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### New Child Passenger Safety Restraint Law Becomes Effective in Georgia July 1

During the 2011 state legislative session, Children's successfully advocated for an increase in the state required age for a child to be restrained in a booster seat when riding in a motor vehicle. On May 9, Gov. Nathan Deal signed the legislation at Children's at Scottish Rite.

**Effective July 1, 2011,** all children **under 8 years old** must be properly secured in an approved car seat or booster seat while riding in a car, van, SUV or pickup truck.

This new law, which was sponsored by Representative Allan Powell (R-Hartwell) and Senator Jeff Mullis (R-Chickamauga) will align Georgia with the national guidelines set forth by National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and ensure that Georgia's six and seven year olds are not put into a seat only too soon.



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For information on exemptions, exceptions and fines, [check out these details](#).

#### Why are Booster Seats Needed?

- Seat belts are made for adult bodies and do not fit children correctly. Booster seats raise children up so the adult seat belt fits them.
- Booster seats position the shoulder belt across the shoulder and chest, not the neck.
- Booster seats also keep the lap below low over the hip and thigh bones, not across the belly.
- Children using booster seats are 59 percent less likely to be injured in a crash than those using a seat belt alone.

#### Booster Seat Tips

- Booster seats must never be used with only the lap belt.
- Do not allow a child to place the shoulder belt behind his back or under his arm.
- Children should ride in a back seat until at least 13 years of age.

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**Paper Cranes Provide Beautiful Decoration at Children's at Egleston Family Library**

Paper in the library is usually found in books, but at the Egleston Family Library at Children's at Egleston, 1,000 beautiful, colorful paper cranes hang like a curtain in the front window. The cranes, as well as their amazing creation, are a perfect edition to the library right now, as the summer reading theme for Georgia public libraries is "One World, Many Stories."

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**Epic Down Three Hours July 12 for System Conversion**

Epic will be out of service from 2–5 a.m. Tuesday, July 12 (Monday night shift), while IS&T launches new clinical tools in the Emergency departments at Children's at Egleston and Children's at Scottish Rite as well as our Immediate Care locations.

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**ChartMaxx Down During Wednesday Night Shift**

IS&T will perform maintenance to ChartMaxx, our system for historical patient data, from 11 p.m. Wednesday, July 6, through 3 a.m. Thursday, July 7 (Wednesday night shift).

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**Meet Children's at Egleston's New Facility Dog, Sally**

She wakes up, goes to work, interacts with patients and, if she's tired, she sometimes takes a nap under her desk. If you think that sounds like the good life, you would be right, but unfortunately none of our employees will be able to fill this job any time soon—unless you have four legs and a tail. Meet Sally, the newest canine addition to Children's at Egleston.

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