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### Car Seat Check Up for Stanislaus County Residents

**Stanislaus County** Health Services Agency (HSA) Keep Baby Safe (KBS) Program will conduct a free child safety seat check event from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on *Saturday, November 21, 2015*. The safety checks will be held in the Learning Institute parking lot located at 917 Oakdale Road, Modesto CA 95355. Trained car seat technicians will be on site to assist the public in making sure children are riding in an appropriate car seat for their age, weight and height.

This event will provide parents and caregivers the opportunity to learn how to install and use child safety seats correctly. Properly securing a child in a child safety seat significantly reduces the risk of him or her suffering serious injuries or death.

The car seat checkup event is being conducted as part of a grant provided by the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and granted to the HSA KBS Program. This is the kick-off event of the grant.

Currently HSA is the only entity that provides car seat safety education classes to Stanislaus County residents. Residents with limited transportation need to travel by bus to HSA in Modesto to attend the class. This grant will allow the KBS car seat program to expand its services throughout the county, making them more accessible for residents to attend classes.

The expansion of the program includes collaboration with ten Family Resource Centers (FRC) in the County (North Modesto/Salida FRC, Oakdale FRC, Sierra Vista Drop-In Center, Parent Resource Center (Modesto and Airport), Patterson FRC, Newman FRC, Ceres Partnership for Healthy Children, Hughson FRC and Turlock FRC). Staff from each FRC will become certified car seat technicians and will be able to teach classes at the FRC locations. The goal of the program is to educate parents and caregivers about the importance of properly restraining children in safety seats, decreasing child passenger injuries and increasing accessibility for low income residents.

Anyone unable to attend or who would like more car seat safety information may contact Stanislaus County Health Services Agency Keep Baby Safe Program at **(209) 558-7400**.

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