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## **Office of Traffic Safety Awards \$172,300 Grant to the San Joaquin County Public Health Services' Safe Kids Coalition for Child Safety Seat Education Program**

Stockton, Calif.(Nov. 11, 2024) – San Joaquin County Public Health Services' Safe Kids Coalition announced today that it has received a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) to support its efforts in educating parents and caregivers about the importance of child safety seats and making sure every child travels safely. The grant program runs through September 2025.

"We are thrilled to receive this grant to support our child safety seat education program," stated Rachel Zerbo, Supervising Public Health Educator for Public Health Services. "Proper use of child car seats can dramatically reduce the risk of injury or death in a crash. With this funding, we can provide hands-on training, resources, and support so that every family has the knowledge and tools to keep their children safe."

Grant funds will be used for a variety of community outreach events, education classes, distribution of child safety seats, and training on the installation and use of child safety seats.

The car seat safety program includes:

- Child safety seat inspection events and education classes.
- Child Passenger Safety Technician (CPST) training and recertification courses.
- Child safety seats at no-cost for families in need.
- Partnering with local organizations on car seat safety community outreach efforts in underserved communities.

Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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