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**Free Car Seat Check Ups for Stanislaus County Residents**

Stanislaus County – National Child Passenger Safety Week this year is from September 21 to 27. Local health officials, law enforcement agencies, and community leaders in Stanislaus County are reminding parents and caregivers to “Buckle Up, Every Ride, Every Time”. It is important, and required by law, to use a child safety seat in the back of the vehicle, restrain children properly and in accordance with their size and age, while transporting young children in a vehicle. According to the National SafeKids Organization, “90% of car seats are installed incorrectly”.

On Saturday September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008 the Child Passenger Safety Collaborative of Stanislaus County will kick off this week with a Car Seat Check event at the front parking lot of McHenry Village, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. This event is free to the community, with the intent of educating parents and caregivers about proper installation and use of child safety seats and booster seats. Certified child passenger safety technicians will be available to inspect safety seats and help ensure correct installation. Residents are encouraged to drive to the location to have their safety seats inspected.

Other seat check events will be conducted in Newman, Ceres, Oakdale, Waterford, Turlock, and Patterson throughout the week, as listed below. These events are sponsored by the Police Departments of Modesto, Oakdale, Patterson, Newman, and Turlock, in addition to the Keep Baby Safe Program of the Health Services Agency.

Monday September 22<sup>nd</sup>  
NEWMAN 8 – 11 AM  
Fire Department, Hwy. 33/Kern

Wednesday Sept 24<sup>th</sup>  
OAKDALE 2 - 6 PM  
St. Mary’s Church, Oak/Olive

CERES 3 – 7 PM  
Wal-mart parking lot, 1670 Mitchell Rd.

Thursday September 25<sup>th</sup>  
WATERFORD 5 – 7 PM  
Moon Elementary School

Friday September 26<sup>th</sup>  
TURLOCK 9AM - 1PM  
Walgreens Parking Lot, Hawkeye/Geer

Saturday September 27<sup>th</sup>  
PATTERSON 4 – 6 PM  
Patterson Downtown Circle

For further information on the schedules and locations, please contact the Stanislaus County Health Service Agency Keep Baby Safe Program staff at 558-5656.

About the Child Passenger Safety Collaborative of Stanislaus County:

The collaborative brings health professionals, law enforcements, community agencies, and certified car seat technicians together to promote child passenger safety in Stanislaus County through education and planned activities.