Appendix: Community child passenger safety assessment tool

Item 1: Is there a mandatory child restraint law for the Tribe? (20 points)
Source of information: Tribal police chief or designee.
Scoring: primary law = 20 points, secondary law = 10 points, no law = 0 points

Item 2: Is there vigorous enforcement of the law by the police? (20 points)
Source of information: police chief and/or police data entry personnel.
Scoring:
(a) Number of tickets issued by Tribal police for violation of the child restraint law in the year 2000 per 100 children 0–4 years of age living at the reservation:
   • Highest ratio of tickets/children among the three reservations = 10 points
   • Intermediate ratio = 5 points
   • Lowest ratio = 0 points
(b) Enforcement and/or public awareness campaigns (“Operation Buckle Down” or any other intensive type of enforcement focusing on increasing child seat use) conducted by Tribal police in the past year:
   • More than one = 10 points
   • One = 5 points
   • No operations = 0 points

Item 3: Is there a comprehensive car seat distribution program? (25 points)
Source of information: Tribal child car seat program manager, health educator, public health nurse, or Health and Human Services director.
Scoring:
(a) Is a National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)-certified child seat technician involved with the distribution program? Yes = 5 points, no = 0 points
(b) Ratio of the number of child car seats available for rent or loan per 100 children 0–4 years of age:
   • Highest ratio of car seats/children among the three reservations = 10 points
   • Intermediate ratio = 5 points
   • Lowest ratio = 0 points
(c) Car seat distribution programs provide a hands-on demonstration of car seat installation for the parents or guardians in their vehicles:
   • Always demonstrates = 10 points
   • Sometimes demonstrates = 5 points
   • Never demonstrates = 0 points

Item 4: Are there community education programs (15 points)
Source of information: Tribal child seat program manager, safety officer, health educator, public health nurse, Head Start director, and observations of community buildings and health centers.
Scoring:
(a) Does the Tribal program conduct car seat clinics in the communities?
   • More than one per year = 5 points
   • One per year = 2.5 points
   • None conducted = 0 points
(b) Is a NHTSA-certified technician involved with the clinics?
   Yes = 2.5 points, no = 0 points
(c) Is there a child passenger safety curriculum targeting children in Head Start?
   Yes = 5 points, some Head Start programs = 2.5 points, no = 0 points
(d) Media campaigns (health fairs, public service announcements, billboards, posters, etc) on child passenger safety:
   • Yes, widespread activity with a dedicated budget (grant, contract, Tribal or agency funds) = 2.5
points
• Some activity, no dedicated budgeted = 1.5 points
• No media activity = 0 points

Item 5: Is there a group (for example, agency committee, community task force, or Safe Kids chapter) dedicated to child passenger safety? (10 points)
Source of information: Tribal safety officer, child seat program manager, health educator, Health and Human Services director, public health nurse, Indian Health Service (IHS) Service Unit director.
Scoring:
• Group with regularly scheduled meetings at least quarterly = 10 points
• Group with non-regular meetings = 5 points
• No group = 0 points

Item 6: Does the community (Tribe) have access to current data regarding child motor vehicle fatalities and/or hospitalizations? (10 points)
Source of information: IHS staff, Tribal safety officer, police department staff, and the child seat distribution manager.
Scoring:
• Good data is available on both fatalities and injuries = 10 points
• Some data is available for either fatalities or injuries = 5 points
• No data is available = 0 points