

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## ORANGE COUNTY OFFICE ON YOUTH MAKING CAR SEAT SAFETY CHECKS AVAILABLE FOR PARENTS

Orange County, VA –Orange County is happy to announce that The Office on Youth will now provide car seat safety checks for Orange County citizens. Director, Alisha Vines, attended a forty-hour training session July 1-5, 2013, hosted by the Prince William Department of Fire and Rescue. The training included both classroom and hands-on instruction which led to the required public car seat safety check on July 5<sup>th</sup> in Prince William. Once training was completed, Mrs. Vines became a Child Passenger Safety Technician, which carries a three year certification.

The forty-hour training curriculum is framed within a "Learn, Practice, Explain" paradigm. This equips the technician with the skills to explain installation procedures to parents and/or caregivers and also empowers them to confidently install and re-install child restraints as needed. The curriculum is provided by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in cooperation with the National Child Passenger Safety Board and each technician is certified by Safe Kids Worldwide. For more information about this program, please visit <a href="http://www.safekids.org/">http://www.safekids.org/</a>.

Citizens interested in having their child restraints checked for correct installation or help with the primary installation of a new restraint can contact the Orange County Office on Youth at (540) 672-5484 ext. 4 to schedule an appointment. Appointments are available Monday – Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Sedwick Building located at 146 Madison Road Orange, VA 22960. In addition to scheduling appointments, this service will be made available throughout the year at different public events. To find an event, please visit the Office on Youth on our website at orangecountyva.gov.

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