

Subject: FW: November Noteworthy News
Attachments: Discussing Developmental Concerns with Parents.docx; Caring for Mom Baby 8.5x11 - two-color.pdf; Photo Permission Form - Rev. 06-16.docx; ChildCareBusinessProgram.Print.pdf

-:-Did You Know-:-

Child Care Providers have a responsibility to monitor a child's development. As soon as a developmental delay is suspected, it is important to report this to a parent in an in-person meeting. This will help ensure that the child will have access to early and appropriate interventions, if needed. Attached is a handout "Discussing Developmental Concerns with Parents" from Help Me Grow that you can use when and if you need help with this process.

Providers who need support working with children with developmental disabilities or related conditions or children with challenging behaviors should visit the website for the Center for Inclusive Child Care at <https://www.inclusivechildcare.org/>

Below are links to two new forms that DHS has devised. The first link is to the form for you to use when posting your required emergency numbers. The second link is to the form for you to use as a travel permission form.

<https://edocs.dhs.state.mn.us/lfserver/Public/DHS-7738-ENG>

<https://edocs.dhs.state.mn.us/lfserver/Public/DHS-7773-ENG>

Park Nicollet Clinic – Chanhassen has partnered with Carver County Public Health to offer a Mom & Baby Café. The Mom & Baby Café is free and open to anyone, and offers moms an opportunity to visit with a lactation consultant, weigh their baby and get all of their breastfeeding questions answered in a relaxing environment with other new moms. The Mom & Baby Café is held the 1st and 3rd Tuesday each month from 10-11:30 a.m. at Park Nicollet Clinic – Chanhassen in the 2nd floor conference room.

Attached to this email is a poster promoting this event that you can share with your families

Have you ever thought of expanding your licensed family child care program?

Think Small's Child Care Business Program is offering free assistance with the start-up or expansion of your child care. You can either click on the link below or see attachment

“Child Care Business Program” to learn more about this program.

http://www.thinksmall.org/about_think_small/innovative_solutions/child-care-business-program/

I have had a few providers ask about Acute Flaccid Myelitis (AFM). Below is a link from Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) with the most up to date information regarding this disease:

<http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/idepc/diseases/afm/index.html>

-:-RULE REMINDER!

9502.0345 AGENCY RECORDS. Subpart. 2.

Data privacy.

The agency, department, and the authorized agent shall have access to provider records on children in care to determine compliance with parts 9502.0315 to 9502.0445. The provider shall not disclose any records on children in care to any persons other than the parents of the child, the agency, the department, the persons required by part 9502.0375, subpart 1, and medical or public safety persons if information is necessary to protect the health and safety of the child.

- As a licensed family child care provider you are told a lot of information by the children and parents that is considered private information. You cannot share any information about the child or the child’s family without written consent from the parents. You cannot discuss illnesses, biting, addresses, phone numbers, etc. with anyone besides the parent of the child without written parent consent. Attached is a permission form that you can use when enrolling children if you plan on taking pictures of the children to post on Facebook or other social media. You must have written consent to share on social media etc. prior to posting or texting to other parents.
- You are not allowed to talk to other child care providers about the children or families currently or previously in your care. Sometimes providers want to warn other providers of families that have left their child care due to lack of payment or children’s behaviors. You are not allowed to share this information with other providers. This could be viewed as defamation or slander.
- You can however disclose information to medical or public safety persons if it is necessary to protect the health and safety of the child/ren. You can disclose information

to Child Care Licensing, Child Protection, and Law Enforcement to protect the child's safety.

9502.0375 REPORTING TO AGENCY. Subpart 1.

Abuse, neglect reporting.

All caregivers shall report any suspected physical abuse, sexual abuse, or neglect of a child to the agency or police as required by Minnesota Statutes, section 626.556. If a caregiver has reasonable cause to believe a child has died as a result of physical or sexual abuse or neglect, the caregiver shall report this information to the county medical examiner or coroner.

- As a licensed provider you are required to report any physical abuse, sexual abuse, or neglect of a child. If you need to make a report, please contact our Intake Unit at (952) 361-1600 or your local police department. If you are making a report regarding someone in your family child care make sure to contact licensing as well.

-:-Tip To Try-:-

Renee McClellan, a new provider in Excelsior, uses the cots and covers pictured below. When utilized as shown, the cots stay clean and she can take the sheets off when washing is needed. Renee also has a bin with each child's individual blanket and or teddy bear next to each individual cot.



If at any time your email address changes or you wish to be removed from this list, simply reply to inform me and I will be sure to take the proper action for you. Please be aware that when important licensing changes occur, this does not mean that those that do not have access to email will not be informed. It will just take a little longer for those without email to receive notification, as it will be sent through regular US Postal Service.

If you have one or two ideas that you think others would like to use or benefit from, please feel free to send them to:

tpsprengeler@co.carver.mn.us

They can be fun art projects, space saving ideas, safety tips, food recipes that have been a hit, or anything that has worked for you that others could benefit from.



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