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## Public Health Receives Award for Child Passenger Safety Program

LOS ANGELES – The California Office of Traffic Safety awarded the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) the Child Passenger Safety Program Grant to increase access to child passenger safety resources. This award enhances Public Health’s Child Passenger Safety Program outreach to LA County families on how to properly install car seats and booster seats. Properly installed car seats and booster seats can greatly reduce the risk of death and injury in children in the event of a car accident.

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for children ages five to 14 years old and the second leading cause of death for children ages one to four years old. For every motor vehicle fatality of a child in LA County, 19 children are admitted into hospitals and 549 are treated in emergency rooms due to car accidents. Many parents and caregivers often install car seats incorrectly or skip the booster seat phase altogether by allowing children to use a seat belt alone, exposing the child to injury during car accidents.

Public Health uses a multi-sector approach to collaborate with community partners to provide free educational workshops throughout the year. Recently, the Los Angeles County Public Health Child Passenger Safety Program distributed nearly 700 car seats to low-income families and reached almost 800 workshop participants with life-saving tips, skills, and information about driving safely with children.

Community partners provide workshops in both English and Spanish and car seats are given to low-income families. Workshop attendees receive hands-on experience installing car and/or booster seats while learning important information about keeping their children safe. Information also includes hot weather reminders to never leave a child unattended in a vehicle.

To learn more about upcoming workshops, please contact these agencies:

### Car Seat Safety Clinics

1. East Valley Community Health Center  
[www.evchc.org](http://www.evchc.org)  
1555 S. Garey Ave., Pomona 91768  
Contact person: Aracely Dominguez at 909-620-8088 ext. 3413
2. Olive View-UCLA Medical Center  
[www.dhs.lacounty.gov/wps/portal/dhs/oliveview](http://www.dhs.lacounty.gov/wps/portal/dhs/oliveview)  
14445 Olive View Dr., Room 4A101, Sylmar 91342  
Contact person: Ana Alvarado-Leavitt at 818-364-3150

3. The Whole Child  
[www.thewholechild.info](http://www.thewholechild.info)  
10155 Colima Rd., Whittier 90603  
Contact person: Dee Leon at 562-236-4695 ext. 1237
  
4. Venice Family Clinic  
[www.venicefamilyclinic.org](http://www.venicefamilyclinic.org)  
2509 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica 90405  
Contact person: Sylvia Perez at 310-664-7964
  
5. To Help Everyone Health and Wellness Centers  
[www.tohelpeveryone.org](http://www.tohelpeveryone.org)  
3834 S. Western Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90062  
Contact person: Karina De Leon at 323-730-1920 ext. 3086
  
6. Harbor-UCLA Medical Center  
[www.harbor-ucla.org](http://www.harbor-ucla.org)  
MFI/Professional Building, 1000 W. Carson Street, Torrance, CA 90509  
Contact person: Perla Tellez at 310-222-3912

The California Office of Traffic Safety granted \$67,500 to Public Health. For more information on car seat safety for children, please visit [www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/ivpp](http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/ivpp) .

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