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The National Child Passenger Safety Board (NCPSB) is proud to announce the addition of Thelma Kuska, BSN, RN, CEN, FAEN of Palos Heights, IL, as the Board's newest CPS Advocate representative. Ms. Kuska is a child passenger safety (CPS) consultant who has been involved in child passenger safety for more than 15 years. Prior to her involvement with the NCPSB, Kuska was a regional program manager for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Region 5 Office until her retirement in 2011. Before joining NHTSA, she was a staff nurse in Advocate Christ Medical Center's Emergency Department. She will serve a three year term from 2014-2016.

Kuska's interest in child passenger safety began in spring 1996 when she attended her first one-day child passenger safety class and attended a national child passenger safety technician (CPST) certification pilot class hosted by the Emergency Nurses Association in 1997. In 1998, Kuska became a nationally certified Child Passenger Safety Technician Instructor (CPST-I). Kuska's involvement in child passenger safety quickly grew and upon pursuing other career options that built upon her background in emergency care nursing, she was assigned Child Passenger Safety as her program of responsibility. In 1999, Kuska was recognized by the Illinois Department of Transportation for her work with child passenger safety in Illinois. The Illinois Department of Transportation has also recognized Kuska by giving out the annual Kuska Lifetime Achievement Award in Child Passenger Safety, the highest individual Child Passenger Safety award in Illinois.

The mission of the National Child Passenger Safety Board is to maintain the quality and integrity of the national Child Passenger Safety Certification Training Program. This program is used to train and certify child passenger safety technicians and instructors. The Board welcomes Ms. Thelma Kuska as a valued addition!

For more information about child passenger safety or the National CPS Board, please visit the Board's website at [www.cpsboard.org](http://www.cpsboard.org).

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