



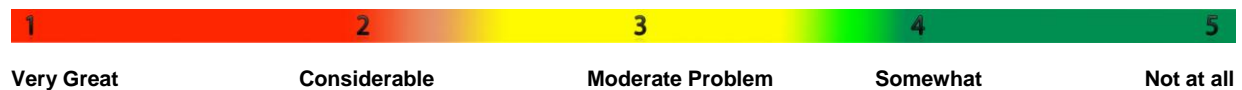
Native CARS Community Readiness Assessment Tool

The purpose of this tool is to spark discussion and thoughtful examination within your working group or coalition. You and your coalition or workgroup should use this tool to think and talk about your tribe's readiness to address child passenger safety. This tool will provide an overall idea of your tribe's readiness. It does not replace your real knowledge and experience of your tribal community and its practices/beliefs.

Starting Point

The following question is intended to provide a reference point to you and your team. It does not factor into your total readiness score. After you have attained a total score, refer back to this question to see if your score aligns with your response to this question.

In your opinion, how much of a problem is the lack of or improper use of child safety seats in your tribal community? Circle one. For more detail on each option, see the choices below the scale.



- Not at all** – Children are properly restrained at all times.
- Somewhat** – Children are properly restrained most of the time.
- Moderate Problem**– Children are properly restrained in certain places. Many children are restrained, but not always the right seat for their age and size.
- Considerable Problem** – Consistent misuse of car seats; Many children are unrestrained; Community is unaware of guidelines.
- Very Great** – Children are never restrained while driving.

The answers to the following questions will be summed to create a total Community Readiness Score. Then, find the corresponding readiness category at the end of this tool.

A&B. Community Child Passenger Safety Efforts and Knowledge those Efforts

1. Please rate existing child passenger safety efforts in your community.



2. If current child passenger safety efforts exist, is the greater community aware of them?





3. Do you know if any planning for additional efforts/services is in place?

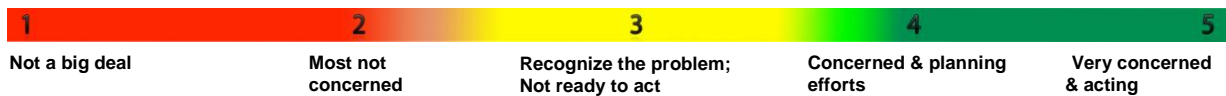
- Yes (1)
- No (0)

4. How would you rank the policies (formal or informal), practices and laws related to child safety seat use in your tribe?

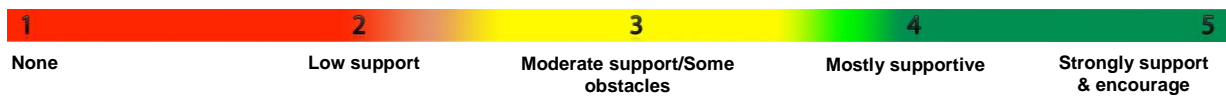


C. Leadership Views

5. How does tribal leadership view the lack of or improper use of child passenger seats in your community?



6. In your view, would leadership support new or additional efforts?

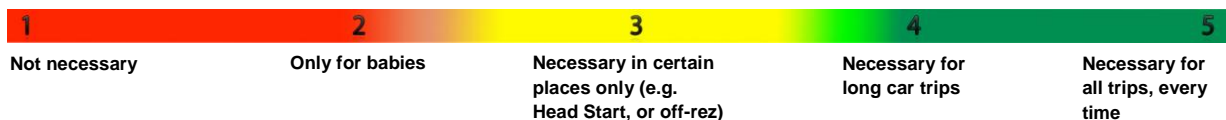


D. Community Climate

7. In your opinion, how would you say the average family in your tribe prioritizes child passenger safety?

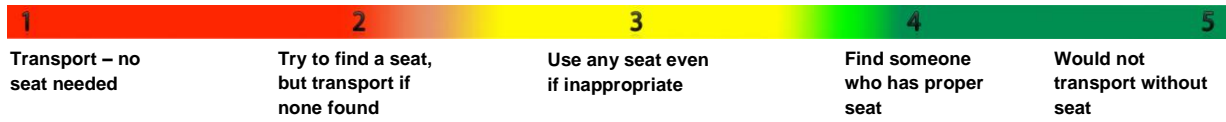


8. How does your community view the use of child passenger seats on the reservation?



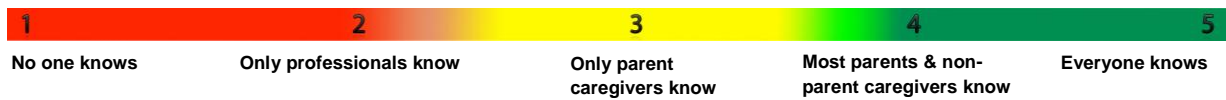


9. If someone had to unexpectedly transport a small child and they did not have a child safety seat, what would the average person in your community do?



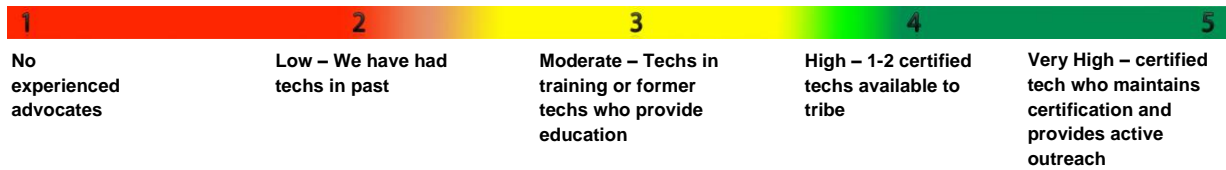
E. Knowledge about Child Passenger Safety Seat Guidelines

10. Does the community know that children should be properly restrained until 4’9”?

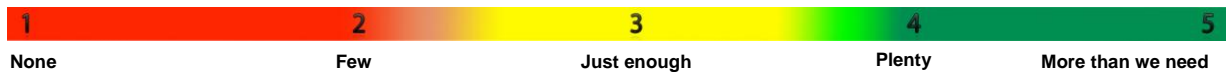


F. Community Resources

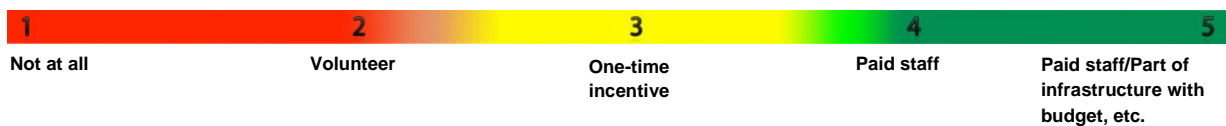
11. How would you rate the level of expertise and training of child passenger safety advocates in your tribal community?



12. Do efforts that address child health & safety have a broad base of volunteers in your tribal community?

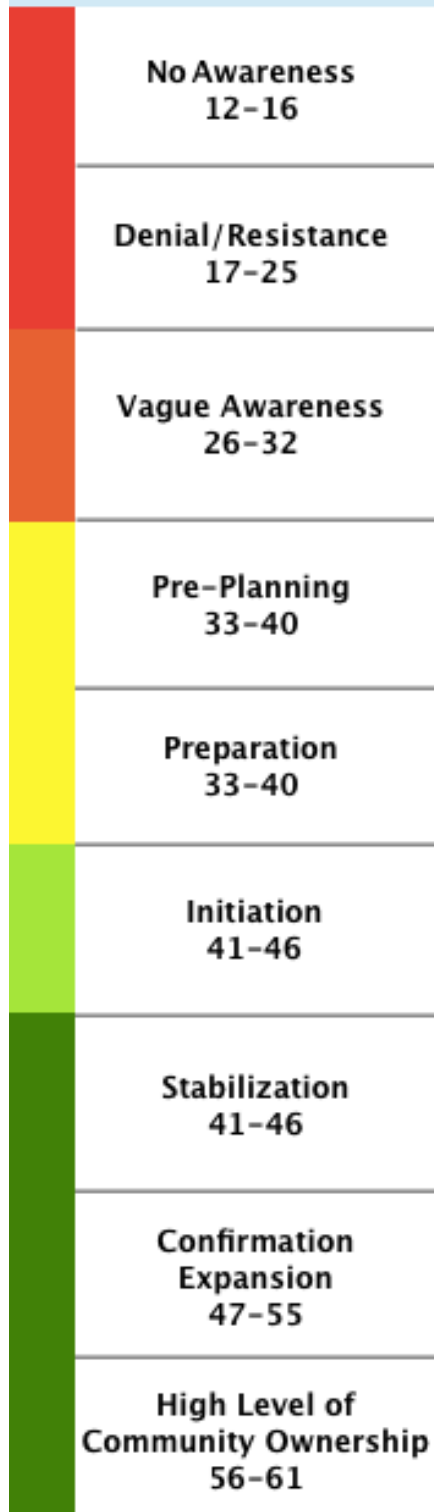


13. How are current child safety efforts sustained?





Stages of Readiness



How to Score this Tool:

Numerical: Starting with Sections A & B, add up all the values for your responses. Then, check the Stages of Readiness continuum to see where your community's score or color falls.

Subjective: Look at the color for each of your responses. Which is the predominant color for your answers?

Look back at how you scored your reference question at the beginning. How does your readiness score compare?

What if your "score" doesn't match precisely with our categories or what you know to be true of your community?

This tool is not an exact science. It is intended to give you a general picture of your community's readiness. If you think your numerical score does not properly correspond to the designated stage for that number, trust your instincts. It might be best for you to review the colors for each question and select the category based on the predominant color for your responses.