



PROVIDER NOTES MARCH 2012



California's New Child Passenger Safety Law effective January 1, 2012

California Law will require children to ride in the back seat in a properly secured child passenger safety restraint until they are at least 8 years old or until they are at least 4 feet 9 inches in height.

Why was the law revised?

Children are at greater risk when riding in the front seat. A child's injury risk is reduced by 33% when moved from the front seat to the back seat.

Are there exemptions?

Yes, there are a few. Your child may ride in the front seat if:

Your vehicle has no rear seats.



Rear seats are side-facing jump seats. Child safety restraints must never be placed on side-facing vehicle seats.

The child restraint system cannot be properly installed in the rear seat. For example, your vehicle has lap belts only in the back seat, but there are lap and shoulder belts in the front seat. Your child is 5 and weighs 45 pounds and must ride in a booster seat. The booster seat must be used with a lap and shoulder belt; therefore your child may ride in the front seat.

Children under age 12 occupy all rear seats.

Medical reason (written by the pediatrician) requires that child not be restrained in the back seat. All children are safer in the back seat, ask another adult to ride with the child in the back.

If parents are unsure if they are using the proper restraint, or are in need of a new one, please refer them to the HRN office for assistance. Seats are available to low-income parents for little or no cost.

MARCH CHILD CARE TRAININGS

Literacy & Language Development
Cognitive Development

March 5, 2012
March 26, 2012

HRN Conference Room 6pm - 8pm Contact Mary at 623-2024 or 800-358-5251 to pre-register



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the Federal Child and Dependent Care Credit, the Earned Income Credit, and the
Child Tax Credit

For FREE assistance preparing your taxes contact the Human Response Network
623-2024, 1-800-358-5251 or Hayfork 628-4565