



California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Vehicle Occupant Safety Program (VOSP) e-Newsletter for California's Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Community (Winter 2023)

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

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I. OTS Summit – Resources/Information

What a great conference! For those of you who attended, it was terrific to see you! The themes that really rang true were DATA and EQUITY! I appreciated these references for overarching work on equity in transportation:

- [US Dept of Transportation Equity Plan](#)
- [Caltrans Transportation Equity Index](#)

Our CPS session focused on equity and included a presentation by Christine Li, LA County Public Health Transportation Safety Manager, where she overlaid GIS of LA County population with the Healthy Places Index. This allowed Christine to evaluate her local partnerships and highlight which areas she was already reaching, and which areas needed more partnerships to provide critical CPS services. Christine used the [Healthy Places Index](#) and [GIS mapping by county/city](#) and her helpful map is provided below.

Attached is a spreadsheet that VOSP developed for the CPS session, that can provide all of us a better understanding (and maybe something useful in your OTS grant applications) of how many technicians/instructors we have in our counties/state, and where our resources are with special needs trained technicians and Spanish speaking

technicians. Included are the child populations broken down into categories we can agree upon such as 0-7 (to be in a car or booster seat), 8-12 (in the back seat and likely in a booster until 10), and 13-15 (pre-driver and learning how to be a good occupant). These ages incorporate all the CPS Vehicle Codes [27360](#) (ages 0-7), and [27360.5](#) (8-16 years) where the parent or driver in the vehicle would receive a citation if the child was not appropriately restrained.

Also included in this newsletter below, is the map of Tribal Groups pre-1849, which was emailed to you in October that can help all of us in California to identify where our tribal lands/people overlay with our counties. You can also use this link and once you enter in an address then local tribal information will populate: <https://native-land.ca/> Big thanks to Joe Hejl from the Boys and Girls Club serving Tehama/Butte Counties for this added information!

II. CPS Board Resources

The CPS Board resources have been updated - They now include "[Car Seat Basics for Law Enforcement](#)" available at the [Learning Portal](#), and new [CPS Board Webinars](#) too!

III. CPS County Public Health Program Site Visits (virtual)

As the county CPS Programs know, (I hope) VOSP is available to conduct program site visits (virtual these days) to review your local activities and provide any programmatic, fiscal, and technical information nuggets you may need for your toolbox. So far for this year, VOSP has met with LA County and reviewed their violator fine monies, talked about meeting with the courts, and building their Special Needs capacities. Upcoming visits include San Francisco and Santa Clara counties to assess what components they are strong in already and how to best organize to tackle remaining challenges. If your county public health CPS program would like a site visit, please contact

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IV. Instructor Resources

1. Instructors and New Technicians – In our current VOSP grant we now will provide/offer quarterly webinars supporting CPS Instructors and new Technicians. The first webinar is Thursday, December 14, 2023, at 10:00 am for *INSTRUCTORS*. I will review a few supporting efforts provided by VOSP to instructors, but this is also intended to offer a forum for you to share ideas and discuss issues that are relevant to your work teaching the varied CPS-related courses in California. To attend, please click on the [webinar link](#) and the passcode is **T0#WabKo**.
2. VOSP Instructor Course Request Form (attached). Thank you to those CA CPS Instructors who have started the contracting process with us to support trainings throughout the year. Even though we have the spreadsheets with your anticipated training plans, we need you (the Lead, or Host agency) to fill out the attached Course Request Form **8 weeks prior** to your training to confirm that all your co-instructors have

executed contracts and that we are all coordinated to maximize the funding available! Please let us know if you have any questions!

V. OTS Grant Application – Due January 31, 2024

It's that time of year again; the OTS grant application cycle is open and ready for your application in one of the many transportation safety areas that they support! Check out your options, and we encourage you all to apply. The OTS grant workshops have been [announced!](#)

VI. We are here to support you!

Please contact VOSP staff if you have any CPS programmatic, 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 questions regarding CPS grant opportunities, please contact **Nancy Wolf**, the Office of Traffic Safety CPS State Coordinator, at Nancy.Wolf@ots.ca.gov.

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CPS Agency location by [Healthy Places Index \(HPI\)](#) Los Angeles County, 2023

OTS Summit presentation on CPS and Equity, November 8, 2023, Christine Li, LA County of Public Health



