



California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Vehicle Occupant Safety Program (VOSP)

e-Newsletter for California's Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Community (Fall 2022)

This quarterly e-Newsletter provides a summary of CPS laws and programmatic support for the California community of local health departments, instructors, technicians, and advocates.

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I. VOSP Technician Training System

Just a reminder, that VOSP stipends are one way to support your local CPS Technician trainings. VOSP supports Instructors at a rate of \$900/day for Lead and \$700/day for a Co-Instructor. This includes Instructors who are choosing to offer the Hybrid Curriculum.

In addition, with approval from OTS, VOSP can now support an additional \$200/day travel supplement for travel incurred 60 miles or greater from your primary workplace.

All new contracts will include this option, and each Instructor will need to apply for it in their training request for VOSP support.

As a reminder the various courses that VOSP supports instructors for include:

- CPS Technician Curriculum
 - and the Hybrid offering - To be eligible to teach the hybrid, Instructors must successfully complete the *Instructor Hybrid Endorsement Training*, which includes the new e-learning modules of the hybrid curriculum, a *Train-the-Trainer* e-learning and an accompanying quiz.
- CPS Special Needs
- Update
 - 6 CEUs for a full day's pay
 - 1 CEU is available at a rate of \$150/CEU
 - CEUs can be offered online
- Renewal Class

- o 1 day or if 2 days stipend the second day must include a full 4-hour checkup event.

To start a VOSP Instructor contract for a stipend, contact Claudia.Angel@cdph.ca.gov

II. Highlight the California CPS Special Needs Instructors

California's "Team of 3" CPS Special Needs Instructors includes Traci, Helen, and Erin (bio's below) and they team up in groups of 2 to teach all the 2-day CPS Special Needs classes we hold in CA. Our Team of 3, take your requests to team-teach the 2-day course up and down the state, often using the VOSP Instructor stipends to make this happen. If you would like to request a course in your area, typically a class is 14 students, and if you have Special Needs seats you can borrow from a local hospital that is very helpful to our teaching team!



A. Traci Aoki-Tan

Traci, a native to Fresno, has been a Child Life Specialist at Kaiser Permanente in Roseville for 15 years, and she lives and breathes CPS and Special Needs! Currently Traci is the Sacramento Safe Kids Board President, became a Special Needs instructor in 2015 and started her CPS career in 1998. Traci has two adventurous children, Michael who is almost a black belt in taekwondo (Oct. 15th is test day – good luck!), and Jenna who has become Mom's twin in love of music and boy bands!

B. Helen Arbogast

A leading researcher in child passenger safety, Dr. Arbogast is the Manager of Injury Prevention at Children's Hospital Los Angeles, which includes Special Needs programs, bedside consults for patients, regional loaner program and free car seat program. She also serves as the California Safe Kids Director, and of course has been a certified technician since 2012. She currently serves on the Lifesavers Conference CPS Steering Committee and has served on the National Child Passenger Safety Board. She also has a master's degree from Cal State Long Beach and doctorate degree in public health from UCLA. She's most proud of her work in getting resources to underserved and marginalized communities and is committed to enhancing efforts to make the CPS field more diverse and inclusive. Her 4-year-old daughter is still rear-facing and tells the other kids, "I'll stay like this until I'm too big for my seat or Dr. Mama says it's time".

C. Erin Malone

Erin is currently with Riverside County Public Health as the Injury Prevention Coordinator but as a longtime resident of Orange County, she began her career at Children's Hospital Orange County and led the Safe Kids Orange County coalition. In addition to supporting the Safe Kids Inland Empire coalition, Erin still supports Orange County AAP Clinic in the Park injury prevention activities. Erin started her CPS career in 2001 and is celebrating 20 years as a CPST-I (where she met her husband at a course as an Instructor Candidate). She has been on the cutting edge of all aspects of CPS

including the latest innovative program “Grab and Go” booster seat distributions during COVID (with online educational programs).

III. Safer California Conference – Childhood Unintentional Injury Prevention

The California Coalition for Children’s Safety and Health (CCCSH) [Safer California Conference](#) will take place in San Diego from November 15-16, 2022. We are working on a pre-conference CPS session on November 14, 2022, that will provide CEUs and even an opportunity to have your seat checks signed off with a check-up event. Of course, there will be a CPS session during the conference, and we plan on having some gathering locations identified for CPS technicians and program staff to “meet and greet” and network. I hope you will join us!

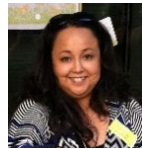
IV. We are here to support you!

Please contact VOSP staff if you have any CPS Technician Training requests or questions, need CPS educational materials, or want to be on the list to receive future VOSP e-Newsletters. Please reach out to our team with any questions you may have.



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If you have any CPS programmatic questions, please contact **Mitch Zehnder**, the Office of Traffic Safety Occupant Protection and CPS State Coordinator, at (916) 509-3026 or Mitch.Zehnder@ots.ca.gov.

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