

Child Passenger Safety Newsletter

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Safe Kids Grants Extensions for CPSTs Renewals for Those in Storm-Impacted Counties

Are you a CPST from a county impacted by tropical storm Debby or hurricanes Helene or Milton? We understand that in times of natural disaster it may be difficult for you to fulfill the recertification requirements. If your certification expires between October 1, 2024 and January 31, 2025, Safe Kids is extending your recertification deadline to February 28, 2025. Check your Safe Kids profile to see if you received an extension. Please [contact Safe Kids](#) if you need an extension and it is not designated on your profile.

Florida Hurricane Impacted Areas

Alachua	Duval	Hillsborough	Marion	Sarasota
Baker	Flagler	Indian River	Martin	Seminole
Brevard	Franklin	Jefferson	Okeechobee	St. Johns
Charlotte	Gilchrist	Lake	Orange	St. Lucie
Citrus	Glades	Lafayette	Osceola	Sumter
Clay	Hamilton	Lee	Palm Beach	Suwannee
Collier	Hardee	Leon	Pasco	Taylor
Columbia	Hendry	Levy	Pinellas	Union
Dixie	Hernando	Madison	Polk	Volusia
DeSoto	Highlands	Manatee	Putnam	Union

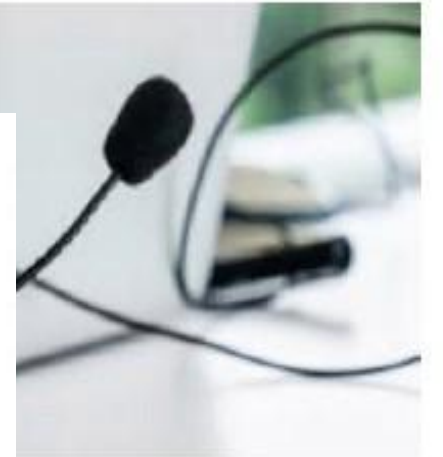
Upcoming CEU Webinars



2024 CPST Certification Training Curriculum Launches in February

Get ready! The 2024 Child Passenger Safety Technician Training curriculum launches on February 3, 2025. Digital materials are available on December 2. Instructor's guides will be delivered in mid-late December. Please join an upcoming session to prepare to teach the revised curriculum.

- Go Time! Prepping to Teach the 2024 CPST Certification Training Curriculum
 - [Thursday, Dec. 12 \(10-11:30 a.m. ET\) Special webinar for Florida CPS Instructors.](#)
 - [Wednesday, Dec. 18 \(11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. ET\)](#)
 - [Tuesday, Jan. 7 \(2-3:30 p.m. ET\)](#)
 - [Friday, Jan. 24 \(12-1:30 p.m. ET\)](#)
- The Child Passenger Safety Learning Portal has [pre-recorded National Instructor Forum videos](#) of two workshops leading up to the launch of the new curriculum.
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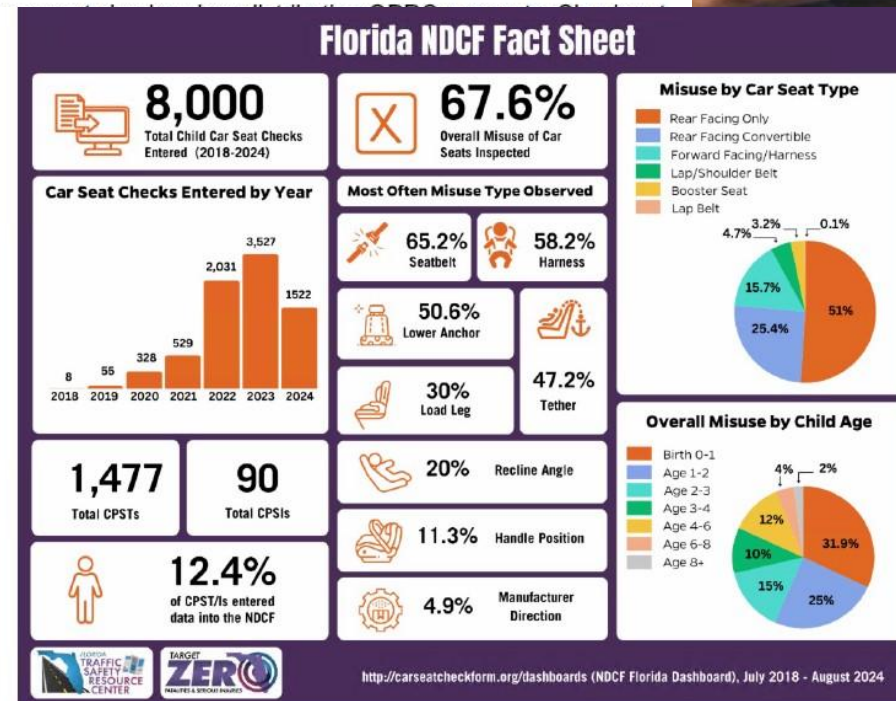
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Learn about the NDCF

The NDCF collects standardized data allowing stakeholders to identify patterns that can help reduce child passenger injuries and fatalities. This edition contains an analysis of Florida's NDCF car seat data. Since 2018, Florida's CPSTs have entered 8,000 car seat checks, representing 12% of all CPSTs. The overall misuse rate is 67.6%, with seatbelts and harness use identified as the most often misuse observed. Most misuse was seen with caregivers using rear facing car seats.

Florida CPSTs must use the NDCF for the resources and webinars to help you.

1. Explore the National Child Passenger Safety Station locator.
2. Attend a free online orientation session on **Thursday, Nov. 21: Register to attend** or **Monday, Dec. 16: Register to attend** or **Thursday, Jan. 16: Register to attend**.
3. Attend the **"National Instructors" For CPSTs** on **Tuesday, Nov. 19**. The NDCF is being incorporated into the curriculum for students on the benefits of using this tool.



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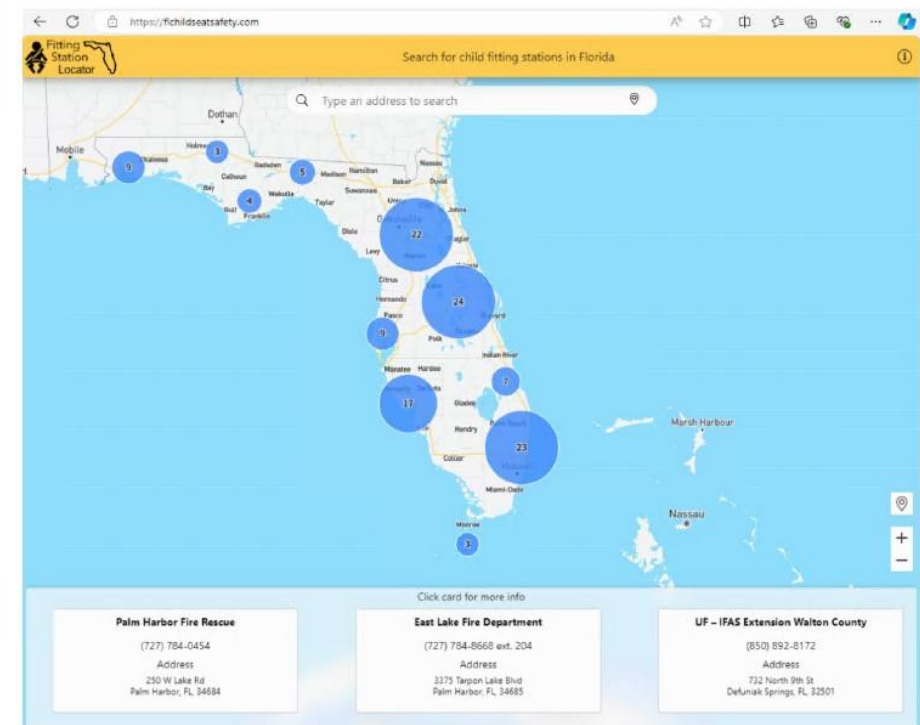
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2. Attend a free online orientation

Learn about the NDCF Florida CPS Fitting Station Locator

The Florida CPS Seat Fitting Station Locator helps caregivers find a fitting station to learn how to use child safety seats, booster seats, and seat belts correctly for every trip, every time. For CPSTs, the locator is also a valuable tool to search for other technicians to partner with in your community.

The FDOT-sponsored locator map is a collaborative effort of the University of Florida (UF) Institute for Driving, Activity, Participation, and Technology (I-DAPT), Transportation Technology Transfer (T2) Center, and the GeoPlan Center.



3. CPSTs can attend Key Updates in the 2024 Curriculum on Tuesday, Nov. 19, at 2-3 p.m. ET with Taylor Union, Volusia Union, and Taylor Union.

Upcoming CEU Webinars



New Florida Vehicular Heatstroke Task Force (FVHTF)

Over the past 26 years, more than 1,000 children have died of vehicular heat stroke after being left in

hot cars, according to NoHeatStroke.org. Almost one third of these deaths happened in Texas and Florida because an unattended child was forgotten in a motor vehicle. Florida formed a new task force to bring awareness to vehicular heat stroke deaths among children, pets, and other vulnerable populations, including seniors. The Florida Vehicular Heatstroke Task Force (FVHTF) focuses on advocating change to the Florida Unattended Child Law and increasing awareness about vehicular heatstroke risk and prevention through community outreach and education.

The OPRC added a new Children in Hot Cars brochure to help increase awareness of vehicular heatstroke in your community. The next FVHTF meeting is Dec. 13, from 10-11 a.m. ET. Please contact Amy Artuso or Alexis Kagiliery for more information on joining the FVHTF.

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?

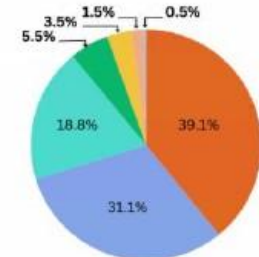
<https://www.floridaoprc.ce.ufl.edu>

Florida NDCF Fact Sheet

Overall Seatbelt Misuse

Percentage of Checks

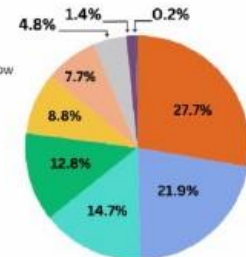
- Too Loose
- Used w/Lower Anchors
- Retractor Not Locked
- Routed Incorrectly
- Other
- Didn't Fit Properly (Booster)
- Locking Clip



Overall Harness Misuse

Percentage of Checks

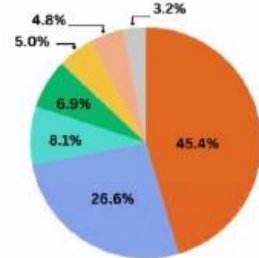
- Too Loose
- Harness Slot Wrong Placement
- Harness Twisted
- Harness Retainer Clip Too High/Low
- Crotch Buckle Slot/Routing
- Other
- Not Used
- Damaged
- Altered



Overall Lower Anchor Misuse

Percentage of Checks

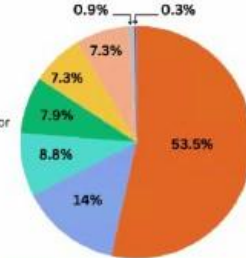
- Webbing Too Loose
- Used with Seat Belt
- Incorrectly Used
- Webbing Routed Twisted
- Connectors Upside Down
- Other
- Exceeded Weight Limit



Overall Tether Misuse

Percentage of Checks

- Not Used
- Strap Too Loose
- Strap Routed Incorrectly
- Other
- Strap Twisted
- Attached to Non-Approved Anchor
- Connector Upside Down
- Exceeded Weight Limit

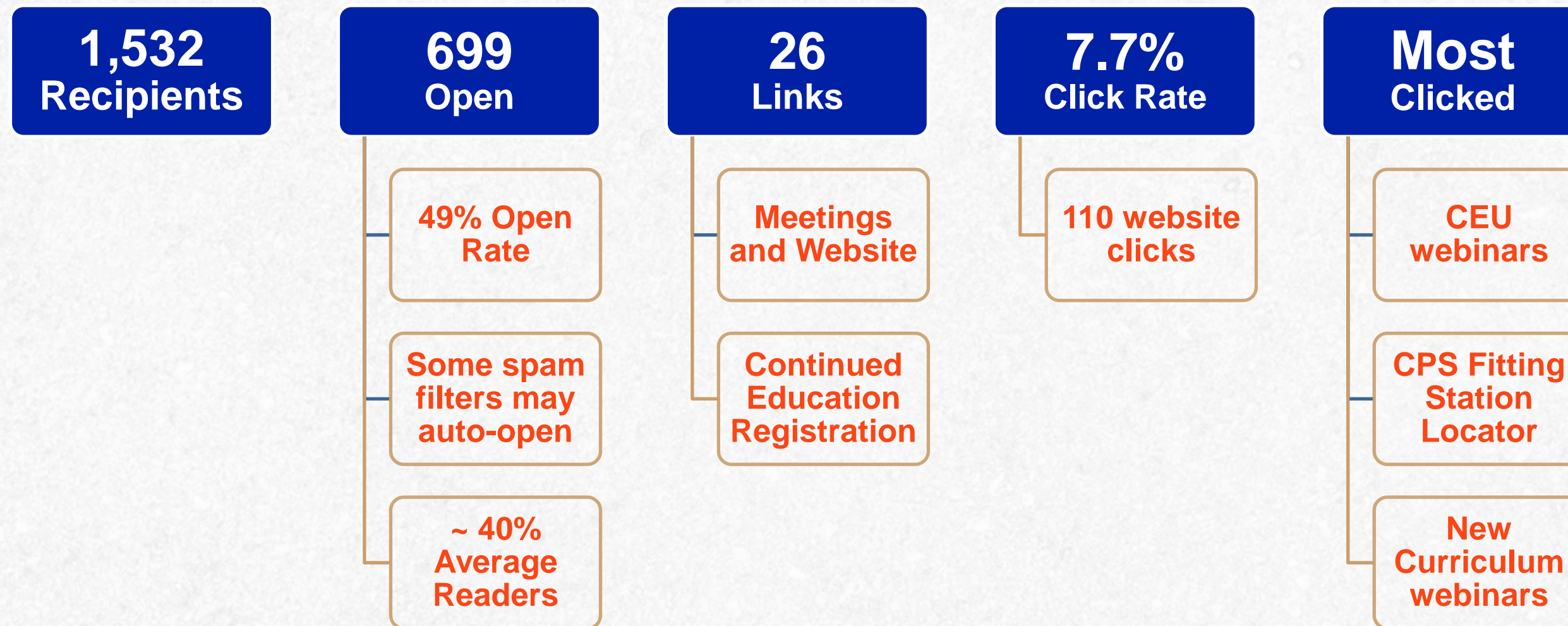


<http://carseatcheckform.org/dashboards> (NDCF Florida Dashboard), July 2018 - August 2024



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Engagement Matrix



CPS Newsletter Goal



Purpose & Audience

- **Build Connectivity with a Centralized Hub in the CPS Communities.**



Content Development Process



Workflow & Approval Process



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CPS Newsletter Development



Purpose & Audience

- Build Connectivity with a Centralized Hub in the CPS Communities.



Content Development Process

- Synthesize Information from many sources such as FDOT, Instructor & Techs, NCPSB, NDCF, Safe Kids, and NHTSA.
- Use development tools such as Adobe Suite, Canva, Google Analytics to create engaging graphics.
- OPRC Staff authors the CPS Newsletter articles based on information shared and cultivated from known sources.
- Invite stakeholders, recipients, and safety advocates to share feedback.
- Refine frequency, content, and delivery. Repeat.



Workflow & Approval Process



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CPS Newsletter Development Timeline



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CPS Newsletter Awareness and Engagement



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- **Submit an Event on the OPRC Website.**
- **Share ideas for content and feedback on newsletter design and content.**



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CPS Newsletter Presentation Wrap Up



Thank you!

for everything you do to promote child passenger safety and occupational protection in your community!

CPS Newsletter Winter Sneak Peek

Check it out. Please let Veronica know of changes. Links need to be added to Date and Time in Upcoming Events section.

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.



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 our local CPS event on the OPRC website.

Share an Event



New Curriculum Launched on February 3, 2025

CPS Technicians: Check out the updated 2024 CPS Technician Guide! We love the recertification requirements on page 327 for existing techs! Download your free copy today.

Download CPS Tech Guide v2.1

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



CPST-Instructors: You are invited to join the Curriculum Committee for special updates sessions Members meetings. We will share tips to help with the transition to teach the new curriculum and share pointers to revised information. There will be plenty of time for Q&A's! Choose your preferred date to register!

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](#)

Curriculum Feedback Form



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 Traffic and Safety Resource Center (FTSRC) team.
- Connect with fellow CPSTs from across the region.
- 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!

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 announce new 2025 resources to 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:

- **Coming Soon! Student Course Packets:** Comprehensive materials to guide your students through the Child Passenger Safety certification course.
- **Coming Soon! Instructor Thumb Drives:** Loaded with up-to-date training materials and presentations to make teaching seamless and impactful.
- **Coming Soon! Instructor Prep Guide:** Before presenting the new curriculum, this guide will help you become familiar with the format and revisions.
- **Available Now! 2025 LATCH Manuals:** Ensure your students and team have access to the latest car seat and vehicle compatibility information.

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.



Current Events

Tuesday, Feb. 18 at 2PM (1 CEU): Manufacturers and Recalls – What Actually Happens? Community Engagement Representative and Newell Brands Senior Engineer James Fitzpatrick will discuss the TREAD Act (Transportation Recall Enhancement, Accountability and Documentation Act), how it impacts child passenger safety and how manufacturers work with regulatory bodies to ensure safety concerns are addressed in a timely manner.

Wednesday, Feb. 26 at 2PM (1 CEU): NUNA LUMN - ating 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.

CPS Newsletter Winter Sneak Peek

Upcoming Events



March 3 at 9:30AM
New Florida CPST Orientation

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*

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NDCF Practice Makes Perfect!

March 27 at 2PM
NDCF Town Hall Experience

March 31-April 1
Safe Travel for All Children

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May 15 4PM
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May 22 11AM
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Scheduled times are listed in Eastern Time Zone.

NDCF - National Digital Check Form

Save the Date!



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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.

Who's ready for this summer's More Than Just a Click pre-conference event? This event will help you meet recertification requirements by earning 6 CEUs. The preconference event is presented by FAFLSE and the Florida Occupant Protection Coalition.

- June 2, 2025, Pre-Conference
- June 3-6, 2025, Conference
- Wyndham Lake Buena Vista - Walt Disney World

- August 13-15, 2025
- Monona Terrace - Madison, Wisconsin

More information can be found at kidzinmotion.org

Visit the [Florida Fire Marshals and Inspectors Association - FAFLSE and FFEIA 2025 Joint Conference](#) website for more information.

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Instructors Updates

Stipend Program: Instructors may apply for financial support to teach CPS Technician courses in Florida. Beginning October 1, 2025, the OPRC will consider instructor stipend applications for courses open to the public and held in priority counties. Current contract obligations will remain in effect.

Spring Instructor planning meeting coming soon! Be on the lookout for a meeting invite!

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.

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