

# CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY NEWS



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## From Cesi Velez, Project Manager

*My hope is everyone is reading this in a healthy state and a happy heart. I am happy to see and support all of the great work done throughout our State. Reach out and let me know how I can help.*

## WASHINGTON CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY SUMMIT

REGISTRATION CLOSES ON FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2025

Looking forward to this exciting opportunity to network, share knowledge, sharpen skills, and see everyone in person!

DAY ONE March 25, 2025 9:00am-4:30pm	DAY TWO March 26, 2025 9:00am-4:30pm
Dedicated to CPST Instructors only	Dedicated to ALL technicians and instructors
<b>Optional attendance if you are:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Currently an instructor candidate (IC)</li><li>Technician Proxy (TP)</li><li>Technician Assistant (TA) in a CPST course</li></ul>	<b>Optional attendance if you:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Directly support child passenger safety programs and activities (TSM, SK Coordinator,...)</li></ul>



NDCF SEAT CHECKS	ALL DATA DUE TO SYSTEM
October, November, December	January 10th
January, February, March	April 10th
April, May, June	July 10th
July, August, September	October 10th

## Mini Grants

Thank you to all of you who entered into a mini- grant agreement to support local services and hosting a CPST course. Reach out if you have any questions.

## Reminders:

If you have a CEU workshop planned or seat sign-offs for your technicians, request a CPST Instructor or Technician Proxy as soon as possible. Their schedules are busy and most need to plan well ahead of time.

All invoices for goods received, or services performed on or prior to June 30th, **must be received by Cesi Velez, Project Manager, by July 20th.**

# CPS COMMUNICATIONS LEAD

## National Digital Check Form (NDCF) and Quarterly Reporting

In addition to sharing yearly misuse data gathered from the NDCF system; there are quarterly reports available; sharing state, county and technician seat check data in addition to seats distributed. This information is provided using the “raw” data file. The “clean” data is not finalized until several weeks later due to the volume and care taken to ensure the information is accurate. I understand many of you have reporting to conduct on a regular basis. The raw data file will be generated on or near the 10th of the month following the quarters’ end; then placed on [wacarseats.com](http://wacarseats.com) under resources, car seat data.

## REMINDERS:

As a nationally certified child passenger safety technician, you should have an account in the NDCF system. Create a user account at <http://www.carseatcheckform.org/> and have a copy of your CPST certification card to submit. Each time you recertify, you will need to upload your certification card into the NDCF system. If you are struggling with getting used to the NDCF format, visit <https://www.cpsboard.org/ndcf/tutorial-videos/> It has numerous tutorials that will help you with setting up an account, adding your agency, and much more.

**Your new NDCF account/profile** is initially blocked until it is reviewed and approved. You then will receive an automated email. In this email is a link to click on to access your account and reset your password. Your name and technician number will not populate on the NDCF until you have completed this step.

**TIMELY** input of your seat checks is critical to gathering data and activity reports. Many of you utilize a tablet for direct input into the system; while others prefer to use a hard copy then enter the data on your desktop. BOTH methods work and are acceptable. Ensure your data is uploaded to the system regularly to meet the following:

**Free preprinted V9 forms** (English and Spanish) are available at the state printer for order. Just set up an account and place your order at my [print.wa.gov](http://print.wa.gov).

## RECERTIFICATION

Completing a Community Education event and six Continuing Education Units are usually achieved before the required five seat check sign-offs when it comes to recertification. Now there is the ability to obtain a VIRTUAL seat sign-off! Visit <https://carseateducation.org/cpst-resources>

Reach out if you are interested in providing seat sign-offs at a community seat check event. I can assist with providing an instructor or tech-proxy to provide this service. There are also CEU sessions that can be held at the local level if you are interested.

## SOME ADDITIONAL VIRTUAL CEU OPPORTUNITIES:

### 2025 Stanford Medicine Children's Health Online CEU Series for CPST's

**3/13/2025: Newell Brands (Graco) & Chicco**

**Presenters: James Fitzpatrick and Courtney Barry**

Registration Link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/stanford-medicine-ceu-series-newell-brands-graco-chicco-tickets-1255096620779?aff=oddttdtcreator>

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## 3/27/2025: Why Can't You Just Do This? (Product Design)

**Presenter:** Sarah Haverstick

Registration Link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/stanford-medicine-ceu-series-why-cant-you-just-do-this-product-design-tickets-1255874768239?aff=oddtcreator>

## 4/3/2025: UPPAbaby & Britax Child Safety

**Presenters:** Daniella Brown and Sarah Tilton

Registration Link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/stanford-medicine-ceu-series-uppababy-britax-child-safety-tickets-1255113741989?aff=oddtcreator>

## 4/10/2025: Babyark

**Presenters:** Britney Schroeder

Registration Link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/stanford-medicine-ceu-series-babyark-tickets-1255805410789?aff=oddtcreator>

## SAFE TRAVEL FOR ALL CHILDREN (STAC)

**Spokane July 15 and 16, 2025**

Our upcoming enrichment training course is full! It is wonderful to have this much interest in learning about adaptive child restraints in the vehicle.

## OTHER TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

### WASHINGTON TRAFFIC SAFETY SUMMIT

Spokane

July 15 – 17, 2025

*(not to be confused  
with the Washington  
Child Passenger  
Safety Summit)*

- We invite you to be a part of the change. Join us at the Traffic Safety Summit in Spokane, Washington, to learn about the Safe System Approach. Together, we can lead the charge to eliminate traffic fatalities and serious injuries in our communities. This event brings together planners, officials, law enforcement, public health professionals, and others committed to making roads safer. We all play a crucial role in this life-saving mission. Hear from national and local experts, share ideas, and explore strategies to reduce traffic deaths and injuries

### KIDS IN MOTION:

Madison,  
Wisconsin

**Extended Learning Sessions:**  
Wednesday, Aug. 13, 2025

**Conference:** Thur, Aug.14, &  
Fri Aug.15, 2025

- The only national (in fact, international) conference focused specifically on child passenger safety

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## ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### NON-COMPLIANT PRODUCTS

*It is highly likely you have had direct experience or learned about car and booster seats which are not approved for use in the U.S. There is a free handout provided by Oregon Health & Science University Injury in several languages <https://www.ohsu.edu/doernbecher/safety-center-resources> And [www.saferidenews.com](http://www.saferidenews.com) has a page titled *Unsafe Products under Resources*. You will find a portal for anyone wanting to report on, learn about, or teach the dangers of non-compliant products. The page has links to a couple of handouts for teaching that can be used; one even has a version that allows other agencies to customize with their contact/logo.*

### CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY IS PART OF OCCUPANT PROTECTION

*As we continue to our outreach and efforts in keeping children safe, remember to educate the importance of seat belt use for all adults as well.*

NHTSA has certified our 2024 seat belt use rate from the observation survey = 94.6%!

You can view the report here <https://wtsc.wa.gov/download/20118/?tmstv=1740077721>

Some highlights from the report this year:

- The 2024 seat belt use rate is 94.6 percent, up from the 2023 seat belt use rate of 93.3 percent, and the highest seat belt use rate measured since 2018.
- Most surveyed counties had 2024 seat belt use rates statistically like or better than the state seat belt use rate.
  - Four counties, Grays Harbor (84 percent), Mason (91.2 percent), Stevens (87.2 percent), and Walla Walla (84.4 percent) had seat belt use rates statistically lower than the statewide seat belt use rate.
- In 2024, seat belt use rates increased on all road types. The lowest seat belt use rate is on city streets at 92.3 percent; however, this is a statistical increase from 89 percent in 2023. The seat belt use rate is 94.5 percent on county roads, and highest on state routes at 96.2 percent.
- Despite a sustained high seat belt use rate, the number of unrestrained fatalities and serious injuries have been increasing since 2020. Unrestrained fatalities increased 60 percent in 2023 compared to 2019, and unrestrained serious injuries increased 91 percent during this same period. Early estimates for 2024 show a slight decrease in unrestrained fatalities while unrestrained serious injuries remain unchanged.

*Thank you for your continued commitment to keeping Children safe in and around vehicles.*

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