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**Stanislaus County Keep Baby Safe (KBS) Program  
Receives Second Year Funding for Car Seat Safety Efforts**

**Stanislaus County** Health Services Agency (HSA) today announced that the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS), through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, has granted funding to the Keep Baby Safe Program (KBS). This is the second year HSA-KBS program has received funding. The funding will run from October 1 2016, through September 30, 2017.

The Keep Baby Safe (KBS) Program educates parents, caregivers, childcare providers, and professionals on the importance of child safety in a car including correctly using car seats, booster seats, and seat belts. The program offers monthly Spanish and English classes at the main HSA campus and throughout the County. The OTS funding has helped expand the KBS Car Seat Safety Program at ten local Family Resource Centers (FRC): North Modesto/Salida FRC, The Bridge FRC, Oakdale FRC, Sierra Vista Drop-In Center, Parent Resource Center (Modesto and Airport), Patterson FRC, Newman FRC, Ceres Partnership for Healthy Children, Hughson FRC and Turlock FRC.

This year we will continue to stress the importance of properly securing and installing the child safety seats. The proper use of child car seats is one of the simplest and most effective methods available for protecting the lives of young children in the event of a crash.

During the first year of funding, (October 1, 2015 – September 30, 2016), a total of 40 bilingual community Keep Baby Safe classes (The Bridge offers trilingual–Hmong, Cambodian and Lao) were held with a total reach of 327 individuals receiving car seat safety education. Additionally, four community car seat inspection events were held January 23, April 30, June 17 and September 10, 2016. During these car seat inspection events a total of 158 car seats were inspected and 72 car seats were confiscated due to the car seat either: had been involved in a crash, was expired, had labels missing and /or was the incorrect car seat for the child due to the child's age and/or height. The confiscated car seats were replaced with a new car seat.

For more information about the KBS program or class schedule, please contact Stanislaus County Health Services Agency-Keep Baby Safe Program at (209) 558-5675.