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BUTTE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH GRANT OFFERS FREE CHILD SAFETY SEAT CHECKUP

BUTTE COUNTY, Calif. — Butte County residents will benefit two ways from an upcoming National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Certified Child Passenger Safety Technician Training.

First, the 32-hour training will educate health care, law enforcement, fire department, and family agencies on how to safely transport children in vehicles. Successful completion of this training leads to national certification as a child passenger safety technician. This training will increase the number of local technicians available to educate and assist parents and caregivers with proper fitting and installation of child safety seats.

Second, and of particular note to parents, a child safety seat checkup event will be conducted for the public at the end of the Technician Training.

This free child safety seat checkup event will take place:

**Friday, February 17, 2012
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Toys R Us parking lot
1919 E. 20th Street in Chico**

Certified technicians will be on hand to give expert help in the proper use and installation of child safety seats. All parents and caregivers with questions and concerns about child safety seat installation, use of booster seats or the current California Child Passenger Safety Laws are encouraged to attend the checkup.

“A child safety seat that is incorrectly installed or poorly fitting cannot protect a child in the event of a crash,” reports Jean Ayers, PHN. “Local checkup event statistics indicate there is a 73 percent misuse rate of child safety seats in Butte County.”

Improper use can cause children to suffer unnecessary injuries and even death. NHTSA indicates when properly used, child safety seats are effective in reducing fatalities by 71 percent for infants, 54 percent for toddlers and 59 percent for booster age children.

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