

## Intervention: Child safety seats – incentive and education programs

Finding: Sufficient evidence for effectiveness

### Potential partners to undertake the intervention:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Nonprofits or local coalitions                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Businesses or labor organizations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Schools or universities                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Media                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health care providers                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Local public health departments   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State public health departments                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Policymakers           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hospitals, clinics or managed care organizations | <input type="checkbox"/> Other:                            |

### Background on the intervention:

Child safety seat laws require children traveling in motor vehicles to be restrained in federally approved child safety seats appropriate for their weight and age. Incentive and education programs reward parents for getting and correctly using seats, or directly reward children for correct use.

### Findings from the systematic reviews:

Research indicates that child safety seat use increases significantly within five months as a result of incentive and education programs, according to a 2002 Guide to Community Preventive Services Evidence Summary Table.

### Additional information:

Child Safety Seat Laws - [www.thecommunityguide.org](http://www.thecommunityguide.org)

Child Safety Seat Distribution and Education Programs –  
<http://www.thecommunityguide.org/mvoi/mvoi-ev-table-css-distribution.pdf>

Child Safety Seat Incentive and Education Programs –  
<http://www.thecommunityguide.org/mvoi/mvoi-ev-table-css-ed-incentive.pdf>

### References:

Zaza, S., Sleet, D., et al. Reviews of evidence regarding interventions to increase use of child safety seats. Am J Prev Med 2001;21(4S). Available online at:  
<http://www.thecommunityguide.org/mvoi/mvoi-AJPM-evrev-child-safety-seat.pdf>