



CPS & OP Healthcare Project EMS for Children Program @ MIEMSS

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PEMAC UPDATE --Nov 3, 2021 The CPS & OP Healthcare Project

- Celebrated national Child Passenger Safety Awareness Week from September 19-25. Posted 18 social media messages. Helped at three in-person safety seat checks across the state. Wrote a blog on CPS that was posted through the Maryland Trauma Net website. Gave an overview of CPS services in Maryland on a NHTSA-sponsored online meeting of CPS advocates. Provided one (virtual) car seat check as part of the national seat check day hosted by MD KISS and others.
- Held the last webinar of the grant year on Sept 14th. “What’s new in booster research” featured Dr. Julie Mansfield. 38 people attended and CEUs for CPSTs and Maryland EMS were provided. This webinar is now posted online at MIEMSS’ YouTube site.
- The CPS project to distribute car seats to needy families in the emergency departments of 15 hospitals in Maryland continues in the 3rd year of grant funding; GBMC is the newest partner. UM BWMC is still considering it. New partners are always welcome for this program.
- The car seat distribution program through newborn nurseries or NICUs continues successfully at UM Capital Regional Medical Center. UM BWMC, Medstar Harbor Hospital, and Medstar Franklin Square are considering participation.
- Gave a presentation on CPS and resources for the American Trauma Society-Maryland Division.
- Helped at several car seat “rodeos” to help CPSTs get practice on installation.
- Helped teach the first Maryland Child Passenger Safety Technician course in almost two years. Course was held at the Pikesville VFD and 8 people attended. Anyone interested in upcoming courses can go to www.cert.safekids.org to get automated alerts when new classes are scheduled.
- Conducted an exhibit for employees at Aberdeen Proving Ground as part of their Safe Driving Day.
- Gave one online presentation/training on general CPS for newborn nursery nurses and another presentation on the Car Seat Tolerance Screen for nurses at Medstar Harbor Hospital.
- Posted a number of social media in honor of National Teen Safe Driving Week.
- Had the “Car Seat Test for Premature Babies” presentation for parents and caregivers translated into Spanish and then narrated by a native Spanish speaker. This will be released on YouTube soon and promoted to Maryland hospitals.
- Created a stand up banner on occupant protection. Each Maryland trauma center will receive one of these for community or staff education along with other materials on a thumb drive.
- In-person car seat assistance is slowly resuming around the state, but virtual assistance options will continue. Contact Maryland Kids in Safety Seats at <https://tinyurl.com/VidAppt20> or cps@miemss.org.

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