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Mandi Seethaler Named to National Child Passenger Safety Board

Itasca, IL – The National Child Passenger Safety Board (NCPSB) is proud to announce the appointment of Mandi Seethaler of the Alaska Injury Prevention Center to serve as the Board’s Injury Prevention Public Health Representative. Seethaler has served as the Statewide Child Passenger Safety Coordinator for the Alaska Highway Safety Office since 2015.

Seethaler began her career in child passenger safety in March 2010, shortly after joining the Alaska Injury Prevention Center in 2009. She worked diligently as a technician and was named National Child Passenger Safety Technician of the Year in 2012, recognized at the annual Lifesavers Conference. She went on to become an instructor in 2012. Mandi has also served as past chair of the Alaska Child Passenger Safety Coalition from 2013-2015; she co-chaired the coalition from 2011-2013.

Seethaler considers her work with refugee groups through the Injury Prevention Center’s outreach efforts among the most rewarding experiences of her career. “Working through translators, we teach parents and caregivers about local laws and provide a car seat for each child. It is a moving experience to share in their joy, knowing they are able to safely transport their children,” Seethaler said.

Over the past year, Seethaler has taken part in a project led by the National Safety Council to develop an online seat check form. Data will be collected and analyzed to identify the most common areas of child restraint misuse. “By using this technology, we can increase our impact in the community and help caregivers transport their children correctly,” Seethaler said.

As the eldest of nine children with 23 nieces and nephews, Mandi assists her family members by making sure their car and booster seats are properly installed and used. The most memorable “checkup event” took place during her family’s annual cattle roundup in the mountains of Colorado. Her cousin drove to a remote corral with his newborn to ensure the baby’s car seat was properly installed.

For more about the new board members, please visit www.cpsboard.org/learn-about-the-board.

About the National Child Passenger Safety Board

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