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Riverside County public health program receives grants to help protect young people

Riverside County health officials have been awarded more than \$355,000 in grants to help protect young people from pedestrian, bicycling and car seat-related injury or death.

“We hold the protection of young people in Riverside County among our top priorities,” said Sarah Mack, public health director.

The grants, which come from California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, will help fund two programs operated by Riverside University Health System – Public Health.

The grant amounts and the programs to be funded are:

(\$230,000.00) Child Passenger Safety Technical Support Program: Riverside University Health System – Public Health’s Injury Prevention Services (IPS) program will provide car seat education to families through free community presentations and hands-on installation help. In addition, trainings will be held for local law enforcement agencies. IPS will implement pedestrian and bicycle safety trainings to conduct hands-on educational rodeos and comprehensive bicycle safety workshops.

(\$125,850.00) Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Education Program: Injury Prevention Services will provide education and resources to local law enforcement, community agencies and residents in an effort to reduce the number of residents killed or injured due to pedestrian and bicycle collisions.

To learn more about injury-prevention programs, go to <http://www.rivcoips.org/home/>