



Greetings from Cesi Velez, Project Manager

## 2026 WASHINGTON CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY SUMMIT MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Wenatchee Convention Center

- June 16 Instructor Enrichment
- June 17 Instructor and Technician Development
- June 18 Car seat check event with seat sign-offs?

Travel expenses will be reimbursed! Watch for the agendas, registration and lodging information to be announced shortly.

**EVERY TECHNICIAN AND INSTRUCTOR WHO PLANS TO ATTEND THE SUMMIT:** participate in the following survey by **February 13<sup>th</sup>** to help us plan for the conference.

<https://forms.gle/EjZu88ZG2sB8NDRNA>

## EDUCATIONAL TOOLS

Check back to <https://wacarseats.com/posters-graphics/> to see what new materials are available.

There are some ready-made social media tools that will also be placed at the [state printer](#) for order.



## UPDATED WASHINGTON STATE RESOURCE GUIDE



This form should be provided to each student in a CPST course. If you didn't receive one, you can find it at <https://wacarseats.com/technicians-resources/>

## WHO IS MY CPS COMMUNICATIONS LEAD? TARGET ZERO MANAGER?

**Washington Child Passenger Safety Network**

<b>REGION 1</b> Clallam/Jefferson TJM - Josh Ly 360-672-7273 <a href="mailto:jly@wacarseats.com">jly@wacarseats.com</a>	<b>REGION 5</b> Pierce TJM - Cherie Ruffy 253-870-7273 <a href="mailto:cruffy@wacarseats.com">cruffy@wacarseats.com</a>	<b>REGION 10</b> Snohomish TJM - Cheryl McPhee 425-388-3031 <a href="mailto:cmcphee@wacarseats.com">cmcphee@wacarseats.com</a>	<b>REGION 14</b> Benton/Franklin TJM - Jim Dorset 509-831-1785 <a href="mailto:jdorset@wacarseats.com">jdorset@wacarseats.com</a>
<b>REGION 2</b> Grays TJM - Holly Furry 360-771-4523 <a href="mailto:hffurry@wacarseats.com">hffurry@wacarseats.com</a>	<b>REGION 6</b> Clark/Washtenaw TJM - Jason Hiett 509-341-6096 <a href="mailto:jhiett@wacarseats.com">jhiett@wacarseats.com</a>	<b>REGION 11</b> Whatcom/Skipt/San Juan/Island TJM - Carl Lantz 509-920-4242 <a href="mailto:clantz@wacarseats.com">clantz@wacarseats.com</a>	<b>REGION 16</b> Grant/Dunn/Lincoln/Ferry TJM - VACANT <a href="mailto:www.wacarseats.com">www.wacarseats.com</a>
<b>REGION 3</b> Harbor/Island/Pacific TJM - Scott Hager 360-575-2261 <a href="mailto:shager@wacarseats.com">shager@wacarseats.com</a>	<b>REGION 7B</b> King TJM - Robert La 206-477-5088 <a href="mailto:rla@wacarseats.com">rla@wacarseats.com</a>	<b>REGION 12</b> Chelan/Douglas/Kittitas/Chelanier TJM - Douglas Kibbas 509-275-7273 <a href="mailto:dkibbas@wacarseats.com">dkibbas@wacarseats.com</a>	<b>REGION 18</b> Spokane/Benton/Pend Oreille/Whitman TJM - Jim Dorset 509-477-2242 <a href="mailto:jdorset@wacarseats.com">jdorset@wacarseats.com</a>
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CPST - Child Passenger Safety Technician  
TJM - Target Zero Manager  
SK - Safe Kids Coalition  
CPS - Child Passenger Safety Lead

This can also be found under technician resources. I will do my best to keep it updated.

**Instructors:** invite your TZM to visit your CPST class and introduce themselves.

## LOOKING FOR SEAT CHECK SERVICES?

GO TO [www.wacarseats.com](http://www.wacarseats.com)

Although there are other resources promoted through the [National Highway Traffic Safety Administration](http://www.nhtsa.gov) (NHTSA) and [Safe Kids Worldwide](http://www.safekids.org); the WACARSEATS site is updated yearly and has the most current information.

## LOOKING FOR A CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY TECHNICIAN COURSE?

Visit <https://cert.safekids.org/> and go to **FIND A COURSE** then **Sign Up for Email Alerts When Courses are Added.**

This will provide you an alert when a course is added in Washington. Through the mini-grant program a tentative schedule of courses is generated for the fiscal year. This schedule changes due to weather, interest, classroom availability, etc. The most reliable method is to receive an email alert.

<b>HELPFUL LINKS FOR CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY TECHNICIANS</b>	
<p><b>CPS Board - National Digital Check Form (NDCF)</b> How to create an NDCF account to track car seat checks; quick start guide to using the NDCF.</p>	<a href="https://www.cpsboard.org/ndcf/">https://www.cpsboard.org/ndcf/</a>
<p><b>Car Seat Check form - National Digital Check Form (NDCF)</b> Input seat check forms from hardcopy; gather seat check information.</p>	<a href="https://carseatcheckform.org/">https://carseatcheckform.org/</a>
<p><b>Child Passenger Safety Board</b> Trainings to improve technician skills; resources on airplanes, buses, communication tools (images, social media library); running a seat check event, AND MUCH MORE.</p>	<a href="https://www.cpsboard.org/">https://www.cpsboard.org/</a>
<p><b>Child Passenger Safety Connection</b> Having an issue connecting with an instructor or proxy? Schedule a virtual seat sign-off.</p>	<a href="https://www.safety-connection.org/">https://www.safety-connection.org/</a>
<p><b>Child Passenger Safety Learning Portal</b> Obtain your CPS Community Education and CEU requirements for recertification.</p>	<a href="https://carseateducation.org/">https://carseateducation.org/</a>
<p><b>Child Restraint Recalls</b> Use the latest recall list at seat checks.</p>	<a href="https://www.saferidenews.com/resources/tools-for-cpsts/recalls/">https://www.saferidenews.com/resources/tools-for-cpsts/recalls/</a>
<p><b>Download National Digital Check Form (NDCF)</b> Download the Washington State NDCF form and access the user guide.</p>	<a href="https://wacarseats.com/technicians-resources/">https://wacarseats.com/technicians-resources/</a>
<p><b>Safe Kids Worldwide</b> Log into your profile to print off certificate and wallet card, enter CEU's, Community Outreach and seat sign-offs.</p>	<a href="https://cert.safekids.org/">https://cert.safekids.org/</a>
<p><b>Safe Ride News</b> Educational materials including a bi-monthly newsletter, The LATCH Manual, Child Safety Fact Sheets and the School Bus Safety Handbook.</p>	<a href="https://www.saferidenews.com/">https://www.saferidenews.com/</a>
<p><b>Target Zero Manager Network</b> Guides coalitions across the state; composed of a wide variety of stakeholders with an interest in and connection to traffic safety.</p>	<a href="https://wtsc.wa.gov/target-zero-managers/">https://wtsc.wa.gov/target-zero-managers/</a>
<p><b>Traffic Safety Marketing Playbook</b> Your one-stop shop for learning the ins and outs of posting traffic safety content to Facebook, X and Instagram. You can also access readily available messaging tools at <a href="http://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov">www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov</a></p>	<a href="https://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/playbook">https://www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov/playbook</a>
<p><b>Washington CPS Program</b> Find a seat check service, State child restraint law, car seat basics for law enforcement, car seat and crash data, mini-grants, WA CPS Summit, and more.</p>	<a href="https://wacarseats.com/">https://wacarseats.com/</a>

## UPCOMING NATIONAL CONFERENCES

### [LIFESAVERS 2026](#)

Now in its 44th year, the Lifesavers Conference will take place April 19-21, 2026 in Baltimore, MD. The conference provides a national platform with approximately 80 workshops in ten tracks, plenary sessions, and an extensive exhibit hall.

### [KIDS IN MOTION \(KIM\)](#)

KIDZ IN MOTION, Inc. was formed in 2003 with one purpose: to foster child passenger safety through education, best practices and technological advancements through an annual networking conference. It is planned for AUGUST 26 - 28, 2026 at Wilmington Convention Center - Wilmington, North Carolina.

In addition, the KIM Conference will be offering a **Sue Empowers Scholarship**. This is in honor of Sue Emery, whose recent passing has been felt throughout the child passenger safety industry. To learn more visit

<https://form.jotform.com/KidzInfo/sue-empowers-scholarship-applicatio>

You can also make a contribution to the scholarship fund at:

KIDZ IN MOTION Training, Inc.  
6420 Dewey Road  
Thompson, OH 44086  
Attn: Sue Empowers Scholarship

If you have any question, please reach out to: [info@kidzinmotion.us](mailto:info@kidzinmotion.us) or 407-595-4464.

Please read on to learn more about Sue Emery and her lifelong commitment to child passenger safety.



IN FOND MEMORY

## Suzanne (Sue) Emery

CPST-I, WASHINGTON STATE

In December, the state lost a very special member of the CPS community, Sue Emery.

Sue was an instructor, mentor, and friend to many CPSTs in Washington today. As part of the Washington State Safety Restraint Coalition with Kathy Kruger and Jennifer Pavey, Sue worked tirelessly for many years to bring training and support to CPS programs throughout the state.

Sue was known for her sense of humor, creativity, and intellect, and our community benefited by how she applied these skills to CPS training methods, like Twinkie Physics.

Sue will also be remembered for her dedication and heart. Her philosophy was held in the quote from a Māori proverb that she included in her email signature for many years:

He aha te mea nui?  
He tangata, He tangata, He tangata

What is the greatest thing?  
It is people, it is people, it is people!



Twinkie Physics!



Safety Restraint Coalition, with Kathy Kruger