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Office of Traffic Safety Awards \$165,000 Grant to the Glenn County Health and Human Services Agency, Public Health for Child Safety Seat Education Program

Glenn County, CA – Glenn County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA), Public Health, 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. This grant, which runs through September 2025, is a significant step towards our long-term goal of ensuring every child travels safely.

"We are thrilled to receive this grant to support our educational child safety seat program," HHSA Director, Laura Hawkins said. "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 various community outreach events, education classes, distribution of child safety seats, and training on installing and using child safety seats. The car seat safety program includes the following:

- Child safety seat inspection events by trained Child Passenger Safety Technicians,
- Education classes for parents and caregivers of children on child safety seat requirements and best practices,
- No-cost child safety seats for families in need and
- Outreach and collaboration with local organizations on car seat safety in underserved communities.

We encourage the community to support this initiative by spreading the word and participating in our events. Together, we can ensure every child in Glenn County travels safely. For more information, contact Glenn County Public Health at (530) 934-6588 or visit our website: www.countyofglenn.net/public health.

A grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration provided funding for this program.

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