



***CPS & OP Healthcare Project
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PEMAC UPDATE: July 17, 2019
The CPS & OP Healthcare Project

Since the last PEMAC meeting the project coordinator:

- Held two different exhibits on CPS or OP: Transportation Safety Day on June 16th at the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (300 attending) and 6/16-18 at the Maryland State Firemen's Association Convention (estimated 400 attending).
- Conducted one special needs training at the Rubin Institute at Sinai Hospital for 10 occupational therapists (5/28/19).
- Helped plan and conduct a general CPS Update for 85 CPSTs on May 9th. This all-day workshop was held at the Community College of Baltimore County in Catonsville.
- Held an update workshop in collaboration with MD KISS on May 10th for CPSTs who have taken the special needs CPS course. Approximately twenty-two attended—most attendees were clinicians who work with special needs children. Speakers included Denise Donaldson from Safe Ride News, several car seat manufacturers, and staff from Fitzgerald Auto Mall to speak about tethering special needs seats. The evaluations were very positive with attendees saying they'd like this to be an annual event.
- Sent 49 EMS providers who are/were CPSTs information about safe transport of children in ambulances to help address the problem of "lap babies" in ambulances.
- The EMS-C's CPS Rapid Educational Response kit (RER) was used in late May by Cecil County following a horrific crash in which several unrestrained children were killed. The kit was then promoted to attendees at the Maryland EMS Jurisdictional Affairs Committee meeting.
- Helped at two safety seat checks as part of the Baltimore County Seat Check schedule, 5/21 in Pikesville and 7/16 in Woodlawn, plus two check events for Baltimore City: 6/7 and 7/12. Served as mentor/recertification CPST-I for six CPSTs.
- Helped teach two car seat certification courses: 6/5 in Salisbury and 7/10 in Harford County.
- Lent the state/Central Maryland heatstroke display to seven different agencies, plus used it ourselves at the Maryland State Firemen's Association Convention (for 3 days) for a total of 16 events/days. The other three kits are also in use in other parts of the state. It is difficult to estimate the total number of viewers of these displays but many of the events had hundreds walking by the car/temperature display, so thousands have seen the displays. Also we distributed 175 heatstroke prevention posters to hospitals/EMS agencies. In addition, we displayed one or both of the heatstroke prevention stand up banners at five different events (conferences or MSFA convention for a total of 8 days).

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