowing that what I started has expanded to what it is today through the coordination of Stephanie Heitsch and the strong instructor core here in Wyoming. I have spent many volunteer hours working with children across the state to ensure they are transported safely. I plan to continue to teach and volunteer in this important program. It has been a privilege to also have been on the Safe Kids Wyoming Leadership Team since its inception as Help Me Grow. The people, partnerships and friends that I have made through the years have been exceptional and dedicated individuals. Thanks for all the children, parents, grandparents, caregivers who have been touched by this program through the years and the excellence it has maintained. Please continue to be passionate about saving lives through education and not installation."



Wyoming's Technician Re-certification

Below are the simple steps on what it takes to re-certify.

Remember-you are responsible for entering your information on-line to re-certify.

The steps for re-certification are not as complicated as they may seem and we need to all try to complete them to maintain our certification. Follow these simple steps below, start early and you will not lose your certification.

You will need your username and password to be able to enter all your information into your profile at: <http://www.safekids.org/certification/>. Call 877-366-8154, if you do not have that information.

1) Five seat checks approved by a certified instructor or proxy. If needing a proxy in your area, contact stephanie.heitsch@crmcwy.org

2) Community education (Have a certificate of proof in case of auditing)

OPTION 1: Two-hour check up event with at least one other CPS Technician at which you serve families using any standardized checklist to provide documentation, if needed. Visit safekidswyoming.org

OPTION 2: Provide at least four hours of community education. Examples include presenting to parents, educators, kids, organizations (PTAs, law enforcement). These are presentations to non-CPSTs. You are welcome to combine smaller events for the requirement.

3) Minimum of six hours of CPS technical continuing education units (See below)

CEUs are self-certified and are subject to random auditing.

Remember to print the proof of your CEUs in case of auditing.

4) Register and pay the re-certification fee **before and within 4 months of your certification expiration date**

Easy ways to get all 6 CEUs !

Newsletter Category/Max 3 CEUs in this Category

1 CEU—Every Wyoming Technician is credited one CEU for receiving the Safe Ride News Publication. Contact nancy@saferidenews.com for Proof of Purchase

1 CEU— Take the LATCH Manual Quiz. Go to saferidenews.com to learn more

1 CEU—Take the CR Manufacturer's Quiz. Go to carseat.org to learn more

1 CEUs—Reading the Tech Update and taking quizzes at www.cpsboard.org

Online/Web Sessions Category/Max 5 CEUs in this Category

4 CEUs— Three presentations and Quizzes on www.cpsboard.org

7 CEUs-- <http://www.safekidswebinars.org/>

4.5 CEUs-<http://www.buckleupnc.org/training/index.cfm>

5 CEUs- <http://advocates.britaxusa.com/default.aspx> Britax

1 CEU- <http://www.safetymadeeasier.com/> Evenflo

In-person Session Category/Max 6 CEUs in this Category

Attend an update course for 6 CEUs as a technician. For more information on the course, contact: Stephanie.heitsch@crmcwy.org.

Informative Websites:

- Safekidswyoming.org
Safe Kids Wyoming
- www.nhtsa.gov
National Hwy Traffic Safety Administration
- www.safekids.org
Safe Kids Worldwide
- www.carseat.org
SafetyBeltSafe USA
- www.cpsboard.org
National Child Passenger Safety Board
- www.dot.state.wy.us
Wyoming Department of Transportation
- www.carseatdata.org/
Car seat Compatibility List
- www.hsrec.unc.edu
Car Seat Recall List
- www.kidsncars.org
Kids Safe In and Around Cars

Why use the internet? The NHTSA website offers you the newest recalls, program information, and free materials. The CPS Board site provides Technician Update Reports on new products, techniques and recertification answers.

New Child Restraint Labeling

The FMVSS 213 Amendment went in to effect February 27. The amendment requires child restraint manufacturers to change their labeling to help parents know when it is the right time to stop using the lower attachments and switch to seat belts to secure harnessed CRs. A combination of the child's weight and the child restraint's weight cannot exceed 65 lbs. to use lower anchors. The purpose of the new label is to reduce consumer confusion about using lower anchor attachments to ensure that forces generated by the child and car seat in most crash conditions do not exceed the lower anchor design limits. The new rule does not address a limit on the child weight for the use of the tether. Technicians will continue to recommend use of the tether according to the vehicle and child restraint manufacturer instructions. **You do not have to weigh any child restraints!**

Benefits of New Labeling

- Consumers will have convenient, clear and consistent access to facts about the child weight limit for lower anchor use.
- CR label would be more effective than putting it in the vehicle manual alone which caregivers consult only 14% of the time for information about installing CRs.
- Reduces the possibility of field failure of lower anchorages. Although there have been no reported anchorage failures, the risk of anchorage failure exists. Each year caregivers are encouraged to keep heavier children harnessed longer by NHTSA and other advocacy groups and more seats are being manufactured with higher weight limits.

Will every child restraint have a label?

- Labeling is not required on rear facing only child restraints or belt positioning boosters.

What else is covered in the amendment?

- The amendment expands coverage to CRs for children up to 80 lbs.
- The "10-year-old child" dummy is the latest addition to the agency's family of test dummies and is the best tool currently available for measuring the risk of injury to a child using a higher-weight child restraint system in the event of a vehicle crash. Child restraint manufacturers are not required to perform CR testing with lower anchors for CRs with the new dummy (10 yr. old) with any child restraints serving kids over 65 lbs. They will use the lap and shoulder belt to secure the child restraint.

Compliance Dates

Child restraints manufactured on or after February 27, 2014 until February 26, 2015, may comply with a label specified in the February 27, 2012 final rule or as amended by Feb. 27, 2014 final rule. CRs manufactured on or after February 27, 2015 must meet the amended Feb. 27, 2014 final rule. Labeling required on or after Feb. 27, 2015 will have an installation Diagram showing the CR installed in a seating position equipped with lower anchors with a statement about child weight.

What does this mean to the curbside technician?

- Don't weigh the car seat
- Read the labels, read the instructions
- Advise the caregiver when to switch from the lower attachments to the seat belt

The document is published in the Federal Register and available [online](#).

Submitted by Kim Herrmann, Safe Kids Worldwide (Ft. Myers, FL)

Upcoming Child Passenger Safety Technician Trainings

Certification Course: Rawlins / June 3-6, 2014 / Registration Attached

Renewal Course: *(If expired and would like to be renewed in an 8 hour course)*
Fire Station #2, Rawlins / June 2, 2014

Update Course: *(If currently certified and need to receive your 6 CEUs and seats checked off)*
Fire Station #2, Rawlins / June 2, 2014

(email: Stephanie.heitsch@crmcwy.org for registration of the Renewal or Update Courses)

Special Needs Training and Instructor Meeting



Wyoming was honored to have **Tammy Franks, MA**/ Child Passenger Safety Coordinator from Randall Children's Hospital at Legacy Emanuel, Portland, Oregon come to instruct the Special Needs Transportation Workshop in Laramie on April 10th. Tammy has been active in the Child Passenger Safety field for 15+ years. Under her leadership, the Child Passenger Safety Program at Randall Children's Hospital has expanded its outreach to include a NICU program, special needs transportation evaluations, in-house and community car safety seat distribution programs, a permanent fitting station and a recycling program. Tammy is a Planning Committee member for the KIDZ IN MOTION National Child Passenger Safety Conference and is a board member of SafetyBeltSafe U.S.A. She, also, serves as the Board Chair for Safe Kids Oregon. Twenty-one Child Passenger Safety Technicians attended the course to be educated on working with families with common transportation challenges including low birth weight and/or pre-term infants, children in casts, the escape artists, and children with mild to moderate positioning needs.

The Child Passenger Safety Instructor Team Meeting was also held on April 11th in Laramie. **Jami Revesz from Michigan**, who is the Quality Assurance Specialist with the Safe Kids Certification Department instructed the course for us this year. Jami gave information on curriculum update, tips/tricks for making class more interactive & hands-on, ideas for teaching in the cars as much as possible and team building. She made everyone leaving feeling excited to teach their next course. Thank you Jami and to the Wyoming CPS Instructor Team for your dedication to the program!

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I have to take this opportunity to thank ALL of the technicians that were due to expire on 3/7/2014 and 3/10/2014 for making sure that their certification requirements were complete.

***100% of those technicians recertified** and did not let their certification expire. I have **NEVER** seen that rate before with a group of technicians and have to say thank you. Also, to Joe at the Laramie Fire Department for making sure all of the guys there were taken care of.*

Thank you all for everything each one of you do to help keep the children of Wyoming safe!

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Why Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Training?

Unintentional injuries are the leading cause of death and injury to our children under the age of 16. **The number one killer of our youth is motor vehicle crashes.** In 2010, Wyoming saw 28 individuals from 0-24 years killed in motor vehicle crashes with 3 being 0-14. Effective child passenger safety training is very important – not only in terms of providing technical information, but also in raising the awareness of the importance of proper occupant restraint usage by our youngest and most precious travelers. In 2011, more than 1900 car seats were checked throughout Wyoming with 89% installed incorrectly.

The course will expand your existing skills and increase your confidence, enabling you to better provide this valuable, lifesaving service to your community. Documented CPS training and experience also can help reduce employer and practitioner liability.

Upon completion of the NHTSA (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration) standardized course, which has both written and hands-on components of testing, you will be certified as a Child Passenger Safety Technician. By supporting national certification, you help enhance the credibility and professionalism of the CPS community and the organizations that employ CPS technicians, including your own. Technician certification provides you with an additional level of quality control and assurance that you are providing up-to-date information.

Expectations of Training Participants

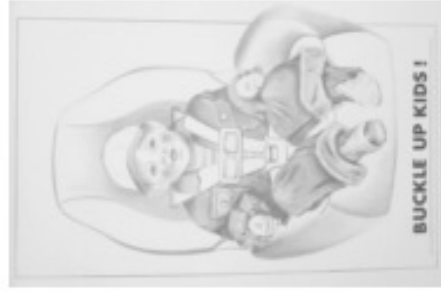
- **Maintain CPS Training Certification through Safe Kids Worldwide by recertifying biannually** through education and CEU's.
- Participate in at least three (3) Check Up events per year.
- Conduct presentations in your community on Child Passenger Safety.

NHTSA Certified Child Passenger Safety Technician Training

June 3, 4, 5, 6 2014

Application deadline: April 24, 2014

Fire Station #2
501 E. State Street
Rawlins, WY 82301



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Injury Prevention
214 East 23rd Street
Cheyenne, WY 82001

**NHTSA CPS
Training Information
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Limited Space!**

Supporting Agencies



Buckle Up Kids
Federal 402 Highway Safety Grant

Who Should Attend?

Anyone involved in child passenger safety education that wishes to teach accurate information to parents or the general public. Examples include: nurses working in obstetrical, pediatrics, emergency room or home programs, physical therapy staff, childcare providers, physicians, law enforcement, firefighters, car dealership staff and parents. **Continuing education contact hours (CECH) are available for law enforcement, fire and rescue, child care providers and nurses.**

When

Because this workshop is limited to 25 attendees, and our goal is to have all 25 "graduates" become active in CPS, we require students to attend **ALL FOUR classroom sessions AND the Check-Up Event.** Please do not apply if you cannot attend the entire training.

Tuesday-Thursday, June 3-5, 2014

8:00 am-5:30 pm Lecture, Hands-On, & Testing

Friday, June 6, 2014

8:00 am-3:00 pm Class & Check-Up Event
(12:00-3:00) (Station #2/Rawlins)
(required attendance to complete training)

Limited Registrations

Only 25 applications will be accepted for this course. Your rapid return of this application is important if you are planning to attend. The application deadline is April 24, 2014. Late registrations will be assessed a \$10 late fee. You will be notified of your acceptance to this class and provided with additional course and hotel information by May 6th. Cancellations received by April 24th, 2014 will be refunded \$75.00 of the registration fee. Substitution requests will be included in additional information.

The registration fee of \$160.00 must accompany your application. The registration fee helps to cover the expenses of all course materials, lunch each day, break food and beverages, rental of the training center, registration of the class and a child passenger safety shirt. Additional costs are paid for through a Federal 402 Highway Safety Grant.

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Lodging Information

Students requiring lodging (more than 50 miles from the training), please fill out the lodging information:

Name: _____

Roommate name: _____
(A roommate helps to lower the costs of the class)

Single Room _____ Double Room _____

Smoking _____ Non-Smoking _____

Nights of lodging will be booked for June 2, 3, 4, 5
Lodging will be booked and paid for each attendee through a Federal 402 Highway Safety Grant. You will receive full hotel details by May 6th.

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Student Application Form

Name _____
Title _____

Organization _____

Preferred mailing address provided below is:
Work _____ Home (circle one) _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Daytime Phone _____

Fax _____

Email _____

Men's Shirt Size _____

To reserve spaces for individuals in an organization, please send in the registration fee immediately and the names of the individuals by April 24th, 2014.

Return this application section before April 24th, 2014, with the \$160.00 registration fee.
Make checks payable to:

**Cheyenne Regional Medical Center
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