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National Child Passenger Safety Week Reminds Us to Keep Children Safe

SELMA, NC - August 24, 2008 – According to the National Center for Health Statistics, motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for children 2 to 14 years old. Each year, thousands of young children are killed or injured in vehicle crashes, mainly because 3 out of every 4 children in child safety seats are not properly secured, or even worse, not restrained at all.

"As any EMT, policeman or fire official will tell you, a properly installed child safety seat could mean the difference between life and death," U.S. Transportation Secretary Mary E. Peters says. "I know America's parents are busy, but a few minutes of your time today could save you a lifetime of regret."

The Partnership for Children of Johnston County along with Safe Kids Worldwide provides reduced price car seats and free car seat checks in their Selma office. Diana Richards, with the Partnership encourages everyone to make an appointment to ensure their child's car seat is properly fitted and safely installed in their vehicle. "As a Certified Car Passenger Safety Technician, I urge everyone to get their child safety seats inspected," says Richards. "When it comes to the safety of a child, there is no room for mistakes."

County Commissioner Tony Braswell and his wife visited the Partnership office with their young grandson, Aidan, for a car seat check Monday during National Child Passenger Safety Week. During the appointment Braswell remarked, "It's the responsibility of every parent and caregiver out there to make sure their children are safely restrained – every trip, every time."

Call Diana Richards at the Partnership for Children of Johnston County for more information on child passenger safety or to make a car seat check appointment at (919) 202-0002 or visit www.pfcjc.org for more information about PFCJC programs and services.

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