



***CPS & OP Healthcare Project
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PEMAC UPDATE: March 6, 2019
The CPS & OP Healthcare Project

Since the last PEMAC meeting the project coordinator:

- Helped at four safety seat checks during this period: two for Safe Kids-Baltimore (Jan 4 and Feb 1), one in Ellicott City (mentoring a CPST), and one as part of the Baltimore County Seat Check schedule, in Woodlawn on January 15.
- Helped teach a CPS certification class in Cumberland to 10 students (Feb 5-7). One EMS provider and five nurses or nurse-techs from Western Maryland were in the class. The EMS provider received a scholarship from this grant project.
- Promoted the regional car seat check schedules for the year to many EMS and healthcare providers through emails and mailings.
- Held an interactive exhibit on drowsy driving prevention at the Winterfest EMS conference in January. Approximately 150 people attended. Also covered other OP topics through the use of stand up banners.
- Continued planning the “CPS for Newborn Nursery and NICU Nurses” workshop for April 8, 2019. Approved to provide 6.5 contact hours for nursing CEUs and one hour for CPST re-certification. Have confirmed the faculty. Finalizing the agenda. Have registered 43 nurses out of a possible 44 slots. Have a wait-list of 10; these folks already have 1-2 people coming from their agency. Hospitals not represented yet are Washington Adventist, Western Maryland Health System and Garrett Regional Medical Center. The two Western Maryland hospitals have had a training on CPS in the past 2 years, so their absence isn't too important. Created a new reference guide: The Car Seat Tolerance Screen Flow Chart. This will soon be printed and laminated, and will be distributed at this event as well as to other hospital providers.
- Worked with Maryland Kids in Safety Seats (KISS) to continue planning two CPS update classes: May 9, 2019, a general update for CPS Technicians; May 10th, update for special needs CPSTs. Our speakers include Denise Donaldson, Safe Ride News, several car seat manufacturers, and staff from Fitzgerald Auto Mall to speak about tethering special needs seats. Registration for these is underway.
- Distributed additional drowsy driving materials to Maryland Trauma Centers to use for their “distracted driving prevention week” activities.
- Submitted an application to Lifesavers Traffic Safety Conference to present a poster on the Drowsy Driving Prevention Campaign. Was accepted and will present this poster March 31-April 2 in Louisville, KY.

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