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MMH Now Offering Car Seat Installation Education

Madison, GA -- November 4, 2009 -- Local motorists now have the opportunity to get their child car seat checked for proper installation. Beginning November 9th, staff members at Morgan Memorial Hospital will be available on an appointment basis to assist individuals with the process.

Four out of five child safety seats are improperly installed in vehicles according to recent research by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Their research also shows 8,325 lives of children age five and younger have been saved by the proper use of child restraints during the past 30 years.

“Some car seats just need a few minor modifications, such as tightening the seat in the vehicle or making the seat’s straps fit snugly on the child. Other seats have been recalled and require replacement,” said Robyn Vassy, Trauma Coordinator at MMH.

Three MMH Staff Members, including Vassy, recently went through an extensive training course to become Certified Technicians. The training was made possible through grant funds MMH received as a Level IV Trauma Center. These funds also allowed instructors to obtain several car seats that can be distributed in cases where seats need to be replaced or a family cannot afford to purchase one.

Georgia Child Passenger Safety Law requires that children five and younger must be properly secured in an approved Child Restraint System while riding in cars, vans, SUVs and pickup trucks. Seats must meet all federal motor vehicle safety standards and be installed and used according to manufacturer’s instructions.

To schedule an appointment for a car seat inspection at MMH, interested individuals should call 706-752-2207.

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