

Florida Child Passenger Safety Scholarship and Stipend Programs

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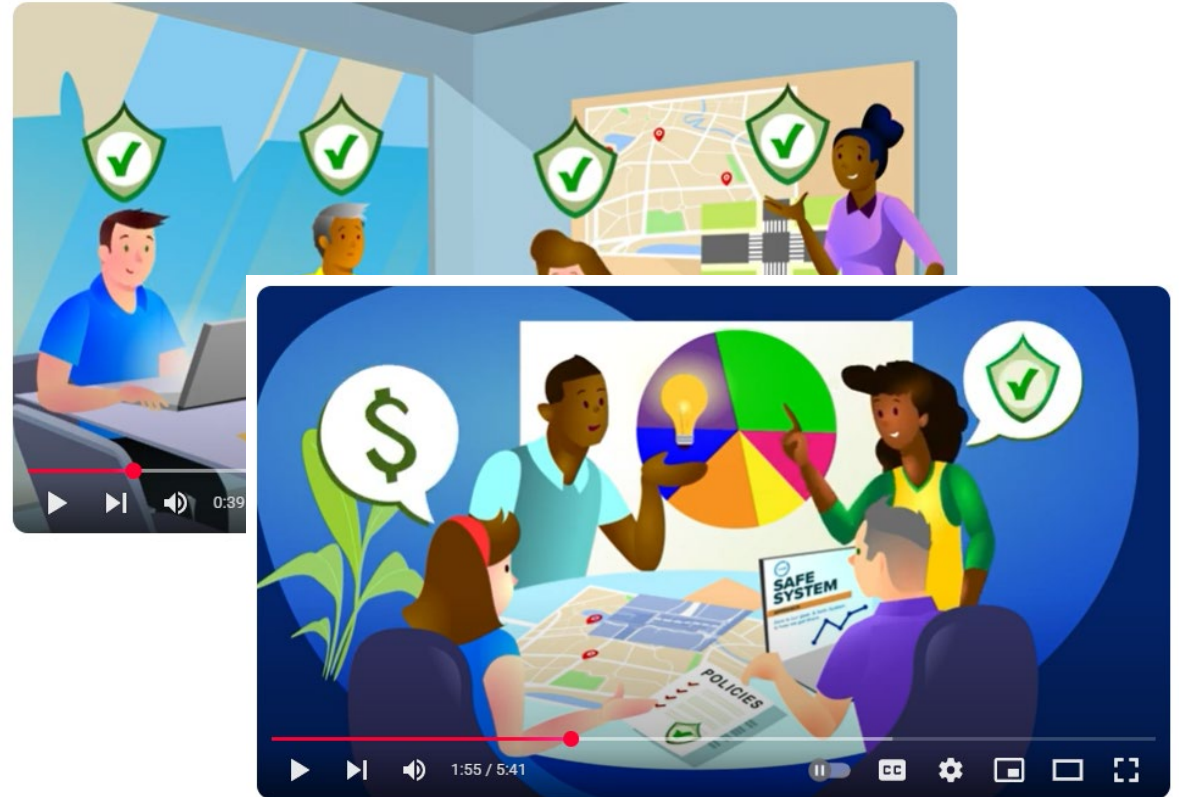
Child Passenger Safety Program Alignment

- Occupant Protection continues to be prioritized as a high-emphasis area to **enhance safety** on Florida's roadways.
- Countermeasures to reduce deaths and serious injuries include **education, enforcement, and community outreach.**



Adopting the Culture of Safety

- Nationally recognized certification program shares one **unified voice** to enhance the **safety culture** within communities and organizations.
- Statewide coverage of Child Passenger Safety Technicians and Instructors encourages a culture of **safety in communities**.



Source: FHWA (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=loMzYi3zLyw>)

Introduction to CPS Technician Training

- Students who successfully complete the National Safe Kids Child Passenger Safety Certification training will earn their two-year qualification.
- Comprehensive training courses are held online and in person with required hands-on components.
- Course Materials: learning space with audio and visual capabilities, car seats, life-like dolls, vehicles.
- Courses include a checkup event
- Student Materials: Technician Guide
- Duration: 3-4 days
- Location: courses are held worldwide
- Max. Instructor to Student: 1:5

Introduction to CPS Instructor Candidacy

- Potential Child Passenger Safety Instructors must be a technician for six months prior to submitting an instructor candidacy application.
- Applicants must include participation in child safety events, teaching experience, and testimony of skills and abilities.



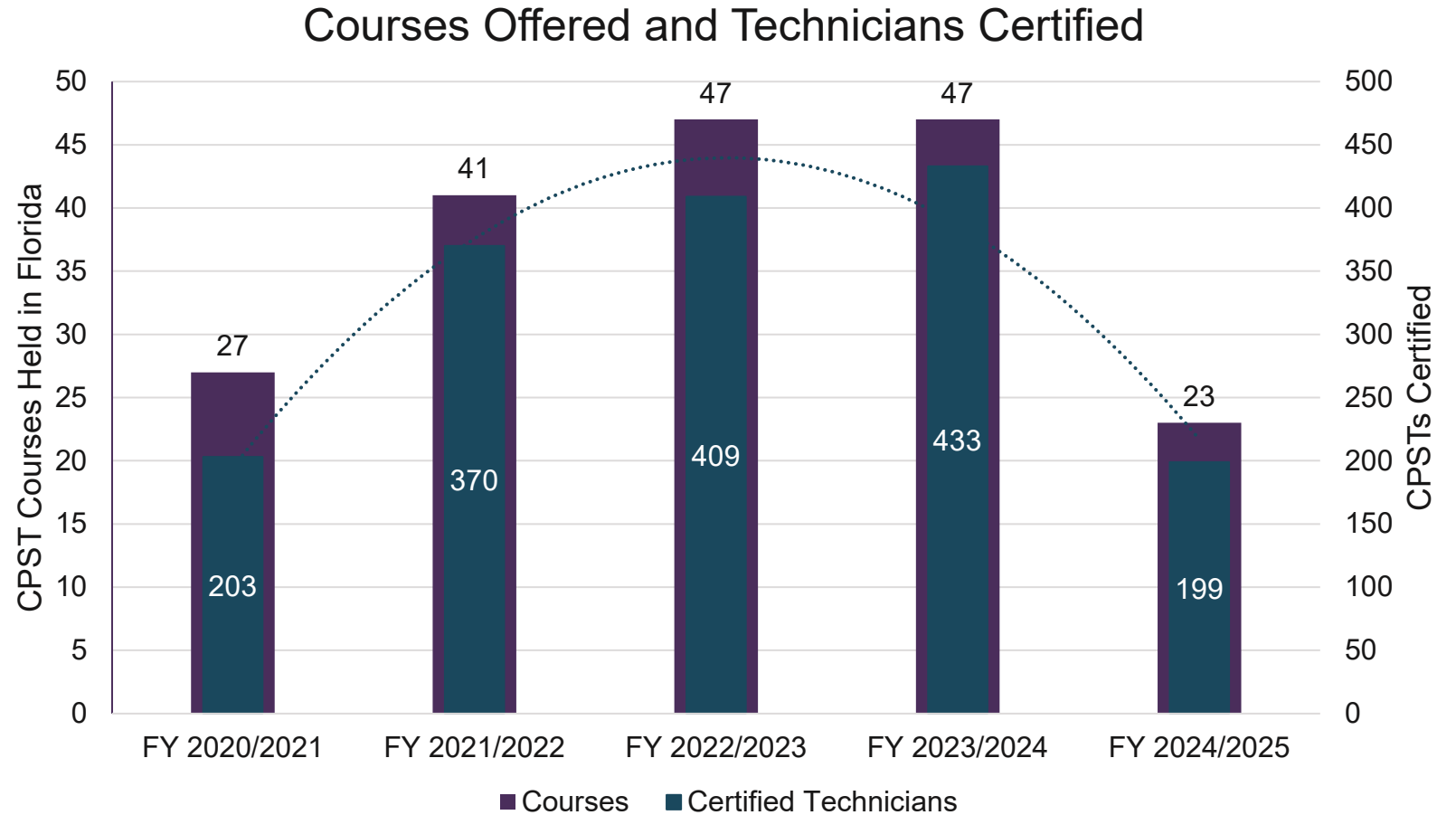
Introduction to Enrichment Courses

- School Bus National Training
 - CPSTs may instruct with a school bus endorsement
 - 1-day training
 - In-person or hybrid
 - carseateducation.org
- Safe Travel for All Children: Adaptive Transportation
 - 3 Florida Instructors
 - 2-day training
 - preventinjury.medicine.iu.edu



5-Year History (2020-2025)

FY October – September	CPS Instructors Certified
2020/2021	2
2021/2022	7
2022/2023	7
2023/2024	7
2024/2025	5



CPS Scholarship Program Support

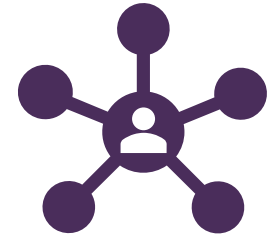


Core Activities:

- Administer scholarships
- Reimburse fees
- Support recertification

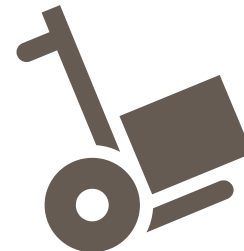
Application & Communications:

- Process applications
- Email applicants
- Coordinate instructors



Curriculum Licensing:

- License STAC
- Pay fees
- Student Materials



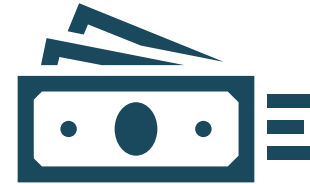
Procurement & Delivery:

- Secure POs
- Process payments
- Print materials
- Deliver supplies
- Notify CPSTs of specialty courses

CPS Instructor Stipend Program Overview

Core Activities:

- Administer stipend program
- Support CPS instructor course planning
- Includes STAC enrichment course



Financial Processing:

- Facilitate vendor applications
- Process contracts
- Process payments



Program Coordination:

- Promote stipend program
- Coordinate with instructors
- Contract with instructors

Review & Approval:

- Review application and course details
- Secure FDOT approval
- Secure purchase orders



Florida Child Passenger Safety Program

As of March 31, 2025

- 1,461 Technicians
- 91 Instructors
- 4 Instructor Candidates
- **1,556 Total CPST/I/IC**
- *8,489 Expired CPST/Is*
- Average certification period of techs is 4 years and 2.5 months.
- 10% of techs have more than 10 years of experience.



Added 250+ techs since 2023



21 Techs are **celebrating 20+ Years as CPSTs!**



32 Techs **celebrate more than 15 years of service!**

Florida Child Passenger Safety Program

As of March 31, 2025

- 1,461 Techs
- **91 Instructors**
- 8,489 *Expired CPST/Is*
 - *Of those, around 30 were CPS Instructors who expired after an average of 10 years.*
- Currently, the average certification period is 10 years and 1 month among certified instructors.



4 Instructor Candidates coming soon! Located in Lake, Polk, Hillsborough, and Walton counties.



11 Instructors are **celebrating 20+ Years** as CPST-Is!

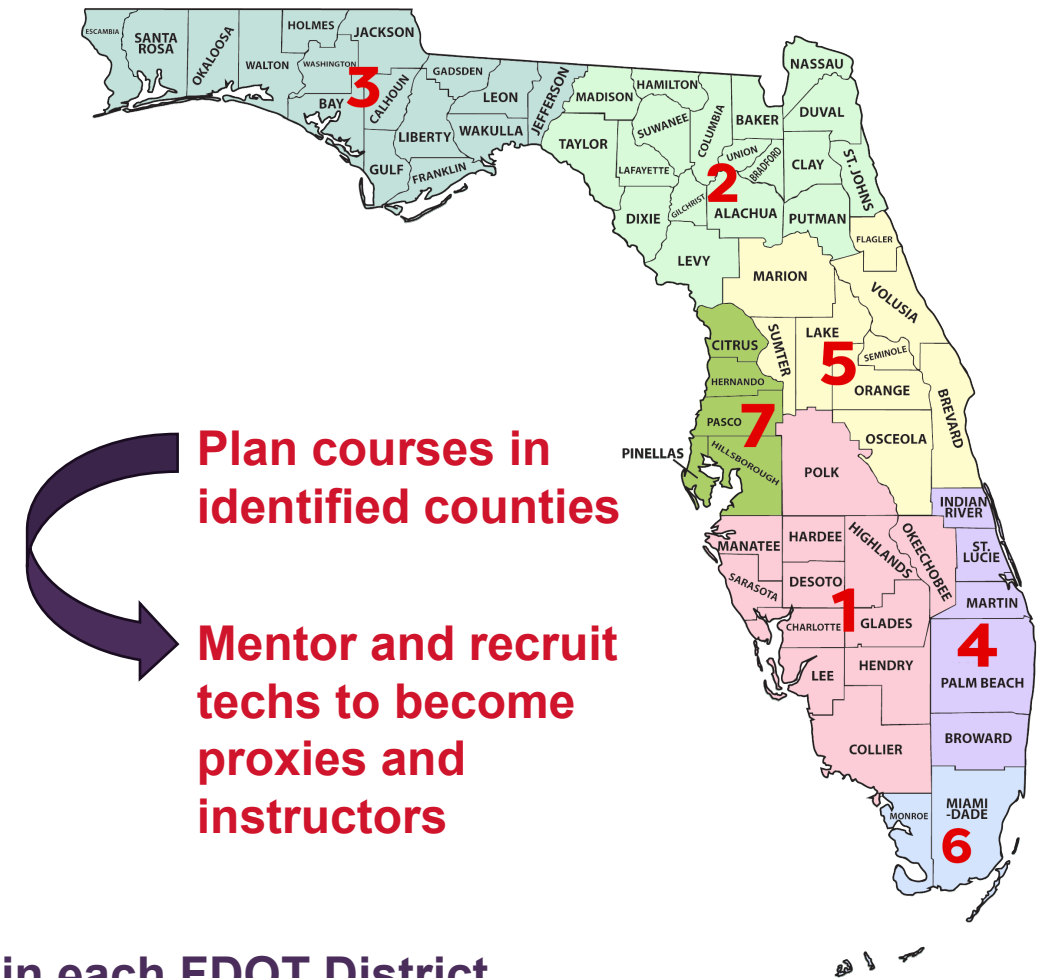


50 Instructors are **celebrating more than 10 Years of service!**

CPS Technicians and Instructors by District

CPS technicians to instructor and future additional techs needed by FDOT District, based on one CPST/I serving 2,000 children aged 0-9.

FDOT District	Additional Techs Needed	CPS Instructors as of 4/2/2025	CPS Technicians as of 4/2/2025	Techs to Instructor Ratio
1	33	13	287	23
2	68	3	122	41
3	8	13	150	12
4	9	24	302	13
5	25	17	271	16
6	19	6	134	23
7	34	15	191	13

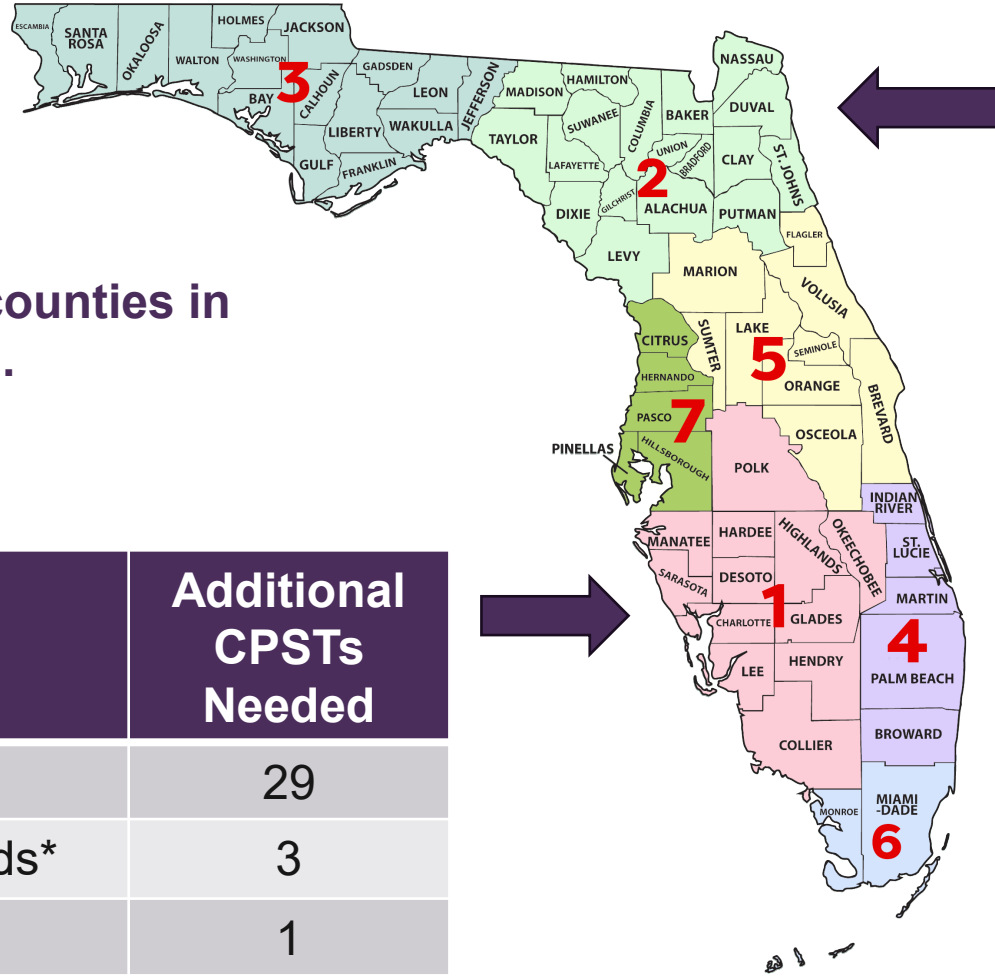


Goal: Maintain a healthy ratio of technicians to instructors in each FDOT District.

CPST-I Stipends: Identified Priority Areas

Technician priority counties in
FDOT Districts 1 & 2.

County	Additional CPSTs Needed
Polk*	29
Highlands*	3
Glades	1



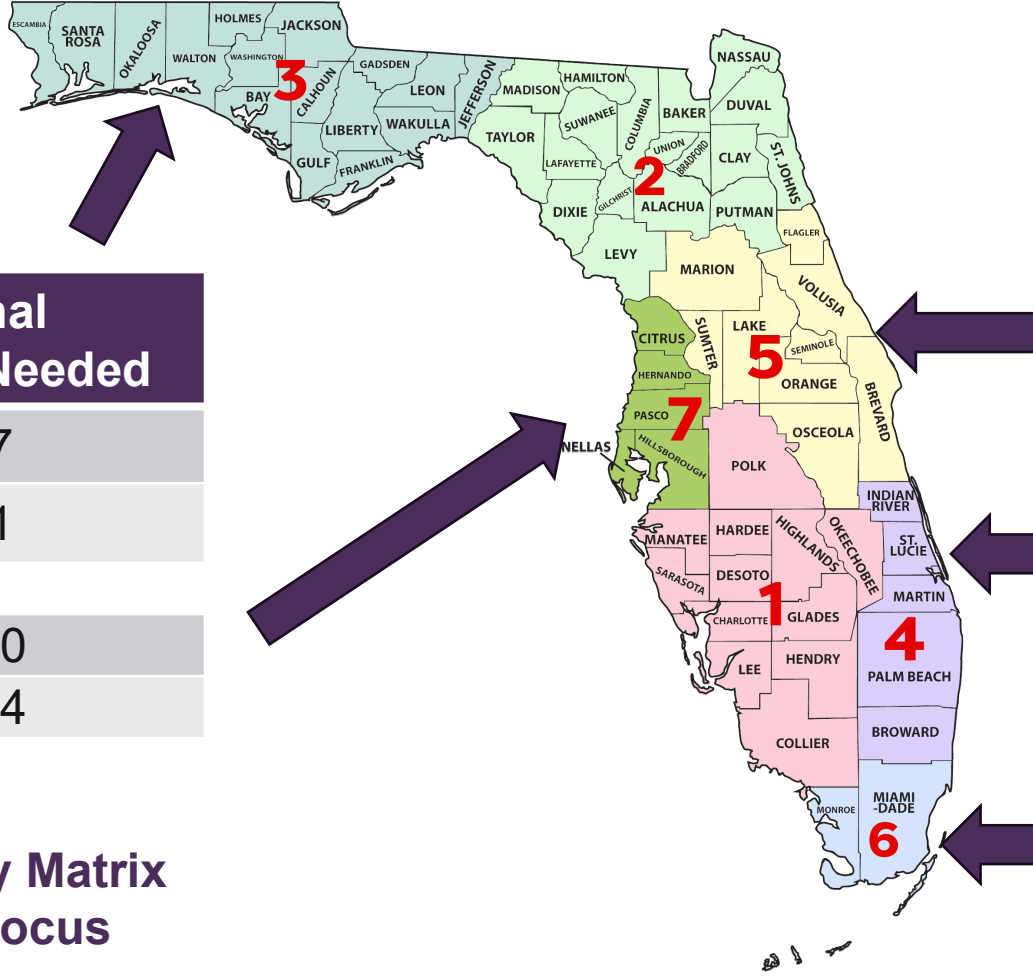
County	Additional CPSTs Needed
Duval*	44
Clay	11
St. Johns	6
Nassau	2
Gilchrist	2
Suwannee*	1
Lafayette	1
Union	1

*Indicates FDOT Safety Matrix
Occupant Protection Focus
County in FY 25-26.

Plan courses in identified counties

CPST-I Stipends: Identified Priority Areas

Technician priority counties in FDOT Districts 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7.



County	Additional CPSTs Needed
Okaloosa*	7
Gadsden*	1
Hillsborough*	20
Pasco	14

County	Additional CPSTs Needed
Orange*	13
Osceola	6
Brevard	5
Lake	1

Indian River	6
Martin*	3

Miami-Dade*	19
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CPS Scholarship & Stipend Wrap Up

Support CPS Training

- Stipends enable certified instructors to deliver essential safety courses.
- Scholarships ensure technicians are empowered to attend high quality courses with standardized curriculum.

Community Partnerships are Key to Success

- Safety advocates gain immense knowledge from working with the CPS community to share critical info with families to keep children riding safe in vehicles.

CPS Scholarship & Stipend Wrap Up

Continual Growth is
Key to Sustainability
and Strong
Programs within
Communities

Instructor Planning
Meeting (FY 25-26)
scheduling poll will
be shared soon!

Thank you!



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