

TRUMBULL COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Policy

Section 9.18

CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY SEAT PROGRAM

Purpose:

The Trumbull County Board of DD's Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Seat Check Training Program is designed to provide parents, guardians or providers a one on one appointment with a certified Child Passenger Safety Technician (CSPT) to verify the safety seat they are using, or plan to use, is safe, up to day and appropriate for the child.

The benefit of the CPS Safety Seat Check Training Program serves a two-fold purpose:

1. Public benefit:
 - a. Parents, guardians, providers are trained by the CPST to properly install the safety seat for the child before leaving the facility. This is knowledge they can continue to use as the child moves into different safety seats.
 - b. Children will be transported properly and more safely in their safety seats
 - c. Grant programs can be reviewed for families that cannot afford safety seats while going through this program. Grants may be available by outside providers and would be checked on their availability.
2. Organizational Benefit:
 - a. Provide a much-needed safety service to the families of our county
 - b. Learn the transportation needs of incoming Fairhaven Program students before they attend
 - c. Professional development and CEU opportunity needed for the current CPST on staff by the TCBDD

Policy/Procedure:

At the time of the one to one appointment with parents, guardians, or providers with the CPS Technician will:

- a. Fill out a car seat check form to document the process (including car seat type, location in vehicle, misuse observations, etc.). The form may be electronic or on paper.
- b. Review car seat selection appropriate for the child's age, weight and height as well as review factors affect proper use.
- c. Review the car seat instruction manual and the vehicle owner's manual to ensure that both are being followed correctly.
- d. Ensure that an appropriate seating position in the vehicle is being used.
- e. Check the car seat for recalls, visible damage and an expiration date.
- f. Provide guidance to the parent, guardian, or provider regarding the current installation of the car seat.
- g. Discuss the next steps for the child, such as when to move to the next type of car seat.
- h. Discuss state laws and best practice recommendations for occupant safety.
- i. Discuss the benefits of everyone riding properly restrained, including all adults.
- j. Discuss safety in and around the vehicle.

In order to limit the liability of the TCBDD, the last person to touch the safety seat will always be the parent, guardian or provider who owns the safety seat and vehicle.

The Child Passenger Safety Seat Check Training Program will remain in place as long as the TCBDD has a certified Child Passenger Safety Technician available to operate it.



Superintendent



Board President

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References:

ORC 4513.263 | Occupant restraining devices.

ORC 4511.81 | Child restraint system – child highway safety fund