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Car Seat Check-Up Event Supports Safety for Children, Peace of Mind for Parents
Annual event marks National Child Passenger Safety Week

San Luis Obispo, CA—The County of San Luis Obispo Public Health Department will conduct a Car Seat Check-Up event in San Luis Obispo during National Child Passenger Safety Week. At the event, certified child passenger safety technicians will provide information to parents and caregivers about how to choose the right car seat for their child and how to properly install the seat in their vehicle. The technicians can check seats that parents and caregivers have installed. The event is a collaboration of local partners and is free to the public.

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for children ages 1 to 13. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), using the appropriate, correctly installed car seat reduces infants' and toddlers' chances for fatal injury by 71 percent and 54 percent in passenger cars, respectively. Learn more at the event:

What: Car Seat Check-Up

When: Tuesday, September 25, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Where: Target parking lot, 11990 Los Osos Valley Rd, San Luis Obispo

Who: Certified child passenger safety technicians will check car seats and provide information. All SLO County residents who use car seats are welcome to attend.

Why: NHTSA research shows that while most parents are confident they have correctly installed their child's car seat, in most cases (59 percent), the seat has not been installed correctly.

"The best way to protect your kids is to put them in the right car seats for their age and size and use those seats correctly on every trip, every time," said Dr. Penny Borenstein, County of San Luis Obispo Health Officer. "This event is about helping parents and caregivers be sure their kids are riding as safely as possible."

For more information on car seat safety and to find other seat check events, visit www.safercar.gov/therightseat.

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