

**Subject:** FW: February Noteworthy News  
**Attachments:** Sensory play ideas.docx; 2019 CARS Class Flyer.docx; Instructions for New Applicants - NETStudy 2 Rev. 1-23-19.docx; Form - Data Collection 12-18.pdf; Notice of Privacy Practices - DHS-4127 10-17.pdf; BGS Worksheet - Is a background study required.pdf

## -:-Did You Know-:-

After 17 years with Carver County Family Child Care Licensing, Char Buckentin is retiring. Char's last day will be 2/28/19.  
She will be greatly missed by all. Wishing Char a happy and healthy retirement!

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Attached is a handout on sensory play ideas from *Help Me Grow*. The attachment gives ideas on how to incorporate using the five senses of sight, smell, hearing, touch and taste

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### **EMAIL SENT TO ALL LICENSED FAMILY CHILD CARE PROVIDERS FROM DHS LICENSING DIVISION**

TO: Licensed Family Child Care Providers  
FROM: DHS Licensing Division

As you know, Minnesota Statute [245A.146, subdivision 3\(a\)](#) requires family child care providers to check all their cribs' brand names and model numbers against the [Consumer Product Safety Commission \(CPSC\) website](#) listing of unsafe cribs. This check must be done each year from the date printed on the license.

Due to the federal government shutdown, we have received questions about the availability of the CPSC website and the ability to check for unsafe cribs on the CPSC recall website. If you go to the website, you may notice the following message on the home page of the CPSC website:

**Due to the lapse in Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2019, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission is closed. As a result, information on the web site may not be up to date...**

DHS is aware that the information on the CPSC web site may not have been updated after approximately December 22, 2018. However, DHS has checked and can confirm that as of January 10, 2019, the CPSC recall website (<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/>) is still available to check for any unsafe crib model.

Because the recall website is still able to be used, you are still required to conduct this check even though the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission is closed.

- If you conduct your check of the recall website during the shutdown, your crib check will be valid and accepted by your licensor.
- If you do not conduct your check of the recall website, a correction order **will** be written because the recall information can still be accessed even during the government shutdown.

- DHS will monitor the website and update this information if the recall website can no longer be accessed.

If you have further questions, please contact your licenser.

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## **C.A.R.S. Training**

See Attached C.A.R.S. Training flyer  
Next Training 9AM-12PM Saturday February 9, 2019  
Call to Register

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### **-:-RULE REMINDER!**

#### **245C.03 BACKGROUND STUDY; INDIVIDUALS TO BE STUDIED.**

##### **Subdivision 1.Licensed programs.**

- (a) The commissioner shall conduct a background study on:
- (1) the person or persons applying for a license;
  - (2) an individual age 13 and over living in the household where the licensed program will be provided who is not receiving licensed services from the program;
  - (3) current or prospective employees or contractors of the applicant who will have direct contact with persons served by the facility, agency, or program;
  - (4) volunteers or student volunteers who will have direct contact with persons served by the program to provide program services if the contact is not under the continuous, direct supervision by an individual listed in clause (1) or (3);
  - (5) an individual age ten to 12 living in the household where the licensed services will be provided when the commissioner has reasonable cause as defined in section [245C.02](#), subdivision 15;
  - (6) an individual who, without providing direct contact services at a licensed program, may have unsupervised access to children or vulnerable adults receiving services from a program, when the commissioner has reasonable cause as defined in section [245C.02](#), subdivision 15;
  - (7) all controlling individuals as defined in section [245A.02, subdivision 5a](#); and
  - (8) child care background study subjects as defined in section [245C.02, subdivision 6a](#).
- (b) Paragraph (a), clauses (2), (5), and (6), apply to legal nonlicensed child care and certified license-exempt child care programs.

(c) For child foster care when the license holder resides in the home where foster care services are provided, a short-term substitute caregiver providing direct contact services for a child for less than 72 hours of continuous care is not required to receive a background study under this chapter.

The background study process has changed effective 1/1/19. Any provider wanting to submit a background study on a **NEW INDIVIDUAL** would need to follow the new background study process, NETStudy 2.0. All existing providers will need to wait to hear from Carver County Child Care Licensing or the Department of Human Services as to when it will be your time to start the new NETStudy 2.0 background study process. Until you hear from Carver County Child Care Licensing or the Department of Human Services, there is nothing you will need to do **UNLESS** you are adding a **NEW INDIVIDUAL** that we don't have a background study on file for.

Attached you will find four documents regarding this process: "Instructions NETStudy 2.0", "Background Study Data Collection Form", "Notice of Privacy Rights" and "Background Study Worksheet: Is a background study required?"

Here is the Department of Human Services link with the most up to date background study information: <https://mn.gov/dhs/general-public/background-studies/faqs/ccdbg/>

-:-Tip To Try-:-

Melted Snowman



With not having much snow on the ground this winter, you can make your own snowman inside! Have the children cut out white, orange and brown parts to make their own version of a melted snowman.

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](mailto: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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