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Kristel Robison Appointed to National Child Passenger Safety Board

North Carolina Research Associate Added as Seethaler Shifts to Community Engagement

ITASCA, IL – The National Child Passenger Safety Board is pleased to announce the appointment of Kristel Robison to the Board. She will serve the Board as a Public Health/Research representative.

Robison, in her current role as a senior research associate at the UNC Highway Safety Research Center, helps coordinate child passenger safety efforts in North Carolina. She assists technicians with certification/recertification questions and coordinates continuing education training sessions. She also participates in strategic planning for the state CPS program and works to develop communications, including educational materials for public use.

Robison fills a slot previously occupied by Mandi Seethaler, deputy director at the Center for Safe Alaskans and outgoing Board chair. Seethaler, in turn, slides into the newly created Board position of Community Engagement representative.

“We are thrilled to have Kristel join our team,” National Child Passenger Safety Board incoming Chair Jennifer Pelky said. “She is dedicated to child passenger safety. She brings a research component to the Board that will prove valuable, and she will be able to connect with others around the country to share North Carolina’s best practices. We’re equally excited Mandi Seethaler will stay on in her new role.”

Robison has been a certified Child Passenger Safety Technician since October 2015. She pursued certification not only because it was important for her job but also because she wanted to keep her own children safe.

“I am excited to be a part of this passionate community that is dedicated to advancing child passenger safety,” Robison said. “I know I will enjoy working closely with people across the U.S. who have a similar goal of protecting children. I cannot wait to learn from others and share my own perspective.”

Robison earned her undergraduate degree from UC Davis (psychology and Spanish) and a Master’s in Social Welfare from UCLA. She lives now in Raleigh, NC, with her husband, two teenage daughters and three rescue dogs. (Yes, one is a COVID puppy).

When she is not at work, Robison enjoys outdoor activities such as paddleboarding, camping and hiking. She is an avid gardener and grows new varieties of fruits and vegetables every year. She also enjoys knitting and other fiber crafts.

About the National Child Passenger Safety Board

The National Child Passenger Safety Board, a program managed by the National Safety Council, seeks to maintain the quality and integrity of the National Child Passenger Safety Technician Certification Training. The program is used to train and certify child passenger safety technicians and instructors. For more information about child passenger safety or the National CPS Board, please visit the Board’s website at www.cpsboard.org