



Starting Out Safely Early childhood traffic safety education

Emma King, CEO of Kindergarten Parents Victoria (KPV) is delighted to announce that KPV will be delivering the *Starting Out Safely* project on behalf of VicRoads from 1 July 2011.

Starting Out Safely is about children, parents, carers and early childhood educators working together to guide children's learning in *being* and *becoming* safe and independent road users.

VicRoads has engaged **Kindergarten Parents Victoria** in collaboration with **the Centre for Excellence in Child and Family Welfare** and **fka Children's Services** to deliver *Starting Out Safely* across Victoria. For more information about the new direction for early childhood traffic safety education in Victoria visit <http://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/Home/SafetyAndRules/TrafficSafetyEducation/EarlyChildhood>.

Starting Out Safely focuses on the correct use of child restraints and booster seats, pedestrian safety and safe play.

Key activities of *Starting Out Safely* include:

- early childhood traffic safety education and support
- ThingleToodle education sessions and activities across Victoria
- professional development for early childhood educators statewide
- child restraint education, including culturally and linguistically diverse communities.

Starting Out Safely is funded and supported by VicRoads, who will continue to play its lead role in early childhood traffic safety education policy, research and resource development.

Given significant changes to the way the project will be delivered by KPV, the first three months of the project have been set aside for set up. The ThingleToodle sessions will not be available during term 3, however ThingleToodle sessions will recommence in term 4 2011.

To book a *ThingleToodle* session at your service during term 4, please email tse@kpv.org.au with your name and contact details.

To order early childhood traffic safety education and child restraint resources visit the online VicRoads bookshop www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/bookshop.

For child restraint road rule questions contact VicRoads Customer Service on 13 11 71 or go to the VicRoads website www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/ChildRestraints

Kindergarten Parents Victoria (KPV) is the peak organisation and employer body promoting the voice of parents in quality early childhood education for Victorian children, representing over 1200 early childhood education and care providers serving more than 200,000 Victorian children and families each year.