It’s Here!
The New Curriculum Goes Live

The CPS community was abuzz in January when the fully revised National CPS Certification Training Program curriculum became available for all CPST-ls to view online. The Renewal course was also updated simultaneously. This revision, a joint effort of NHTSA, the National CPS Board, and Safe Kids (along with the involvement of a contracted professional curriculum developer) marks the first major curriculum update since 2007.

Announcements from the CPS Board refer to this update as the “new curriculum,” and in many ways it is arguably the most significant refresh of the curriculum to date. Whereas earlier updates were called revisions, typically expanding on or swapping out material from the prior version, CPSTs will find this to be a complete rewrite. Terminology, layout, images, and photos have all been revised and made more modern looking.

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Congratulations to Matt Herbert for recently becoming a CPS Instructor candidate! Matt will be teaching his first CPS course on May 6-8, 2014. Upon successful completion, he will then become a Nationally Certified CPS Instructor. Way to go, Matt!

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Feel free to contact one of us via email should you have any questions. We will be happy to help you and answer any questions or concerns that you may have.

A Message From...
Trish Anderson,
CPS Coordinator

Thanks to everyone for all their hard work this year! Without you the program would not be a success! If you have any pics or stories send them to me and I’ll be happy to publish them in the next newsletter.

For more information, visit our website:
www.dmv.wv.gov/cps
Or Facebook page:
www.facebook.com/wvghsp?ref=hl

Check and update your profile often; this is very important! Logan today to http://cert.safekids.org online services and ensure that your address, email address, phone number and recertification info are current and up to date.

IT’S YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO KEEP YOUR PROFILE UP TO DATE!

Check out these websites to receive CEUs:

- www.safekids.org/certification
- www.carseat.org
- www.cpsboard.org
- www.saferidenews.com
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The student manual is now called a Technician Guide (TG), as the intention is for this to be a guide for use in the classroom as well as later, out in the field. Mirroring this terminology, the instructor manual is now an Instructor Guide (IG). The chapters (now called modules) are similar to those in the past, with a few key changes. The “Who Makes The Rules” chapter is now a part of Module 1, and safety standards are mentioned in modules to which they pertain. Seat belt systems are now handled in one module; pre-and post-crash locking types are not broken out, and these terms are no longer used. A final module now covers recertification requirements and how to prepare for, conduct, and debrief after a car seat checkup event.

Another modernization is that man resources formerly found in the appendix (as well as many new ones) are now found online rather than in the hardcopy TG, so resources can be updated and added as needed. The much-shorter appendix includes only certain resources that are needed during the course and a new feature called Job Aids: one-page how-to guides showing certain technical activities, like using a locking clip.

A January 21 webinar for instructors covering the curriculum’s key features is now available for anyone to view on the CPS Board website. In the webinar, CPS Board members Jennifer Huebner-Davidson and Sherri Cannon, along with Emilie Crown, who piloted the course, discuss the many new features and their rationales. In general, however, CPS best practice is still the same, so the developers want CPSTs to know that the core of this curriculum will remain familiar.

Of course, the curriculum’s basic philosophy of Learn, Practice, Explain is also still the same. In fact, the presenters expressed the hope that CPST-Is will take this philosophy to heart as they prepare to use the new materials: Let go of old habits, have faith in the new materials, and take advantage of the new tools. And, although a goal of the revision was to make it possible to cover the material in only three days, be open-minded. Think about what can be taught in three days, rather than what is missing.

KIDZ IN MOTION Update Curriculum

Are you planning a CPST update meeting this year? The KIDZ IN MOTION (KIM) Update curriculum has been fully revised for 2014. The presentations included can be used to offer technicians up to 6 CEUs if presented before February 28, 2015.

Among the many topics covered in the 2014 KIM Update curriculum are an overview of the latest CR models and technology, as well as coverage of issues related to LATCH, head restraints, air bags, and inflatable seat belts. The curriculum includes presentation slides and links to supporting materials.

Two options are available: For a donation of $35, the presentations will be sent on a DVD. Or, for $20, the order will be fulfilled using the Dropbox file-sharing system. Quantity discounts are available. Go here for more details.
Have you seen our Occupant Protection Brochure? It is an excellent resource for safety information and guidelines for children of all ages and sizes. If you would like copies of the brochure, please contact Trish Anderson at Trish.A.Anderson@wv.gov or 304-926-3821.
In 2014, we look forward to training more technicians across the state and holding more renewal classes. There are currently five certified instructors that teach in West Virginia and 234 certified technicians. We hope to work with the Kanawha County Emergency Ambulance Authority and local hospitals to certify nurses that work with women and children. In addition, we are working toward recruiting interested participants, agencies, or groups such as Emergency Medical Services for Children, WIC, DHHR, and day care centers to increase our certified technicians. Additionally, the statewide Child Passenger Safety Coordinator hopes to continue building on the relationships formed this year with other entities that are passionate about child passenger safety.

Stats & Information

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Loretha Wilson, Southwest Community Action Council

Loretha is a CPS Technician who installs car seats mainly on school buses and large vans in her area. In the past year, she completed 200+ seat installs and was awarded for the highest number of child safety seat installations for Region 2.

Steve Amis, Ceredo Police Department

Steve received the “Most Enthusiastic About Child Passenger Safety” award. He is the number one technician in Region 2 and is constantly looking for child safety seats that need properly installed.

Matt Herbert, St. Mary’s Medical Center

Matt is a CPS Technician who is very active in the community. He is a TIPS Trainer who teaches at many events held in the region as well as being a volunteer nurse for the WV SADD Conference for the past several years.

Judy Rule, Cabell County Library

Judy is a longtime friend of the Region 2 GHSP. She has always provided an opportunity for Highway Safety to attend the library’s annual Legislative Breakfast. Not only does this give the library a chance to discuss funding with legislators, but it also allows Highway Safety to promote their message to the legislature.
Region 3 Upcoming Child Seat Events

Due to the inclement weather this past winter, Region 3 was unable to conduct any child seat clinics in their area. With warmer weather coming, there are several child seat events scheduled. Check out their upcoming events below:

Upcoming Schedule

* May 2nd - Child Seat Clinic, Wood County Community Baby Shower @ south Parkersburg Baptist Church from 12-2 PM
* May 3rd - Child Seat Clinic, Home Depot in Vienna, WV from 9AM-2PM
* May 17th - Child Seat Clinic, Calhoun County Community Baby Shower @ Calhoun County Commission on Aging Building from 10AM-12PM
* May 26th - Child Seat Clinic, Doddridge County Safety Day

KIM Class held in Beckley

January 28, 2014 • Beckley, WV
Upcoming CPS Course

A free Kidz in Motion Class will be offered on Monday, May 5, 2014 beginning at 8AM at Saint Mary’s Medical Center, Education Center, 2825 5th Avenue, Huntington, WV.

Upon completion of this course you will have obtained all 6 CEU’s needed in order to re-certify with Safe Kids. You will also receive a certificate of completion. Lunch is provided.

To register for this course, please click here.