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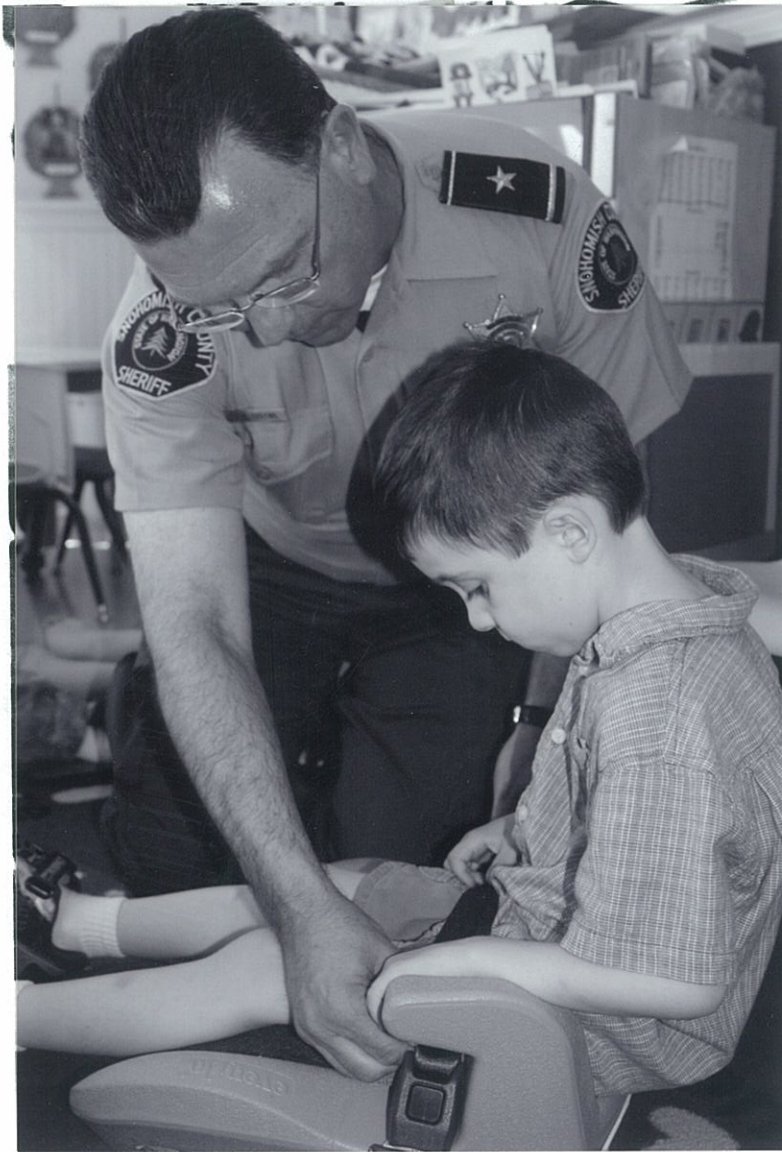
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APPLAUSE



Tom Greene from the county Sheriff's Office and Sunnyside preschooler Corsen Hayes, 5, demonstrate how to buckle up safely in a booster seat.

Preschool kids get booster seat practice

Students at Sunnyside Preschool in Lake Stevens recently practiced buckling up in booster seats with the help of Snohomish County Sheriff's Office bureau chief Tom Greene.

Greene is supporting Risk Watch, a comprehensive injury prevention program at the school.

He also attended the school's family night to answer parents' questions about auto and pedestrian safety, especially in regard to booster seats. In addition, Greene awarded a Risk Watch certificate of completion and a deputy sheriff badge to each child at Sunnyside Preschool.

The National Fire Protection Association's Risk Watch program was first launched at Sunnyside Preschool in 1998. It was through grants obtained by Cindy Brengman, the school's director, in partnership with Robert Marshall of Snohomish County Fire District 8, that the pair was able to expand Risk Watch throughout the Lake Stevens schools. They created a model for other communities that resulted in several lives saved, including one from Sunnyside Preschool, Brengman said.

Risk Watch gives children the knowledge and skills needed to feel safe and be safe, she said.

In addition to helping to raise money to support Risk Watch in schools, Sunnyside Preschool families participate in field trips to the fire station, school bus barn and swimming pool to reinforce the safety principles learned at school, Brengman said.

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