

E-News for Florida Child Passenger Safety Professionals

Winter 2025



Welcome

Welcome to the Florida Child Passenger Safety (CPS) e-news where we bring you the latest information on training opportunities, resources, and activities. Our goals are to share information to help you keep your CPS certification up to date, connect with other CPS professionals in your community, and stay informed about state CPS activities.



Hosting a CPS Event?

Share upcoming CPS events in your community! We want to help get the word out about safety fairs, volunteer opportunities, CEU trainings, and instructor sign-off events. This is a great way to promote your local CPS event on the OPRC website.

[Share an Event](#)



New Curriculum Launched on February 3, 2025

CPS Technicians: Check out the updated 2025 CPS Technician Guide! Download your free copy today.

CPST-Instructors: Join the National Child Passenger Safety Board for a webinar featuring tips on presenting the updated curriculum. Discover new resources, get key

Note: 2024 Tech Guide Version 2.1 is current as of February 11, 2025. Revisions may occur.

updates, and participate in a live Q&A with the Curriculum Committee.



Register now and choose your preferred date!

Note: All offerings will share the same content.

- [Thur. Feb. 20 at 10AM ET](#)
- [Tue. Mar. 4 at 3PM ET](#)
- [Mon. Mar. 17 at 11AM ET](#)

Download CPS Tech Guide
v2.1

Curriculum Feedback Form

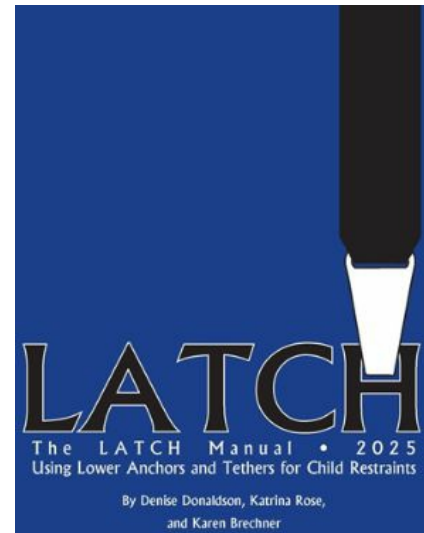
New Resources at the OPRC

Are you a Child Passenger Safety Technician or Instructor looking for tools to enhance your work and make a greater impact in your community? The OPRC is excited to provide resources that support your efforts in keeping children and families safe on the road.

For Technicians: Stay up to date with the most current guidance by ordering your *2025 LATCH Manuals* today! The LATCH Manual is an essential tool for every technician, providing updated information on proper use, installation techniques, and compatibility of car seats and vehicles.

For Instructors: We've got everything you need to effectively train the next generation of safety advocates! Our new resources include:

- **Available Now! Instructor Thumb Drives:** Loaded with up-to-date training materials and presentations to make teaching seamless and impactful.
- **Available Now! 2025 LATCH Manuals:** Ensure your students and team have access to the latest car seat and vehicle compatibility information.
- **Coming Soon! Student Course Packets:** Comprehensive materials to guide your students through the Child Passenger Safety certification course.



How to Order: Placing your order is quick and easy! Visit the [OPRC Website](#) to browse and request the materials you need. Supplies are limited, so act fast to ensure you and your team have the tools necessary to stay ahead.



New Florida CPST Orientation

Are you a Child Passenger Safety Technician looking to stay connected and informed? Don't miss our new *Monthly CPST Orientation Meetings* hosted by Brad and Jasper!

These sessions are the perfect opportunity to:

- Meet the Florida Occupant Protection Resource Center (FOPRC) team.
- Connect with fellow CPSTs from across the state.
- Learn about upcoming CPS events and recertification requirements.
- Dive into the CPS Road Map to guide your growth as a tech.
- Get answers to all your CPS-related questions.

Whether you're newly certified or a seasoned pro, these meetings are a great way to stay engaged and elevate your skills. Stay tuned for our first meeting announcement—we can't wait to see you there!

Current Events

Wed, Feb. 26 at 2PM (1 CEU): NUNA LUMN - Rating the future of the NUNA Brand

This presentation will highlight NUNA products updates and new additions. We will discuss NUNAs ongoing efforts to ensure products are up-to-date meeting all the current and future Federal Safety Standards.

Wed, Mar. 19 at 2PM (1 CEU): Evenflo Product Update - Spring 2025

We are ringing in the new year with some exciting product launches at Evenflo! Join Sarah Haverstick, CPST-I and Senior Manager of Safety Advocacy and Consumer Care at Evenflo to learn more about new car seats coming in 2025. This CEU opportunity for CPS Techs is brought to you by State Farm and the Safe Kids Certification program.

Mon-Tues, Mar. 31 - Apr. 1: Safe Travel for All Children (STAC) Enrichment Trainings

Florida is pleased to host two STAC courses this year! The STAC class is an enrichment training for CPSTs interested in learning more about adaptive transportation. This two-day training combines classroom lecture, discussion and hands-on exercises. During the training participants will be introduced to medical conditions that can impact transportation needs and the use of adaptive restraints.

Upcoming Events

March



Events

April



Events

May



Events

March 3 at 9:30AM

New Florida CPST Orientation

March 9-11

Lifesavers Conference on
Roadway Safety

March 13 at Noon

NDCF Orientation

March 13 at 2PM

NDCF Let Your Data Do the
Talking!

March 19 at 2PM (1 CEU)

Evenflo Product Update:
Spring 2025

March 24 at Noon

NDCF Practice Makes Perfect!

March 27 at 2PM

NDCF Town Hall Experience

March 31-April 1

Safe Travel for All Children

April 7 at 9:30AM

New Florida CPST Orientation

April 7 at 1PM

NDCF Let Your Data Do the
Talking!

April 8 at 2PM

NDCF Town Hall Experience

April 10 at 1PM

NDCF Orientation

April 21 at 1PM

NDCF Practice Makes Perfect!

May 5 at 9:30AM

New Florida CPST Orientation

May 12 at 2PM

NDCF Orientation

May 12 at Noon

NDCF Let Your Data Do the
Talking!

May 15 at 4PM

NDCF Town Hall Experience

May 22 at 11AM

NDCF Practice Makes Perfect!

Scheduled times are listed in
Eastern Time Zone.

NDCF - National Digital Check
Form

Save the Dates!





The Lifesavers Conference program is designed to engage federal, state and local government, law enforcement, public health, injury prevention, advocacy, and non-profit organization professionals in an exchange of ideas, strategies, and programs to reduce preventable injuries and deaths.

March 9-11, 2025

Long Beach Convention Center - Long Beach, California

More information can be found at lifesaversconference.org



[Get Ready for This Summer's More Than Just a Click Pre-Conference Event!](#)

Earn 6 CEUs to help meet your recertification requirements at this engaging pre-conference event, presented by FAFLSE and the Florida Occupant Protection Coalition.

June 2, 2025, Pre-Conference (CEUs)

June 3-6, 2025, Conference

Wyndham Lake Buena Vista - Walt Disney World

Don't miss out—[register today at Florida Fire Marshals and Inspectors Association - FAFLSE and FFEIA 2025 Joint Conference.](#)

The only international conference focused specifically on child passenger safety is open for registration!

Get access to manufacturers, latest product updates and CPS resources, research, best practices, and local, state, national and international programming. Hear from seasoned experts during specialized pre-conference sessions, in-depth learning, skills, and knowledge building all while earning your CPS CEUs.

August 13-15, 2025

Monona Terrace - Madison, Wisconsin

More information can be found at kidzinmotion.org



Explore the NDCF Training App

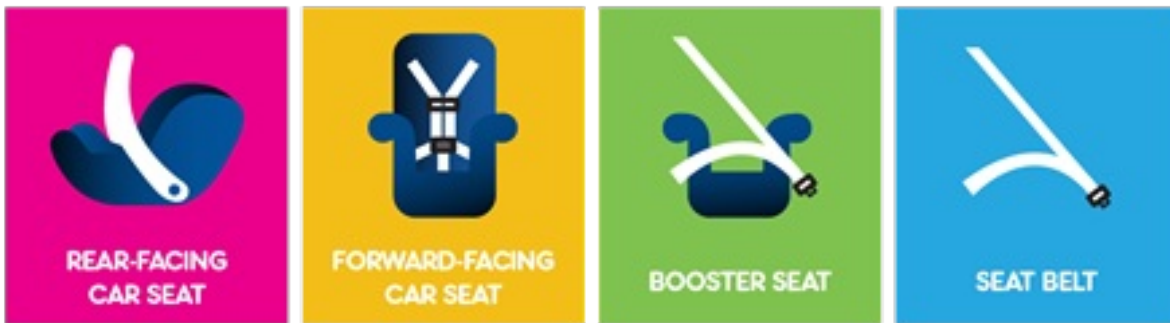
The National Digital Car Seat Check Form (NDCF) Training App is here to make your job as a Child Passenger Safety Technician easier and more efficient!

With this user-friendly app, you can:

- Access step-by-step guides for using the NDCF.
- Review helpful tips for data entry and submission.
- Learn best practices to ensure accurate and complete car seat check documentation.

- Enhance your skills with interactive tutorials and troubleshooting resources.

Whether you're new to the NDCF or looking to sharpen your skills, this app is an essential tool for staying organized and effective. Download the NDCF Training App today and take your CPS work to the next level!



Virtual Seat Checks with CarSeatEducation.org

- **CPSTs needing observed seat checks for recertification can schedule a virtual seat check observation appointment with a CPSTI.**
- During your appointment, the CPST-I will observe the CPST and complete a seat check with a caregiver/family for purposes of the required seat check signoffs for recertification.
- Before scheduling, it is recommended that the Technician review the [CPST Seat Check Sign-off Checklist](#). These guidelines must be followed for all signoffs.
- [Self-schedule a seat check observation for CPST recertification](#)



Instructor Updates

Stipend Program:

Instructors may apply for financial support to teach CPS Technician courses in Florida.

Beginning **October 1, 2025**, the OPRC will only consider instructor stipend applications for courses open to the public and held in FDOT priority counties. Current contract obligations will remain in effect.

[Apply for Stipend](#)

Hybrid Courses:

Complete the *Instructor Hybrid Endorsement Training*, to be eligible to teach the hybrid offering. Training includes the new e-learning modules of the hybrid curriculum, a *Train-the-Trainer* e-learning and an accompanying quiz.

Information to access the *Instructor Hybrid Endorsement Training* is available on the [Instructor Protected Materials page](#).

We want to hear from you!

Watch and share this campaign video by NHTSA!

We would love to hear your ideas for topics to feature in the next edition of Florida CPS e-news. Share your ideas with us by emailing us at floridaoprc@ce.ufl.edu.



Order Traffic Safety Resources

Interested in ordering free resources for your next CPS class or materials to distribute at your next car seat check event?

Apply for a Scholarship

Do you know someone who wants to become a CPS technician? Are you ready to recertify? Our scholarships cover Safe Kids fees!

Apply for a Stipend

Calling all Instructors! Did you know that the OPRC offers stipends to help cover the cost (travel, materials, etc.) of instructing a CPS course?

<https://www.floridaoprc.ce.ufl.edu>

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