

# Citrus County Car Seat Safety Program

The Citrus County Car Seat Safety Program is coordinated through the Citrus County Health Department by a certified Child Passenger Safety Instructor. The program provides the following services for the community.

1. **Car Seat Distribution**---An average of 25 – 30 car seats and boosters are provided monthly for financially eligible families. The seats are available at reduced cost after parents or caregivers attend a demonstration on correct use and installation of the safety seat.
2. **Car Seat Inspections**—Inspections are provided at no cost for all families in the County by appointment at the Inverness Health Department office. Inspections are also conducted at preschools, day care facilities and at car seat inspection events. Car seats are checked for recalls, damage, missing parts, and correct use and secure installation. 8 out of 10 seats inspected are installed incorrectly.
3. **Car Seat Education**—Car Seat Safety education is provided for any agency, organization or club in the community. Car seat safety classes are held monthly at Citrus Memorial Hospital and Seven Rivers Regional Medical Center during childbirth education.
4. **Technical Training**— Car seat safety classes are held for child transporters, day care providers, nurses, and other professionals. The four day class for certified technicians is sponsored by the Health Department and offered yearly. Currently, Citrus County has 11 certified technicians and one instructor.
5. **Community Outreach**—Car seat safety information is provided at Health Fairs, the World's Greatest Baby Shower, Safe Kids Week, & the Sheriffs Safety for the Summer Event along with scheduled car seat check up events at car dealerships and other locations.

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