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**Stanislaus County Health Services Agency  
Receives Grant for Child Passenger Safety Education and Training Program**

*Stanislaus County* – The Stanislaus County Health Services Agency (SCHSA) is pleased to announce that the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS), through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has provided grant funding to the Keep Baby Safe (KBS) Car Seat Safety Program for the fourth consecutive year. A \$75,000 grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) will fund child passenger safety education and training programs aimed at helping parents and caretakers make sure their child is riding safely. The grant covers the 2019 federal fiscal year, which is from October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019.

Funding from OTS will go toward a variety of activities to promote occupant safety and decrease injuries and deaths due to improper use of car seats, boosters or seat belts:

- Child seat safety check-ups/inspections;
- Child safety seat education classes;
- Child Passenger Safety (CPS) technician training and recertification training;
- Distribution of child safety seats to families in need;
- Safety seat usage surveys; and,
- Promotion of the importance of discarding used and expired car seats.

A nationwide survey conducted by the National Highway Traffic Safety found that two out of three car seats are misused. Car crashes remain the leading cause of death for children, and car seats save lives by reducing the risk of injury or death.

“Buckling up is one of the simplest ways to save lives and reduce injuries,” said Heather Duvall, Community Wellness and Prevention Manager for SCHSA. “The Keep Baby Safe program is excited to continue educating parents and childcare providers about proper use of car seats to help all families reduce the risk of injury to their child.”

“Children are our future and it is important that parents and caretakers keep children safe by using the right car seat, and installing it correctly,” OTS Director Rhonda Craft said. “Funding for child passenger safety education and training is critical to ensuring children are as safe as possible in vehicles.”

Funding for this child passenger safety program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. For more information about the KBS program, please call (209) 558-5657.



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