



The Vermont Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Program provides free car seats, booster seats and installation assistance to **Low-Income Vermonters with young children if they are in need.**

The Vermont CPS Program provides injury prevention services by staffing Car Seat Assistance Stations with Nationally Certified, CPS technician volunteers throughout Vermont where parents and caregivers can go to obtain education and assistance. We have approximately 206 volunteer Child Passenger Safety Technicians.

Caregivers who have met the income qualification requirements for other programs are eligible, if in need and resources are available. **The Child Passenger Safety Technicians will determine if the qualified low-income caregiver needs a car seat or booster based upon one of the following.**

- Unable to afford a car seat
- Expired
- Unknown history (obtained from an unfamiliar person, garage sale, give away, on-line marketplace etc.)
- Car seat was involved in a crash
- Upon examination the car seat or booster is damaged or in unsafe condition
- Child has outgrown their existing car seat



Who is eligible?

- **WIC Recipients**
- **Dr. Dynasaur/Medicaid Recipients**
- **Reach-Up Recipients**
- **Domestic Abuse victims**
- **Children in the care and custody of the State of VT**

Where we have public or clients only Assistance Stations?

- All but one hospital that has a birthing unit
- Every county in Vermont except Essex County
- Childcare centers such as Head Start, NEKCA, Lund, Janet S. Munt Family Ctr. (AALV) etc.
- Every VT Department of Children and Families/ foster parent offices
- Many first responder locations throughout the state
- Mobile Events using the Be Seat Smart SUV and Trailer

How many Public or Client's only Assistance Stations are there?

- In order to provide the service statewide reaching the BIPOC and At-Risk communities we have grown from about 60 Assistance Stations in 2021 to 81 in 2024. Currently,
 -  **45 Open to the public**
 -  **36 Client's Only (Not advertised)**
- To find specific **public** Assistance Stations visit our website, <https://beseatsmart.org/>

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