

#### CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY

# SUMMER CAMP



# Cotion Contion

# Hero

A person admired for achievements and noble qualities

# Jennifer Pavey In Memory CPSTI, WA

"when we educate
Technicians and
advocates, we work
to empower and
enrich each other's
skills so we can do
our best work."



#### Nita Smith

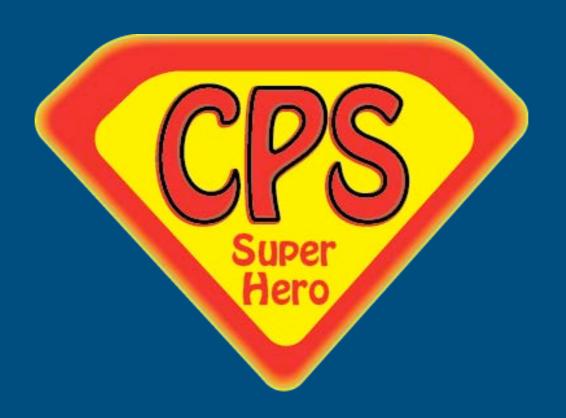
# Delaware Office of Highway Safety Delaware State Police

Nita is always ready to dive in head first, looking for bigger and better ways to serve our community. She leads our state in the coupling of law enforcement and CPS. I can always count on her and am lucky to have her as a teammate.



# Amy Borg Children's Nebraska, Omaha

Amy is devoted! She works diligently to plan events, help refugee families and teach classes. She has a wealth of knowledge and is a huge asset for Nebraska.



#### Shawn Rohe

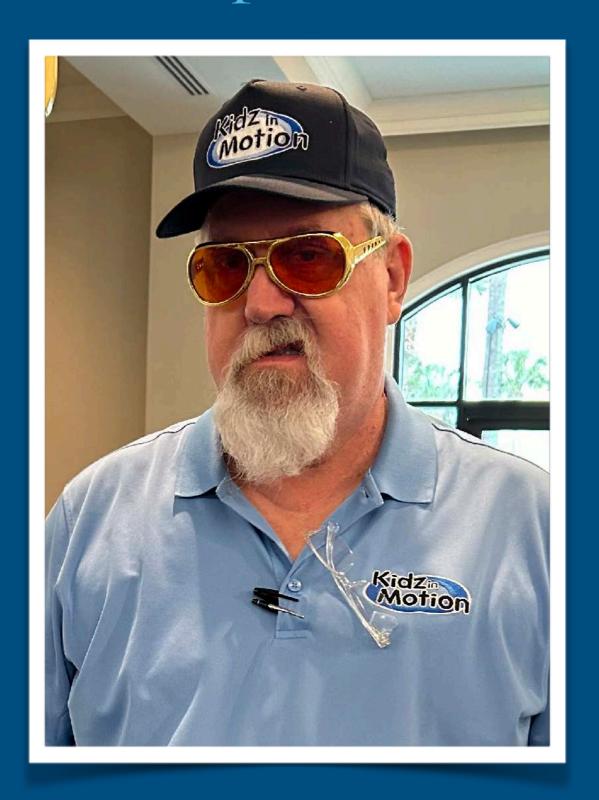
#### Delaware Office of Highway Safety

Shawn is passionate and dedicated to child passenger safety. I can always count on her. She cares deeply for every child and family she works with. I am lucky she's my teammate. The glue that holds our team together.



# Woody Johnston KIDZ IN MOTION, Thompson OH

Woody is fun, passionate and literally someone to look up to. The CPS Community is lucky to have his knowledge, experience and passion. We appreciate all you do!



# Cass Herring

Safe Kids Worldwide, Washington DC



Cass is always quick to offer support, and is thoughtful and intentional with language use. She works tirelessly to promote positivity within Safe Kids.

#### Erin Brill

Aurora Fire & South Metro Fire and Rescue Lone Tree, CO



Erin contracts with fire agencies to run car seat fit stations, creating part time paid work for CPSTs. She's an excellent instructor and the perfect car seat "phone a friend"!

#### Kristen Sanders

LA County Dept. of Public Health Los Angeles, CA

Kristen helps facilitate
CPST education by
hosting a California state
conference. She's a whiz
with three-across
situations, offering
hands-on experience.



#### Liz Perez

Phoenix, AZ Children's Hospital



Liz is always willing to lend a hand to share knowledge and ideas. This is especially true when it comes to improving equity and access for minorities and marginalized communities. Thank you for being their voice!

#### Mandi Seethaler

Center for Safe Alaskans, Anchorage AK

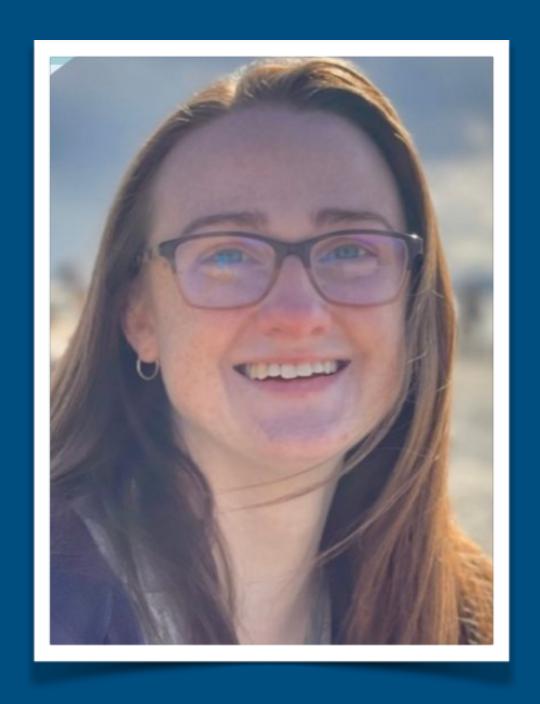


Mandi has such a wonderful and positive communication style. She always inspires positivity in the CPS community, and is always willing to brainstorm, share ideas, listen and lend her creativity. A true gem!

# Britney Schroeder

Shoreline, WA

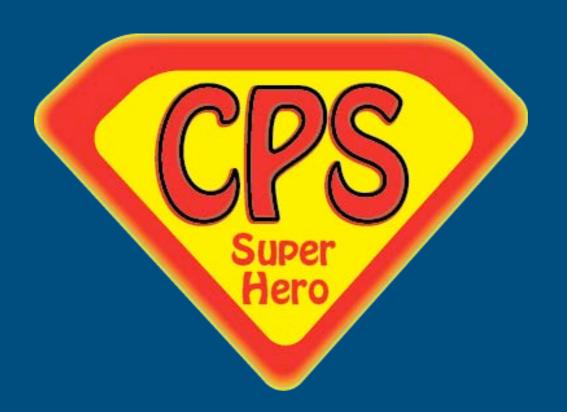
She communicates in assertive and humble ways, always willing to teach and share knowledge. She has a true vocation to help the community and inspires us to be better.



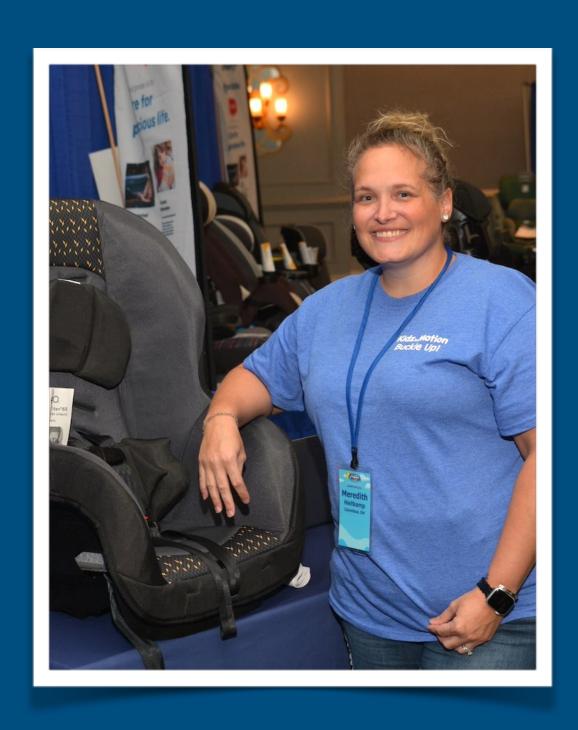
#### Alexa Yuran

Nationwide Children's Hospital, Columbus OH

Alexa stepped into a chaotic, challenging program and handled its challenges with aplomb. She demonstrates excellent technical skills and inherent understanding of children's safety. An invaluable asset.



# Meredith Heitkamp Columbus, OH



Meredith demonstrates an unwavering commitment to CPS, and revolutionized our city's sole distribution program, employing creative problem solving to meet the needs of low-resource families.

#### Samuel Jones

Appalachian Promise Alliance, Bristol TN

Shortly after flooding in 2022, Samuel reached out to several manufacturers and secured 80 car seats for families in need. Awesome!



## Britney Lombard

Children's Colorado and National Safety Council-Safety Connection Virtual Services



Britney is one of the most passionate individuals in the CPS field, always going above and beyond to mentor new technicians. She also serves on the National CPS Board and volunteers for Safety Connection, providing virtual car seat checks and CPST seat sign-offs.

# Danielle Kessenger

Silver Linings Safety LLC, Tallahasse FL Safety Council - Safety Connection Virtual Services



Danielle volunteers for Safety Connection, providing virtual car seat checks and CPST seat check sign-offs. She is always willing to step up and provide support. A true example of advocate and Hero for many.

# Patti Liedy

Silver Linings Safety LLC, Tallahassee FL



Patti always finds ways to connect resources, and is a guru for vehicle and logistics in courses. I couldn't do it without her. An amazing advocate for all people. Way to go for designing a cool shirt and raising money for Zebra Youth!

# Sheila Galindo Vasquez

Aurora, CO Fire Rescue

Sheila is a blessing to her community, where she conducts more than 100 in person and virtual car seat checks in both English and Spanish.



#### Tina Lewis

Silver Linings Safety LLC, St. Johns, FL

For over a decade she has consistently shown her dedication to keeping kids safe. Her love of science-y things has helped her to bring a different perspective.



#### Florida Occpant Protection Coalition - Instructor Meeting Team

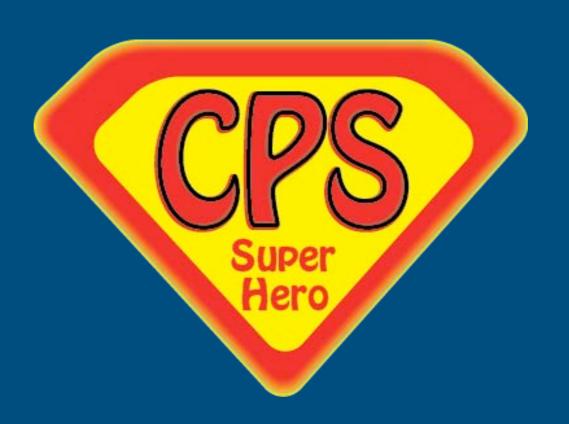


This team decided that it was time to just DO something for Florida Instructors. Since 2022 they have hosted quarterly instructor Zoom meetings, which have been positively accepted by instructors across the state.

#### Marianne Merawi

The Car Seat Nerd, Boston MA

Although this is Marianne's first KIDZ conference, she has been making a huge difference in her community for over 10 years, in-person offering car seat checks and online assistance as the Car Seat Nerd.



#### Delaware Dream Team (Triple Trouble)

Delaware Office of Highway Safety

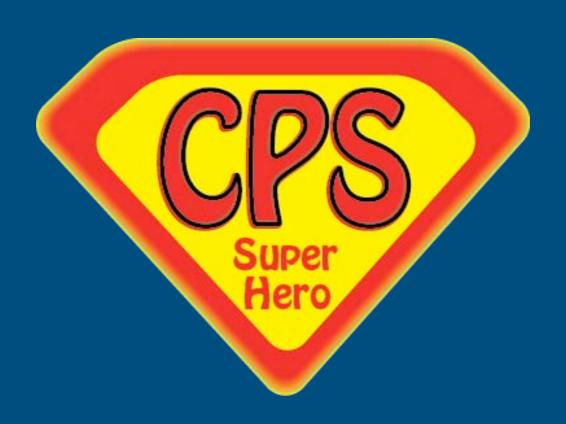
Collaborating with each of you is a joy! I appreciate our reliability as teammates and adore how we always find solutions to the challenges we encounter.



#### Andrea Malchuk

#### Ensusilla Chile

Andrea has changed how people in all of Latin America think about safety of children in cars!



# Lisa Marsh, Rosanne Kelly and Chris Pohly

UH St. John Medical Center, Westlake OH



This trio goes way above and beyond to ensure families they assist leave educated and safer. They coach with empathy and compassion every single time.

## Heidi Heflin

Global CPS and CPS Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur and CA

Heidi is a great advocate for CPS, especially in the global arena. She always offers a listening ear and a sounding board for advice, and is a tireless advocate for expanding curricula to include the global community.



# Lloyd Murphy

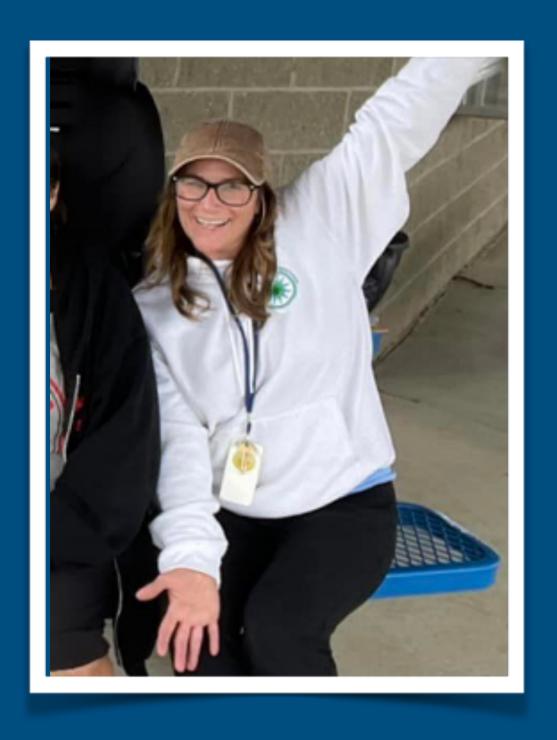
Safe Kids Maine

The late Lloyd Murphy was a dedicated CPST for more than 20 years. Although he was retired from law enforcement, he continued to check car seats until it was no longer fun, adding "But I'm still having fun." He passed away in 2022.



## Jennifer Hardeman

Winnebago Tribe of NE Injury Prevention Program



Jennifer manages a comprehensive CPS program for the Winnebago tribe in Nebraska. She is one of a handful of American Indian CPS Instructors and coordinates a successful car seat program for Winnebago families.

#### Lisa Herritz

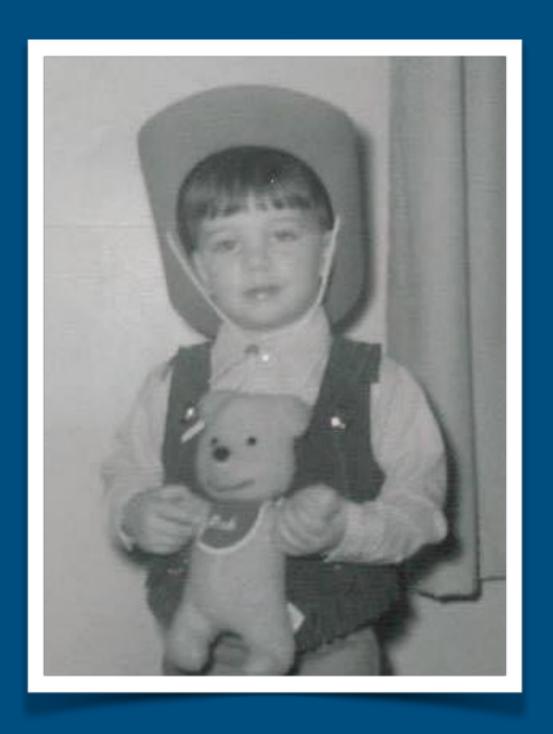
Ho Chunk Nation, Black River Falls WI

Lisa has championed tribal nations in Wisconsin offering annual CPST certification and recertification trainings, improving attrition rates, and providing essential resources. Her unwavering support makes her a true safety Hero.



# Jim Savage

Children's Wisconsin, KIDZ IN MOTION



Jim has been a significant asset on a multitude of levels to our treasured KIDZ Conference. He may be on the quiet side but his commitment to the conference speaks volumes. His dedication and hard work does not go unnoticed. Thank you for being you!

# Kyndra Webb

National Child Passenger Safety Board, Ridgefield WA



Through her role as Secretariat, Kyndra goes the extra mile to keep the many National Child Passenger Safety Board activities running smoothly.

# Sandra Molina

Northwestern Medicine, Chicago IL



Sandra goes above and beyond to make sure the families she works with understand the importance of making sure their children are buckled up correctly in car seats. She is a great mentor at CPS classes and with Techs.

## Jonathan Abeita

Pueblo of Isleta Police Dept., Isleta NM



Officer Abeita is committed to reducing traffic-related fatalities through safety initiatives. He organizes community events to educate families on the importance of properly securing children in vehicles and the dangers of hot cars. A true safety Hero.

# Kevin Rascher

Oglala Sioux Tribe Dept. of Public Safety Pine Ridge, SD

Captain Rascher exemplifies strong leadership and positive outcomes through community-focused traffic safety initiatives on the Pine Ridge Reservation. He's a strong supporter of their car seat safety program, providing education, car seats and other resources.



#### Carrisa Johns

Orange County, FL Sheriff's Office Children's Safety Village, Orlando

Carrisa is extremely active in our community, hosting 71 events so far this year and educating over 3,000 caregivers. Her outstanding contributions to Safety Village have left an indelible mark on the program and the families served.



# Abby Rader

WVU Medicine Children's Hospital Morgantown, WV



Abby connects with caregivers and understands their needs, promoting CPS without judgement. She makes CPS engaging, not just for our patients but also for our community.

#### Brian Rauscher

Safe Start, Coeur d'Alene ID

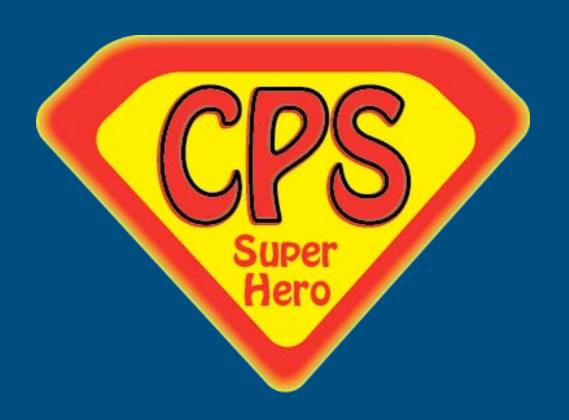


Brian has an enormous passion for CPS that provides me the opportunity to "nerd out" with him. CPS is definitely what makes him tick. His passion is seen in the hundreds of checks he does every year.

#### Amanda Schafter

#### Minnesota CPS Team

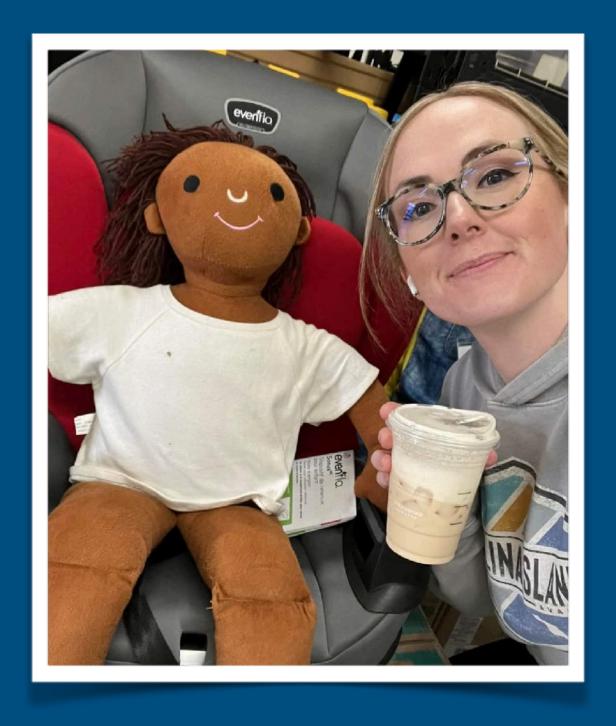
Amanda is a Child Passenger Safety Learning
Portal super-user! She has 5 groups with a total of
195 students and actively promotes Car Seat
Basics throughout her state.



# Chelsie Simpson

Safe Start, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

Chelsie is always the first to volunteer to sling some car seats. She is always a bright and shining face to our community and a huge advocate for safety.



#### Barbara Birkenshaw

Volkswagen Group of America, Auburn Hills MI



"Fahrvergnugen" "Fahren" meaning to
drive and "Vergnugen"
meaning "enjoyment." She
is not just a CPS Hero,
but a sacred part of the
CPS community!

# Shirley Varela

Pacific Safety Center, San Diego CA

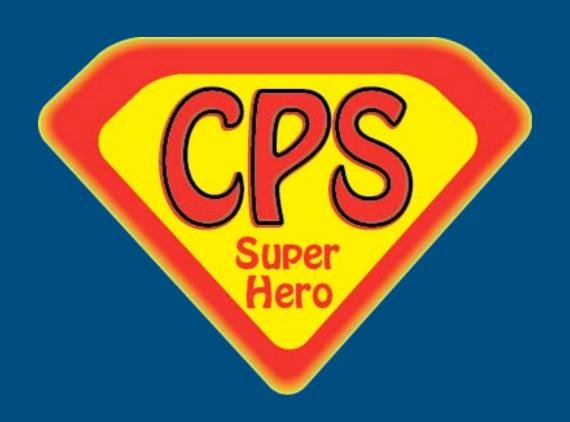
Shirley is our Hero for her unwavering dedication and willingness to support our team. She consistently steps up whenever we reach out, whether for checkup events or public worker trainings.



#### Amanda Rowan-Miletich

LittleSeats Secrets, Brockville Ontario

Amanda is an amazing educator, communicator and has an excellent sense of humor. She is very knowledgeable and dedicated to CPS and is always excited to expand her knowledge.



#### Claudia Summers

National Safety Council, Itasca IL

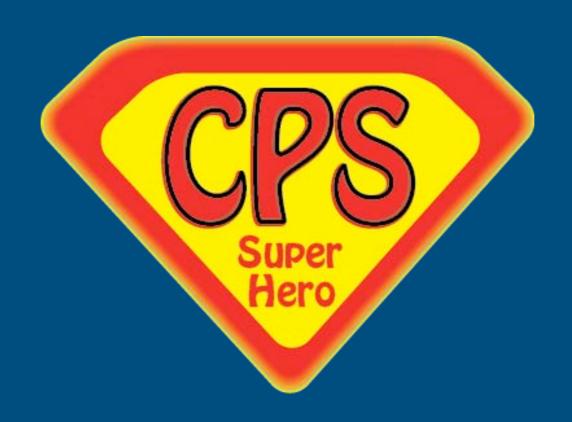
Not only is Claudia a fantastic team member, but she is truly making a difference in the CPS community through her work with Safety Connection.



# Nicole Dorsey

Stark County Ohio Health Department

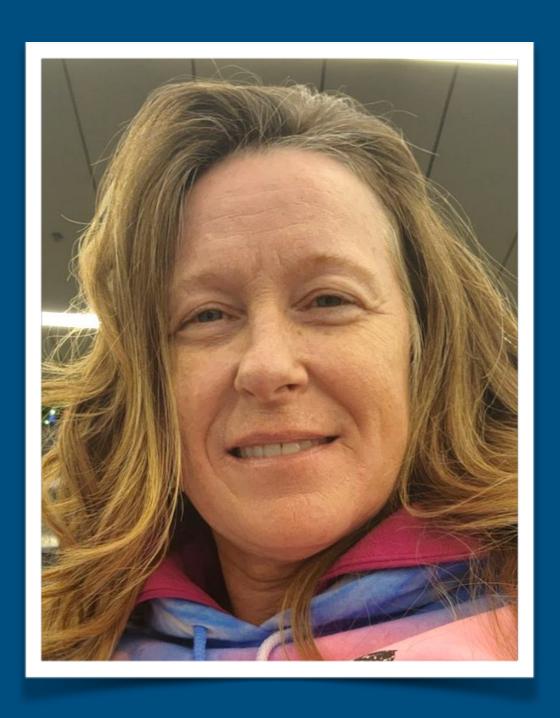
Nicole is a Child Passenger Safety Learning Portal super-user. She was instrumental in developing the "How To" guides.



# Angela Adams

Fairbanks, Alaska Safe Rider Program

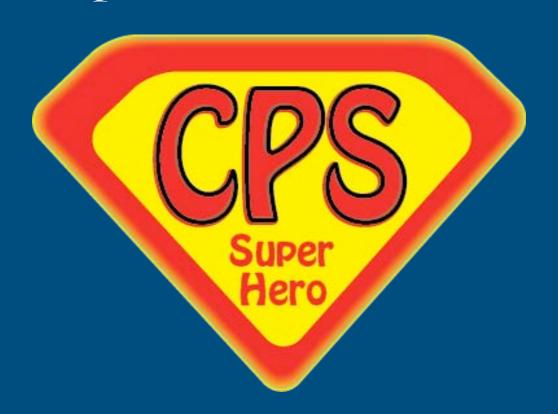
Angela has been selfishly committed to CPS for over 26 years. Her efforts in training new Techs and Instructors amplify her impact, creating a ripple effect of knowledge and expertise across the state.



# Devery Barber

OHSU Doernbecher Children's Hospital, Portland OR

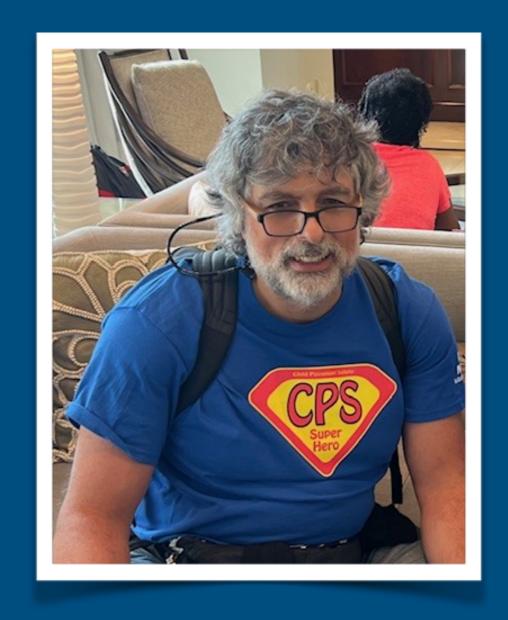
Devery supports families in the toughest scenarios. Whether she is helping a child discharging in a cast or halo or helping babies pass their car seat tolerance screening to go home, she always has a positive attitude and provides the best care.



# Sergio Rendich

Child Passenger Safety Committee of Chilean Pediatric Society, Santiago Chile

Sergio is exceptionally dedicated to CPS. His tireless efforts to protect children and raise awareness about CPS have had a profound impact, making him a true advocate and leader in the field.



#### Alma Tellechea

Pacific Safety Center, San Diego CA

Alma's exceptional dedication is awesome! She has an incredible ability to connect with and educate diverse families. Always ready to help, consistently going above and beyond. She's an outstanding role model.



# Julie Abel-Gregory

Mercy Mall of Virginia, Moseley VA

Julie makes the extra effort to explain the reasoning behind the rules when educating others. Her nonjudgmental approach with caregivers leaves them feeling empowered. She is an amazing mentor.



#### Tammy Franks

National Safety Council/KIDZ Co-President

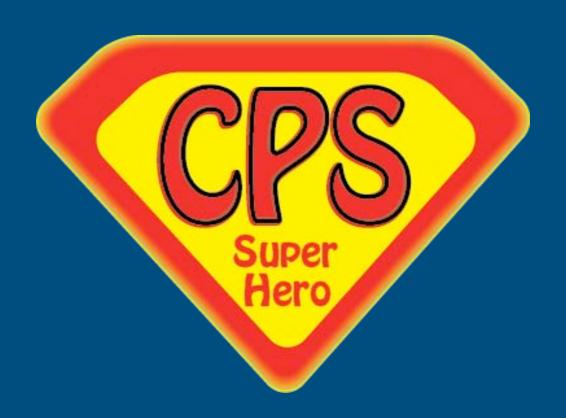


Tammy is the brightest spirit in the room with the biggest heart. Every one of us in this room is blessed to have crossed paths with her. Her passion for her field is palpable and contagious. Thank you for being OUR Hero!

# Monica Quisguard

Yale New Haven, CT Health

Monica is an excellent leader and CPS advocate. She works across Connecticut to promote, support and educate police officers, DCF, firefighters, caregivers and beyond. She is the best! She's tirelessly championed CPS for 15 years, and is inspiring.



# Aubrey Klick

Delaware Office of Highway Safety

Aubrey is beyond passionate about CPS! She loves to educate caregivers and technicians. Plus, she is always down for a good theme. She's a wealth of knowledge not only to all CPST/CPSTI in our state, but for surrounding states as well. A phenomenal asset!



#### Maricela Segura

Pacific Safety Center, San Diego CA



Maricela has a strong passion, dedication and commitment to CPS. Her ability to connect with and patiently educate families has made a significant impact, earning deep appreciation from both families and our team.

# YOU are a HERO!

# See you again next August in Madison, WI

