



Franklin County Service Providers

Committee Report – Car Seat Safety

May 2008

Committee members:

Sandra McKinnon, University of Missouri Extension, FCSP Chair

Pam Hoelscher, Missouri Dept. of Transportation

Becky Stieffermann, United Way of Franklin County

Alyce Carpenter, Franklin County Children's Division

Cathy Metzgar-Hogan, SafeKids St. Louis

Paula Hensley, Jefferson/Franklin Community Action Corp. (unable to attend)

Tim Owens, Healthcare USA (unable to serve on the committee due to work obligations)

The committee met at the Four Rivers Career Center in Washington on May 15, 10A-Noon to continue planning for the Child Passenger Safety Technician training scheduled July 23, 24, and 25. A check up event is set for Saturday, July 26 in Washington at the career center.

Randy Kosark, director of the career center, led the group on a tour of the facility.

Sandra shared a drafted letter of invitation to be sent to promote the training. The Franklin County University of Missouri Extension center will send out the letter. The letter will go out the first week of June, after the next committee meeting. The training is limited to 25 people with a priority to providers living in Franklin County and those serving Franklin County. Becky will send the mailing list of school contacts to Sandra; Sandra will utilize the Franklin County Service Providers mailing list.

Pam and Cathy will check about changing the online listing of the course to a closed status. The status will change to open after July 1st. This is to ensure we give priority to our targeted audience. Three of the 5 instructors have been secured.

Alyce is seeking sponsors for lunch each day of the training, including the check up event. Sponsors will be lined up by June 3rd so they can be included in the promotion of the event.

Sandra will submit news releases: 1) to announce the training in the general fashion, 2) after July 1st to encourage people to sign up if there are slots still open, and 3) to report on the success of the training, sponsors and partnerships.

Cathy explained more of the details of the 3-day course and what was needed at the check up event. SafeKids St. Louis has signage for use during the check up event. The committee learned there have been check up events held in the county. There is at least one trained technician and one inspection station in the county.

Next meeting – Tuesday, June 3, before and after the Franklin County Service Providers monthly meeting, if necessary. Time and starting point TBD. Primary goal – visit potential fitting stations such as Loving Hearts and fire stations.