

## About the Project

### **The Child Passenger Safety & Occupant Protection Healthcare Project**

The Maryland CPS & OP Healthcare Project is a program of the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems EMS for Children Program. The project is funded by NHTSA and the Maryland Highway Safety Office, and involves the promotion of “best practice” child passenger safety (CPS) & occupant protection (OP) education and discharge policies for Maryland hospitals and health care professionals. The CPS & OP Healthcare Project provides information and resources to Maryland's hospitals to ensure that parents and caregivers are receiving the most up-to-date information about how to keep their children safe.

The CPS & OP Healthcare Project includes the following activities/resources:

- 📖 CPS contact in each Pediatric/ Nursery/ Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
- 📖 CPS contacts within every Emergency Department
- 📖 Annual CPS conference calls providing continuing education on CPS hot topics
- 📖 Training on safe transport of children in ambulances
- 📖 Best Practice Guidelines manual for hospital policy and discharge procedures
- 📖 Posters on occupant protection that cover the age continuum (many in Spanish)
- 📖 “Prescription for Your Child’s Safety” – pads for use in prevention and primary care
- 📖 “Proper Occupant Protection” – public education DVD/VHS (35 minutes long)
- 📖 Training on CPS for children with special health care needs
- 📖 Educational display on CPS for families and health care providers
- 📖 Website targeted to hospitals and health care providers
- 📖 Spanish language resources on CPS: posters, prescription pad, web site links

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