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## **San Joaquin County Public Health Services Child Passenger Safety Program Awarded Grant for Child Safety Seat Education**

Stockton, CA (October 13, 2020) – San Joaquin County Public Health Services will help parents and caregivers keep their children as safe as possible in the car thanks to a \$95,000 grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS).

The one-year grant from Oct. 1, 2020 to Sept. 30, 2021, funds a car seat education program that encourages the proper installation and use of child safety seats.

The grant funds the following activities:

- One-on-one appointments to check car seats.
- Child safety seat education classes for parents and caregivers.
- Child Passenger Safety Technician (CPST) training, CPST certification courses.
- Work with community partners to promote child passenger safety education.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), 46% of car seats are misused.

“If you’re not sure your car seat is installed correctly, or if you have questions about what kind of seat is right for your child, Public Health Services has bi-lingual NHTSA-certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians who can help,” advises Dr. Maggie Park, San Joaquin County Public Health Officer. Car seat check-up appointments can be scheduled by calling 209-468-8914.

“Car seats save lives,” OTS Director Barbara Rooney said. “Keeping children safe in a vehicle is as important as ever, and funding for car seat programs play a vital role in ensuring the proper use of child safety seats.”

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