

CPS UPDATE

January 2015



This Letter Is For You!

We want to provide topics that are informative and useful to you.

We are asking for your help in improving the newsletter.

Do you have topics you want covered in your newsletter? Do you have ideas or suggestions on how to improve the newsletter?

Please e-mail suggestions, requests and comments to Esther at cpsassociates.delacruz@gmail.com

2015

Happy New Year



Life is not waiting for the
Storm to pass
its learning how to dance

in the rain.



CPS “STAR” AWARD

Don't wait until the last minute - nominate a “STAR” today. Nominations can be submitted all year long.

If you know someone who should be recognized for their work as a CPS Practitioner, Technician or Instructor go to the TZD website <http://www.minnesotatzd.org/whatistzd/mntzd/awards/> and nominate that person today.

SAVE THE DATE

- **March 13 – 17, 2015**
LifeSavers – Chicago IL
- **September 13- 19, 2015**
CPS Week
- **September 19, 2015**
Car Seat Saturday
- **October 29 -30, 2015**
TZD Conference
St Cloud MN

CPS Advisory Board

VISION: the elimination of child hood injury and death related to improper use or non-use of child passenger safety restraints.

MISSION: to provide guidance to the Minnesota Department of Safety/Office of Traffic Safety regarding the safe transportation of children and to act as a liaison between CPS technicians, CPS instructors and the Minnesota Office of Traffic Safety.

VALUES: Children are the future.

REMINDERS

CPS National Recertification Information



Safe Kids & Heather Darby, State CPS Coordinator send recertification reminders to you.

But it is your responsibility to make sure that your contact information is accurate to receive the reminders.

In addition, there are constant reminders in the monthly e-newsletter, the [CPS Express!](#) Please be sure cps.certification@safekids.org is an approved sender.

CPS Recertification is every 2 yrs.

Don't wait for the last minute to get your 5 seats checked, 6 CEU's, and participation in one community event.

It is beneficial for you to participate in as many car seat clinics as you can. You may

not get signed off on all your seats at one clinic.

The more car seats you work with, the more confident you become in your ability to help families. There are several opportunities for you to get your seats checked.

Look for car seat clinic opportunities on: www.buckleupkids.mn.gov



Looking for CEU opportunities?

Check these out:

1. www.safekidswebinars.org

Examples

- Technician Guide to Recalls
- Transportation of children in vehicles other than cars

2. www.CPSBoard.org

Examples

- Fact or Fiction
- Boosters and Airbags

3. www.buckleupnc.org/training/index.cfm

Examples

- Latch & Tether
- School Bus update

Other Web Resources

www.dps.state.mn.us/ots

www.carseat.org

www.nhtsa.dot.gov

www.seatcheck.org

www.safekids.org

www.safe-a-rooni.org

www.chop.edu/carseat

www.aap.org/healthtopics/carseatsafety

Car Seat Clinics

Several car seat clinics have been scheduled for 2015.

Don't wait to get your seat checks done for recertification. Watch for e-mails from Heather Darby requesting volunteers for scheduled car seat clinics or check on www.buckleupkids.mn.gov.

2015 LATCH Manuals

2015 LATCH manuals are available now. The manual has been updated to reflect the

changes that have been made regarding the 65 pound weight limit policy as well as including other very useful information when working with car seats. If you would like a manual and will use it, email Heather at heather.darby@state.mn.us

**What we do matters!
Cameron's Story -
as shared by his mother**

[mommyofanangel51313's Blog](#)



**Why didn't anyone tell me I was wrong?
[23SundayNov 2014](#)**

Posted by [Cameron's Mommy](#) in [Uncategorized](#)

Have you ever seen someone do something that you know was wrong but were too afraid to tell them? For instance.... let's say

you know a good bit about car seats and you see a lady in the Wal-Mart parking lot that has her child in a forward facing car seat and you know that child should still be rear facing and buckled in properly. You don't know her so you decide it's best not to interfere because you're scared she may get upset or think you're crazy.



Cameron all buckled in the **WRONG** way! (He should be rear facing and the straps should not be twisted.)

WRONG

I can NOT stress this enough....TELL THEM HOW TO FIX IT!!! I was that mom... the one placing her child, the most important thing to her, in the car seat wrong. I was that mom that would share pictures like the one above on social media sites and never was corrected. I was that mom that would allow friends and family to take my children places and assumed they were safe in the car. I was that mom that would put

hundreds of miles on the car without a care in the world assuming everything was perfect until.....



it was too late. It only takes a second for your life to change.



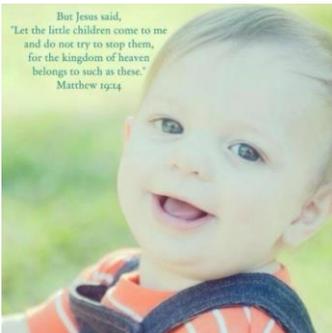
My son was 11 months and 27 days old when my (now EX) boyfriend ran a stop sign. My perfect little baby went through the windshield..... and was found dead in a ditch. He was resuscitated and spent 16 days in ICU. 8 surgeries in the first three days.... his brain was damaged beyond repair. It would not allow his body to absorb any nutrients and my child was starving himself to death. I had two choices....

- 1: Let him starve or
- 2: Remove life support

I had to make a choice.



May 13, 2013 Cameron grew his wings.



Now, I'm that mom who doesn't sleep at night. I'm that mom who spends most of her shopping trips avoiding the baby boy clothes. I am the mom that has learned from her mistakes.

I AM THAT WOMAN THAT WILL TELL YOU YOU'RE DOING IT WRONG!!!!

And you know why??

.....because I wish every single day of my life now that someone would have told me I was doing it wrong BEFORE it was too late.



*below is a link to Cameron's story . It has more detail of the night of the accident.-

Cameron's facebook page
<https://www.facebook.com/CameronsStoryisSavingLives>

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