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LSU MidCity Clinic to host "Car Seat Check-Up" Event on Monday

BATON ROUGE - An "alarmingly high" 72.6 percent of child restraints are improperly used, unnecessarily risking children's lives, according to a recent study by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. This high percentage is significant since motor vehicle accidents are the number one cause of death and disability among children in the nation. For this, many state and local leaders and volunteers are taking the initiative and the responsibility to bring awareness to the public; One way they are doing this is by hosting car seat check-up clinics and fitting stations.

The LSU MidCity Clinic, in partnership with the Louisiana Passenger Safety Task Force, will host a "Car Seat Check-Up Event" on Monday, November 15th, 2004 at the MidCity Clinic in Baton Rouge. Parents will receive invaluable car seat safety training from Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians such as proper installation and practice for placing an infant or child in the seat. There will be refreshments and prizes available for those who participate in the event including drawings for free car seats.

LSUHSC Mid City Pediatric Clinic physicians and staff are proud to host our first annual Car Seat Checkup Event," clinic administrator Wanda Piper-Doyle said. "We hope to continue, through this and many other programs, to demonstrate our commitment to being a vital and central part of the community."

Dr. Rachel Davis-Jackson is a pediatrician at the clinic and a certified passenger safety technician. "At the LSU Mid City Pediatric clinic, one of our main concerns is the safety of our pediatric patients," she said. "Through this event we hope to educate parents and caregivers about child restraint seat installation and safe practices when placing our most precious cargo in these seats. I can't think of a better investment of time."

The LSU MidCity Clinic is located at 1401 North Foster Dr. at the corner of North Foster and Gus Young Ave.

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