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Procedure:

All Early Head Start and Head Start children should be transported only if they are restrained in a developmentally appropriate car safety seat, booster seat, seat belt, or harness that is suited to the child's weight and age in accordance with state and federal laws and regulations.

Direct service providers must ensure that:

- The child is securely fastened, according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- The child passenger restraint system meets the federal motor vehicle safety standards contained in 49 CFR 571.213 and carry notice of compliance.
- Child passenger restraint systems are installed and used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions
- Child passenger restraint systems are secured in back seats only, when transported in an allowable vehicle other than a school bus
- Car safety seats should be replaced if:
    - they have been recalled;
    - are past the manufacturer's “date of use” expiration date
    - have been involved in a crash that meets the U.S. Department of Transportation crash severity criteria or the manufacturer's criteria for replacement of seats after a crash.