



### Accomplishments in Year One:

Four Tribal Police Officers received their certification in Child Passenger Safety from NHTSA

Held one large car seat distribution for community where 30 car seats were distributed

Provided one Safe Native American Passenger Safety Course

Tribal Council approved the Yurok Vehicle Code

Two traffic signs with buckle up message have been developed and will be displayed on tribal lands

Hosted four coalition meetings



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# Buckle Up Yurok



Injuries aren't accidents...  
they can be predicted  
and prevented



## What is the Buckle Up Yurok Program?

The ultimate goal of the this program is to decrease the number of deaths and injury by increasing seat belt and car seat usage among Yurok community members

The Buckle Up Yurok Program, (2011-2014), was formed by a grant from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention through the California Rural Indian Health Board who is working closely with the Yurok Tribal Police

### Activities of this Program

#### Include:

Form a coalition consisting of community members from the Tribal council, Head Start, local law enforcement, local high school staff, tribal youth groups, county and public health agencies

Provide child passenger training to local law enforcement, first responders and community members

Host education/car seat distribution events

Collect child safety seat and seatbelt data through observations

Work with Tribal police and tribal court to create a diversion program

Involve teen participants in the program and provide training and education to serve as peer leaders

### Why is this Program Needed?

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of unintentional injury for AI/AN ages 1 to 44

Among AI/AN 19 years and younger motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of injury-related death

### Who is most at risk?

**Children:** AI/AN children experience the highest rates of injury deaths

**Males:** AI/AN males as a group are at increased risk of all injuries and ages 20 years and older are twice as likely to die from a motor vehicle crash



## What are the Major Risk Factors?

### Low seat belt use

Currently an average of only 55% of passengers wear seat belts on reservations. Reservations that enforce seat belt laws have the highest use rates (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, )

75% passengers who died in motor vehicle crashes on reservations were unrestrained at the time of the fatal crash

### Low child safety seat use

Though child safety seat use rates for AI/AN communities vary greatly, rates are generally much lower than national rates

### Alcohol Impaired Driving

AI/AN have high prevalence of alcohol impaired driving and the highest alcohol related motor vehicle mortality rates among racial/ethnic populations

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