

# Palmetto Bay Policing Unit Community Outreach



**Ensuring your child's safety  
today for tomorrow**



The Palmetto Bay Policing Unit, Community Outreach Section will be taking appointments for child passenger seat inspections and check ups. For further information or to make an appointment, please contact Officer Wendy Yanes at (305) 278-4016 or Officer Peter Judge at (305) 278-4018. Inspections and check ups will be held at the Palmetto Bay Village Hall, located at 9705 East Hibiscus Street, Wednesdays, 9am-12pm.

## WHICH CAR SEAT IS RIGHT FOR YOUR CHILD

### **Birth – 12 months**

Your child under age 1 should always ride in a rear-facing car seat.

There are different types of rear-facing car seats: Infant-only seats can only be used rear-facing. Convertible and 3-in-1 car seats typically have higher height and weight limits for the rear-facing position, allowing you to keep your child rear-facing for a longer period of time.

### **1 – 3 years**

Keep your child rear-facing as long as possible. It's the best way to keep him or her safe. Your child should remain in a rear-facing car seat until he or she reaches the top height or weight limit allowed by your car seat's manufacturer. Once your child outgrows the rear-facing car seat, your child is ready to travel in a forward-facing car seat with a harness.

### **4 – 7 years**

Keep your child in a forward-facing car seat with a harness until he or she reaches the top height or weight limit allowed by your car seat's manufacturer. Once your child outgrows the forward-facing car seat with a harness, it's time to travel in a booster seat, but still in the back seat.

### **8 – 12 years**

Keep your child in a booster seat until he or she is big enough to fit in a seat belt properly. For a seat belt to fit properly the lap belt must lie snugly across the upper thighs, not the stomach. The shoulder belt should lie snug across the shoulder and chest and not cross the neck or face. Remember: your child should still ride in the back seat because it's safer there.