2011 ACTIVITY OVERVIEW

Safe Kids Umatilla & Morrow Chapter members remained dedicated to reducing injuries to children and providing safe environments for them to live and play. The chapter continued collaboration with Hermiston’s Safe Communities Coalition on child safety issues.

Motor Vehicle Occupant Safety

Safe Kids Umatilla & Morrow continued to promote proper car seat use and installation, seat belt use and the messages regarding hyperthermia through the “Kids in Cars” program throughout communities.

Safe Kids Umatilla & Morrow held 7 Safe Kids Buckle Up Car Seat Checkup events and 2 new senior checkers were approved.

- 72 child safety seats were distributed to families who were low income
- About 50 child safety seats were checked for correct use.

Water Safety

The life jacket kiosks at the Umatilla Marina were kept stocked with a variety of life jackets throughout the year. Families were very appreciative of this resource.

2011 Highlights

Safe Kids participated in International Walk and Bike to School Day at Rocky Heights Elementary and with a number of Head Start classrooms in the Hermiston area.

We participated in the Safe Start Travel program with Umatilla Morrow County Head Start Classroom and Parent Educators and also distributed curriculum packs and arranged for Head Start programs to be trained by the State Fire Marshall’s office on the Start Safe Fire prevention program. This training occurred at UMCHS Inc, (Head Start and Early Head Start) Cay-Uma-Wa (Tribal Head Start) and OCDC (Migrant Head Start).

Safe Kids Umatilla & Morrow supported community education booths at 4 events including:

- Family Care Health Fair
- National Family Health and Fitness Fair
- Boardman Children’s Fair
- Pendleton Parks and Recreation Halloween Party