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## **The Partnership providing info and doing survey at *Seniors On the Go Expo - October 13, 2010***

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The Partnership for a Healthier Carroll County will host an information booth at the *Seniors on the Go Expo* at the Danelle Shipley Memorial Arena in the Carroll County Agricultural Center from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Wednesday, October 13. Members of the Elder Health Leadership Team will be on site with information about warning signs of heart attack and stroke, motor vehicle safety for older adults, and the prevention of falls in the home.

The Elder Health Leadership Team hopes to increase the percentage of older persons who understand the warning signs of heart attack and stroke, and who know the recommended steps for responding to these signs. Participants will be asked to complete a short survey to determine a baseline of attendees' knowledge of risk factors.

*The Elder Health Needs Assessment* conducted by The Partnership in 2008 identified seat belt usage among adults aged 60+ as an area needing improvement in Carroll County. The *Assessment* found that only 86% routinely wore a belt when driving, and 52% wore a belt when a passenger. Information to help older adults and their families improve driver and passenger safety will be provided at the Expo.

A new brochure detailing ways to increase safety in the home to prevent serious falls has been produced by the Elder Health Leadership Team, and will be available at the booth free of charge.

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