



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

## *e-Newsletter for California's Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Community (Summer 2021)*

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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. What is the National Digital [Car Seat] Check Form (NDCF)?**

The NDCF is an electronic car seat check form and data collection platform. Originally developed in Texas, and now supported by NHTSA and National Safety Council (NSC), this free data collection tool is available to all currently certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians and Instructors, program managers, CPS Coordinators, individual agencies as well as vehicle and car seat manufacturers. Use of the NDCF provides the opportunity to streamline data collection and reduce reporting burdens. Immediate access to collected data provides the opportunity to monitor trends, track car seat distribution, and accurately report car seat check activity throughout a given service area.

- ✓ [NDCF](#) with tutorial videos, how to practice, options for app use and then download later when you have access to wi-fi, liability add-ons
  - [NDCF Walk-through Tutorial](#)
- ✓ How to start [an account](#)
  - [How to Sign Up for the NDCF](#)

### **II. California NDCF Webinars**

- ✓ VOSP hosted a NDCF California based webinar with Jennifer Booge and Adele Polson (NDCF Training team), Amy Arturo (National Safety Council), and Angela Knudson (AAA Nor. Cal.) on May 25, 2021 to provide a detailed outline of how and why to use the NDCF.
- ✓ Follow up 1:1 webinar on June 1, 2021 provided individual questions, including technical specifics by the NDCF Training team.
- ✓ [Link to both webinars](#) will end August 31, 2021.

- ✓ If anyone wants to have a meeting with the training team to work with your own agency's IT, risk management, supervisory, or CPS team, please feel free to contact Jennifer Booge at [Training@carseatcheckform.org](mailto:Training@carseatcheckform.org)

### III. NDCF Resources to Support CPS Technicians and Programs

- ✓ [National clean data dashboard](#)
- ✓ [NDCF FAQs](#)
- ✓ [Use methods](#)
- ✓ [Digital user guide for web and apps](#)
- ✓ [Paper user guide](#)
  - [New paper PDF v.5.1](#)
  - [PDF check form v.5.1 with Spanish caregiver sections](#)
- ✓ [Data collection for program managers](#)
- ✓ Sign-in-Sheets
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- ✓ [CPST recertification - virtual seat check sign off support](#)
- ✓ [Use of the NDCF with CPST certification courses](#)
- ✓ [Quick reference guide: NDCF use methods](#)

### V. Conferences 2021

- ✓ [PREVCON](#), Safe Kids Worldwide, Childhood Injury Prevention Convention, *Virtual* Conference, July 12-16, 2021, [info@safekids.org](mailto:info@safekids.org)
- ✓ [Kids In Motion](#) National CPS Conference (in-person), August 12-14, 2021 (Pre-conference sessions August 11, 2021)

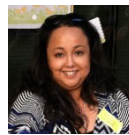
### VI. We are here to support you!

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. We appreciate your efforts to improve vehicle occupant safety even during these trying and uncertain times. We will strive to provide you with the best customer service and support possible. Please reach out with any questions you may have.



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