

Junior Leagues of Florida
Booster Seat Advocacy 2006-2007
Done in a Day Projects

The Junior Leagues of Florida have had a long term commitment to child passenger safety and hope that new child passenger restraint legislation will be passed in the 2006-2007 legislative session. The State Public Affairs Committee would like to ask each Junior League in Florida to join in our advocacy efforts this year by participating in the following activities.

1. Collect a new booster seat on behalf of each Junior League member, including sustainers, to be given to low income children. The devices can be donated to: a) a Junior League event; b) children in Junior League affiliated programs with foster children, migrant workers, shelters, after school programs or other economically disadvantaged children; or c) donate them to an event sponsored by another organization in your area.
2. Consider hosting or providing manpower for a child safety event during Child Passenger Safety Week, February 11-17 which would include child passenger safety inspections and free device donations. Many large retailers who sell the seats will provide their parking areas for the events. The Department of Transportation or your local SafeKids organization can provide certified technicians to perform safety inspections. Educational materials for parents can be downloaded from www.boosterseat.gov and other sites on line.
3. Write letters or emails and make phone calls to your local legislators to ask them to vote in favor of booster seat legislation. Sample letters will be available at www.jlflspac.org.
4. Write articles or letters to the editors of your local newspapers discussing the problem. Sample letters to the editor will be available at www.jlflspac.org.
5. Provide information on booster seat usage, child passenger safety legislation and Child Passenger Safety Week to your local schools, churches, gyms or places of business.
6. Consider joining the State Public Affairs Committee in Tallahassee on February 12 in the third floor of the rotunda at the Capitol and the court yard for activities to promote Child Passenger Safety Week.
7. Our website will include additional information and resources at www.jlflspac.org. For questions, contact elainefusco@cfl.rr.com.