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Amy Artuso Returns to National Child Passenger Safety Board

Longtime CPS Advocate Rejoins Board as National Safety Council Representative

ITASCA, IL – The National Child Passenger Safety Board is proud to welcome back Amy Artuso to the Board. Artuso, a Doctor of Public Health, will serve as the Board representative of the National Safety Council. She succeeds Kyndra Webb.

From 2010 to 2020, Artuso served as Board Secretariat, Communications Committee Chair, Vice-Chair and Chair. She also was the main point of contact for facilitating updates to the National Child Passenger Safety Technician Certification Training curriculum.

"During her previous tenure on the Board, Amy contributed to the 2014 and 2020 curricula," said Board Chair Kristel Robison. "She brings a unique historical lens to our work that can help inform our efforts as we work to strengthen programs, support practitioners and advance our shared mission of keeping children safe."

While Webb rotates off the Board after serving as the Secretariat and Curriculum Representative from 2023 to 2026, Artuso steps back into a role on the Board with more than two decades of child passenger safety experience and a longstanding commitment to strengthening the profession.

During the last 13½ years at NSC, she has managed a cooperative agreement with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration that supports the national child passenger safety program. This work includes Board activities and the development of related programs, trainings and resources, including the CPS Learning Portal and National Digital Car Seat Check Form.

Lifelong Commitment

Artuso first became involved in child passenger safety while working in a pediatric emergency department and surgical unit. "I was meeting children and families after crashes occurred, and I wanted to participate in proven prevention efforts, such as becoming a Child Passenger Safety Technician," she said.

After completing her CPST Certification Training, Artuso was contacted by a young couple expecting their first child who needed help installing a car seat. The experience left a lasting impression and reinforced the power of education and prevention.

"I was so nervous during that first independent car seat check, but the couple was patient and kind," Artuso said. "A few weeks later, they contacted me again to let me know they had been in a crash on their way home from the hospital after their baby was born – their first car ride with their newborn. They credited the baby's safety to the fact that their car seat was installed correctly."

Over the decades that followed, Artuso became a CPS Instructor, trainer, mentor and nationally recognized advocate for child passenger safety. How many Child Passenger Safety Technicians has she trained? How many conference presentations has she delivered?

"Countless," said Artuso.

"Amy's contributions to the child passenger safety profession cannot be overstated," Robison said. "Her extensive experience training Child Passenger Safety Technicians, presenting at national conferences and serving as a respected voice on critical safety issues demonstrates a passion that aligns with advancing the Board's mission."

Professional Growth, Personal Resilience

Since completing her first tenure on the Board in 2020, Artuso has continued to expand both her professional expertise and personal accomplishments. She earned a doctorate in Advanced Practice Leadership in Public Health from the University of South Florida and successfully completed four years of aggressive cancer treatment.

Yet, she is quick to say her greatest accomplishment is her role as a wife and mother. Today, she shares a busy household with four new/novice drivers, two rescue dogs and one "very patient and understanding husband."

"There is never a dull moment in my home, and I love every minute of it!" she said.

A New Chapter, Rooted in Familiar Values

Artuso now lives in Tampa, Fla., with her family. Still, she proudly considers herself a Western New York native and remains a devoted fan of the Buffalo Bills. Outside of work, she enjoys traveling, embroidery and cheering on her adopted hometown hockey team, the Tampa Bay Lightning.

About the National Child Passenger Safety Board

The National Child Passenger Safety Board's mission is to save lives and prevent injuries by promoting child passenger safety through education, mentorship, engagement and innovation. A program managed by the National Safety Council, the Board works with key partners, including the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Safe Kids Worldwide and others. For more information about child passenger safety or the National CPS Board, visit cpsboard.org.