

Session steers kids' safety

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Various representatives from organisations across Greater Shepparton gathered at FamilyCare on Tuesday to learn about car restraints for children.

Starting Out Safely project manager Zora Marko from Early Learning Association Australia spoke to participants about laws concerning child restraints, the different types of restraints available and how to use them.

“I also spoke about how in a number of ways we can actually do better than what the law requires us to do,” Ms Marko said.

“There are a number of areas of the law that set a minimum standard (and) I think — especially for organisations that are transporting other people’s children — that we need to set the bar higher and we need to do the most that we possibly can to ensure that children are safe.”

The Starting Out Safely program is an initiative provided by Early Learning Association Australia and funded by VicRoads.

Many of the participants who attended the information session were from organisations such as Verney Road School, FamilyCare, VicRoads, The Bridge Youth Service and Rumbalara.

FamilyCare disability services community development Emma Turner said the session also provided organisations with valuable information, including how to transport children with additional needs safely.

Ms Turner said the training people received from the session would be passed on to parents that were involved with the different organisations.

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