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Arrive Alive® Tour Makes Stop at GuardCare Event in August

XENIA, OH—Those who come to the GuardCare event at the Greene County Career Center in August will get the chance to participate in the Arrive Alive® Tour, August 10-11, 2024. The Arrive Alive® Tour program uses a high-tech simulator, impact video, and several other resources to educate the public about the dangers of impaired and distracted driving. The simulator allows participants to experience the potential consequences of impaired driving in a controlled environment.

Loressa Gonyer, Safe Communities Coalition Coordinator at Greene County Public Health, says, “The Arrive Alive® Tour is an essential tool in educating drivers about dangerous driving behaviors. The DUI simulator provided by the Arrive Alive® Tour will provide participants with the hands-on experience of impaired or distracted driving in a safe and controlled environment. The simulator is not only engaging, but it also educates drivers on the dangers of distracted and impaired driving. The simulator provided by the Arrive Alive® tour can have a real-life impact on driving behaviors.”

Gonyer continued to reiterate the importance of educational programs such as Arrive Alive® and the impact they have on drivers, “Arrive Alive® will absolutely make an impact on the communities in which we work. Anything we can do to make our roadways safer is our goal as a coalition and as a public health agency. We are grateful to be able to make such a lasting impact on communities such those in Greene County, Ohio, and beyond”.

The Arrive Alive® Tour is just one of many things going on at GuardCare next month. Created in 1995, GuardCare is a partnership of the Ohio Adjutant General’s Department/Ohio National Guard and the Ohio Department of Health. A GuardCare weekend is usually held once each summer in a different part of the state. This is the first GuardCare held in Ohio since 2019, and the first time it has ever been offered in Greene County.

Health services will be offered to residents of Greene and surrounding counties **AT NO COST** during the 2024 GuardCare weekend from 8:00am – 4:00pm on Saturday, August 10, and 8:00am – 3:00pm on Sunday, August 11 at the Greene County Career Center located at 532 Innovation Drive in Xenia.

The Ohio National Guard, the Innovative Readiness Training program, Greene County Public Health, the Ohio Department of Health, and local organizations have aligned to bring healthcare services to Greene County and Ohio residents. Services to be available at **NO COST** include:

- Breastfeeding Consultations
- Car Seat Checks (infant car seats, booster seats available at no cost – while supplies last)

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- Child Developmental Screenings
- Cribs for Kids® (infant cribs available at no cost – while supplies last)
- Dental (exams, x-rays, fillings, extractions)
- Dolly Parton Imagination Library Registration (book give away while supplies last)
- Health & Resource Fair
- Hearing Screenings
- Lab Work
- Mammograms
- Medicaid & ACA Enrollment
- Mental Health Screenings & Consultations
- Narcan Kits
- Nutrition Consultation & Education
- Physical Therapy
- Sports Physicals & Wellness Exams
- Vaccines for All Ages
- Vision (exams, glasses fabricated on site)

No prescriptions or refills of medications will be provided or available at this event. People who need public transportation for this event should contact the GreeneCATS Public Transit scheduling office at 937-708-8322 and select option 1.

UNITE, the organizer of the Arrive Alive® Tour, brings health and wellness programs to high schools, colleges, and communities across the nation. Its programs are designed to heighten awareness to the dangers and consequences of impaired driving. These events have a powerful impact on students to reinforce the subjects that schools and parents teach them daily. If you have any questions or for more information, please call Nick Pitts at 888.436.3394 ext. 6386.

For more information about GuardCare, visit Greene County Public Health's website at www.gcph.info or view the Facebook event at <https://www.facebook.com/share/b2TsnHrZ3Z47SYgY>.

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