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Car Seats Available for Clayton County Families

JONESBORO -- The Clayton County Board of Health (CCBOH) is the recipient of the 2010 Car Seat Mini-Grant from the Georgia Department of Community Health, Division of Emergency Preparedness and Response, Injury Prevention Program. Through the Mini-Grant Program, the CCBOH will provide car seats and child passenger safety education to Clayton County's financially eligible families. The Governor's Office of Highway Safety funds this Program to help ensure that Georgia's children are safe while riding in motor vehicles.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, car seats reduce fatal injuries by 71 percent among infants and by 54 percent among children ages 1 to 4 years in passenger cars. Car seats offer the best protection for children in the event of a crash, and they are most effective when installed and used correctly. Three out of every four car seats are not properly used, leaving those children less-than-optimally protected.

"It's our responsibility to keep our children safe," said Dr. Alpha Fowler Bryan, District Health Director. "The car seat Mini-Grant is a great opportunity to help reduce the number of young lives lost in motor vehicle crashes."

Through the car seat safety program, the CCBOH educates parents and caregivers on how to properly install and use car seats, offers car seat inspections and provides car seats and booster seats to financially eligible families. Through the Mini-Grant Program, agencies supporting more than 125 counties are working to keep Georgia's children safe. These programs help families get their children buckled up right, every trip, every time.

The CCBOH offers monthly car seat safety classes at its Comprehensive Health Facility, 1117 Battlecreek Road in Jonesboro. The cost of the class is \$10. Cash and checks (with proper identification) are acceptable forms of payment. Space is limited to 10 participants on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information about the Clayton County Board of Health's car seat program, the financial eligibility requirements, or to register, please contact the car seat program coordinator at **(678) 610-6553**.