

SAFE K:DS UPSTATE

Marching with Safe Kids Upstate!

In the March/April edition of the Safe Kids Upstate Newsletter you will find information about:

Safe Kids Day at the Drive, Sunday, April 15th at 3:30pm

Upcoming Events

Recent Events

Child Passenger Safety Information

Stations Tech of the Year

Safe Kids Day at the Drive

We are one month away from our largest event of the year. Join us in celebrating our school leaders, safety patrols, Child Passenger Safety Techs, volunteers, and partners at the ball game. There will be lots of give aways and fun interactive games for the whole family! Just a few of the things we will offer:

- Helmet Fitting and Distribution
- Water Safety with Zoomball
- Sports Safety with the Greenville Swamp Rabbits
- Updated Buddy's Safety House
- 3D Teen Driving Experience
- Hands Only CPR Demonstrations



[Click here to access your elementary aged child's free ticket!](#)

Upcoming Events

Greenville County

March 20 Greenville County DSS Training

March 27 Coalition Meeting at Patewood Memorial Hospital

March 31 Get Out and Play Day at the Greenville Zoo

April 13 Dr. Marty Eichelberger, Co-Founder of Safe Kids Worldwide will present at Pediatric Grand Rounds at Greenville Memorial Hospital

April 15 [Safe Kids Day at the Drive](#)

April 16 Greenville Memorial Hospital Car Seat Station Grand Opening

Oconee County

March 21 Walhalla Fire Department Car Seat Station Grand Opening

March 31 Betty Johnson Easter Egg Hunt

April 15 [Safe Kids Day at the Drive](#)

Pickens County

March 21 Coalition Meeting at Easley Fire Department Station 2

April 7 Spring Festival in downtown Easley

April 8 Clemson Play Conference

April 10 Pickens County Foster Parent Association Parent Training

April 15 [Safe Kids Day at the Drive](#)

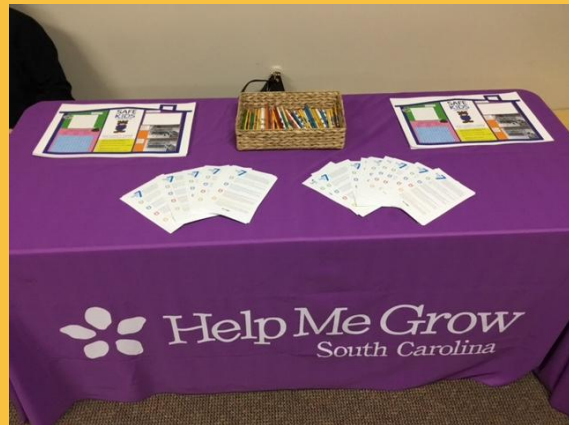
April 15-21 Week of the Young Child

April 28 Central Railroad Festival

Recent Events

Read, Rattle, and Roll

In February, the Bradshaw Institute which includes Safe Kids Upstate and Help Me Grow, worked together at the Pickens Library in Easley. They assisted parents in completing a developmental screening to guide families in finding the right resources for any developmental needs a child may have. [Click here to learn more about Help Me Grow and the screening!](#)



Diapers and Feedings and Car Seats, OH MY!!!!



Congratulations! There are so many important decisions you will be making on your new journey so be sure to take time to choose the very best way for your bundle of joy to travel.

Here are a few tips to get you started!

Buying

When considering the right seat we use Best Practice – The Gold Standard, only the best for your new passenger, as identified by NHTSA and the CPS Board (National Highway Safety Administration and the Child Passenger Safety Board).

- Gold Standard – The car seat that fits your child’s weight, height, age and developmental level. All car seats have this information on stickers on the car seats. Follow them.
- There is no way to be sure a used car seat is safe. Don’t buy them from yard sales, consignment shops or on-line.
- Try it on for size – Not all car seats fit all cars. Go to your local retail store and ask the manager if you can see if that seat will fit in your car. Keep your receipts in case it doesn’t fit.
- Check for recalls at www.recalls.gov to be sure that the seat is not expired or recalled.
- Do your homework – look at the manufactures websites and manuals to see what will work best for you.

Installing

There will be many, many things to take care of before that first car ride, so make it a priority to learn how to install your car seat at least a month before your due date. You can go to www.safekidsupstate.org/carseat to make an appointment at one of our many inspection stations. Our Nationally Certified Technicians will work with you in learning how to install your seat and when to know it’s time to change to the next car seat.

Information overload is real when it comes to finding the right seat. But, by planning ahead, and using these helpful tips and tools you too will be “Ready to Ride!” Buckle up every ride, every time!

One of our Best resources for searching for the right seat is ***The Ultimate Car Seat Guide*** <https://www.safekids.org/ultimate-car-seat-guide/> .

Child Passenger Safety Techs of the Year!

Safe Kids Upstate is proud to work with many Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians across the tri-county area. We look forward to honoring these wonderful members of our community at Safe Kids Day at the Drive in April. Please join us in congratulating the following Child Passenger Safety Technicians listed below who were nominated as CPS Tech of the Year from each of our Inspection Stations:

- Greer Fire Department: Richie Bradshaw
- Specials Healthcare Needs Clinic: Mary Jones
- Belmont Fire Department: Carson Couch
- Easley Fire Department: Jack Jones
- Seneca Fire Department: Casey Rochester
- Fountain Inn Fire Department: Jeremy Sparks
- Parker District Fire Department: Jason Nurmi
- Lake Cunningham Fire Department: David Kuether
- Pickens Fire Department: Dewayne Dobbins
- Walhalla Fire Department: Chief Brandon Burton
- Nurse-Family Partnership: Chelsy Huston

[To meet these fantastic individuals, click here to schedule an appointment to get your car seat checked today!](#)

For Special Needs Appointments, a physician referral is required. Please contact Kathy Harper for more information at kharper@ghs.org or 864-522-2583.



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