

## **April is Child Abuse Prevention Month**

**This is a simple Child Advocacy Event that could be offered at any time of year.**

### **CHILD SAFETY SEATS...did you know?**

On February 21, 2003 a new Child Passenger Safety Law became effective. It includes:

- Children under 4 must use a safety seat
- Children 4-8 must use a booster seat
- Children 8-18 must use a seat belt.
- All drivers & passengers in the front seats must wear a seat belt.
- Fines will be up to \$100 plus court costs

**CHILD SAFETY SEATS ARE EXTREMELY EFFECTIVE WHEN CORRECTLY INSTALLED AND USED IN PASSENGER CARS. HOWEVER, 4 OUT OF 5 CAR SEATS ARE USED WRONG. COULD YOURS BE ONE OF THEM?**

- Riding Unrestrained is the greatest risk factor for death and injury among child occupants of motor vehicles.
- Misuse of Child Safety Seats is widespread. It is estimated that approximately 85% of children who are placed in child safety seats and booster seats are improperly restrained.
- Driver safety belt use is positively associated with child restraint use.
- The Back Seat is the safest place for children to ride. It is estimated that children ages 12 and under are 36% less likely to die in a crash if seated in the rear seat of a passenger vehicle.

For more information call 1-800-CAR-BELT

And Watch Your Bulletin for A Child Safety Seat Display to be set up in the Parish House on a Sunday in March

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