**Procedure:** Direct service providers that transport Early Head Start or Head Start children must ensure all vehicles used or purchased with grant funds to provide transportation services to enrolled children are school buses or allowable alternate vehicles* and equipped with:

- Height and weight appropriate child restraint systems;
- Working reverse beepers;
- A two way communication system;
- Emergency equipment and signage indicating location:
  - Charged and currently inspected fire extinguisher
  - Seat belt cutter
  - First aid kit

*Allowable alternate vehicle

Allowable alternate vehicle means a vehicle designed for carrying eleven or more people, including the driver, that meets all the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards applicable to school buses, except 49 CFR 571.108 and 571.131.