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**Clinton County Health Department  
Press Release  
Traffic Safety Program  
“Car Seat Check”  
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Clinton County Traffic Safety is sponsoring a car seat check at Morrisonville Emergency Services, 21 Banker Road, on Friday, April 28, 2006 from 10am – 2pm. Everyone with a child in a car seat is encouraged to attend. “Even if you think you are using your car seat correctly, you will be surprised at what we can teach you,” said Molly Lawrence, Clinton County STOP DWI Program Specialist, “last year, about 97% of the seats we inspected arrived at the check being misused in some way.”

The check is in conjunction with the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Clinton County Health Department’s Children’s Health Fair, held at the Clinton County Health Department on the same day. The car seat check is also part of a Child Passenger Safety Technician training class. This intensive 5-day class trains people how to check and install car seats. After completing the rigorous classroom and hands-on sections, candidates must pass a 100 question test and participate in a car seat check to obtain their certification.

“Local trainings like this are important because we need to maintain high numbers of active, certified technicians to provide this valuable service to the community,” said Sergeant Frank Mercier of the Clinton County Sheriff’s Department. Sergeant Mercier is one of the Child Passenger Safety Instructors who will be teaching the class. Only nationally certified technicians and instructors can check car seats through the Clinton County Child Passenger Safety Program.

Wait time at the check is expected to be minimal, if any, due to the large number of certified technicians, instructors and candidates who will be there as part of the training. For more information about car seats, please visit the Clinton County Health Department Traffic Safety web site at [www.clintonhealth.org](http://www.clintonhealth.org).

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