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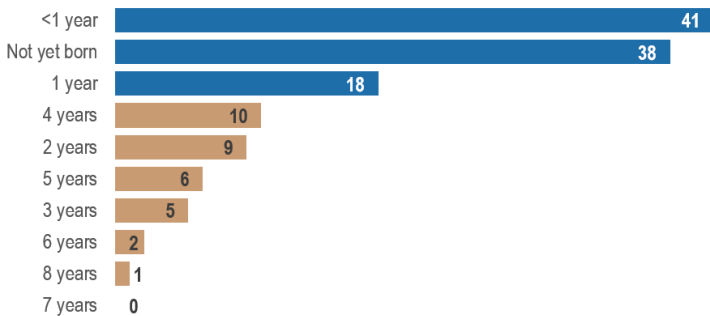
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OHIO BUCKLES BUCKEYES Car Seat Program

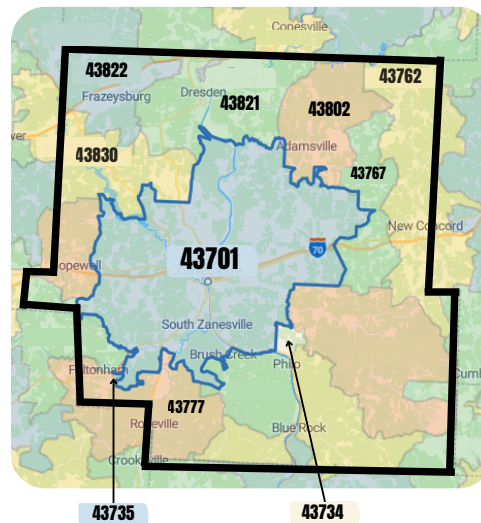
Ohio Buckles Buckeyes (OBB) is a program that provides free car seats to low-income families throughout Ohio. The overall goal of the program is to increase the availability of child safety seats for families who may not otherwise be able to afford them, increase correct installation, and increase the proper use of child safety seats. Families must attend an educational class prior to receiving their seat(s).

DURING THE GRANT YEAR, THE ZMCHD OBB PROGRAM:

Nearly 75% of children receiving car seats were 1 year old or younger.



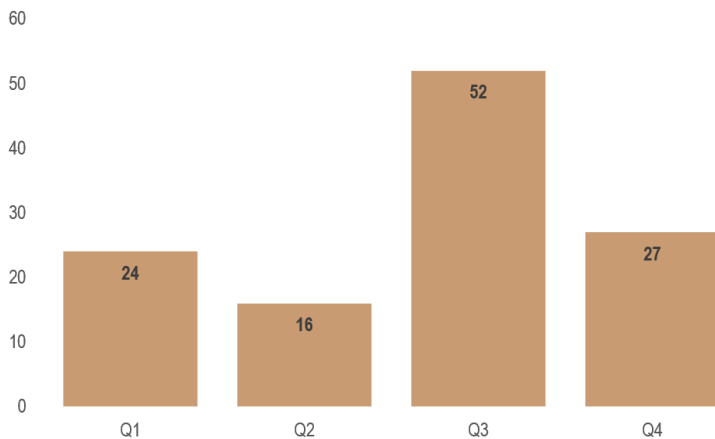
Over 95% of car seats were distributed in the 43701 zip code.



Distributions in Muskingum County

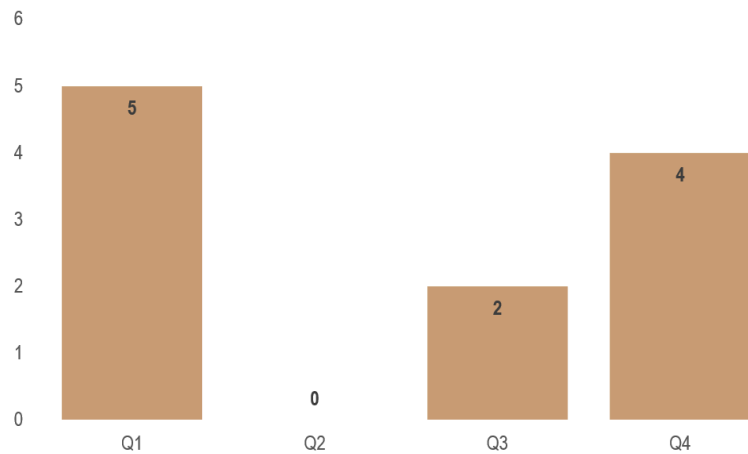
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CFK distributed 119 convertible car seats.



Q1 is October - December, Q2 is January - March, Q3 is April - June, and Q4 is July - September.

CFK distributed 11 booster seats during the year.



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OHIO BUCKLES BUCKEYES SUCCESS STORY FROM STEFANIE:

I received a self-referral from a father who is getting custody of his 5-year-old son. He had only heard about our programs through word of mouth and didn't know if he qualified. After speaking to him, he let me know that after getting his own place he had very little left over to buy items that he needed and was working overtime to make some extra to make sure he had everything he needed by his court date.

We scheduled a car seat appointment, and I was able to get a list of things he needed. He completed the car seat training and was eager to learn about car seat safety. I referred him to Forever Dads and Ohio Rise for additional support. The following week I was able to partner with local agencies and community members to find him a bed, clothing, and even some toys for his son. He was very grateful. He is now working with Forever Dads for the rest of his needs.

MEET THE CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY TECHNICIAN



Stefanie Kahle

How much experience do you have with Ohio Buckles Buckeyes?

I am a Certified Child Passenger Safety Technician and I've been working with this program for 3 years.

Why do you think this program is important?

Car seat safety is one of the most important things we can learn for our children, but it is one of the most misunderstood. I am also able to provide a car seat that is fit specifically for an eligible child's age, weight, and height!

Do you think the program helps families besides just providing the car seat and booster seat?

Absolutely, there are many families that do not know the best, safest practices until you teach them.

What do you think the most misunderstood thing about car seat safety is?

I find that parents do not know that they are supposed to lock their seatbelts when their seats are buckled in the car. Many parents don't know how to do that.

Are you the only one in the county who can distribute the car seats and booster seats?

I am the only one in the county that can distribute car seats and booster seats. ZMCHD is the only agency in Muskingum County with the Ohio Buckles Buckeyes program.