



Benton County Daycare Newsletter

Fall 2007

Hello Everyone!

WE HOPE YOU ARE ENJOYING YOUR FALL SEASON AND HAVING LOTS OF FUN WITH THOSE CHILDREN OUTSIDE WHILE THE WEATHER IS NICE.

THE LATEST CHANGE: FREEDOM TO BREATHE ACT AFFECTS DAY CARES!!

As most of us know, it is now illegal to smoke in any public building effective 10-1-07. This act has a family day care home provision! "If indoor smoking is allowed in a day care home outside of the hours of operation, the day care provider must disclose after hour smoking by:

1. Posting a conspicuous written notice on or immediately inside of all entrances to the daycare area AND
2. Orally inform parents that smoking is allowed in the home outside of hours of operation."

To assist those of you who have smokers in the household, we have enclosed a sign for you to post at the day care entrance. The sign has signature lines on it for your day care parents to sign that they have seen the notice. By having parents sign this notice, and posting this notice,

you will have met the requirements of the Freedom to Breathe Act. In simple terms, if anyone smokes in the home after hours of operation then the sign must be posted and parents informed. If someone smokes OUTSIDE then this is not required. If they smoke in an attached garage, then yes. If they smoke in an unlicensed area of the home, then yes the sign must be posted. MS, sect.144.414 subd 2.

ONE LAST REMINDER ON THE SUBJECT OF SUBSTITUTES AND HELPERS VERIFYING THEIR TRAINING:

Please be advised that the State has made it clear that it will enforce \$200.00 fines for every provider/sub/helper that does not have the required SIDS and SBS training. This includes your spouses or any person who assists even if for only 10 minutes once. This law has been in effect for more than 2 years and it is expected that all licensed providers abide. Call Child Care Resource and Referral for class dates and locations. All subs and helpers must have all training and background studies in place BEFORE working.



SHAKEN BABY SYNDROME DVDS FOR ALL!!! Free!!!

A grant was received to purchase all day care providers a SBS dvd. We have obtained these dvds and they are available for pick up. This is the video that is required to be viewed every year by providers, subs, helpers, employees, etc. Due to cost, they will not be mailed to providers. They must be picked up at our office in Foley (Human Services Building). There is also a signature page that comes with the dvd. Please make yourselves extra copies of that page for your helpers and subs and for the years to come. This dvd is yours to keep. A second option is to send a self addressed postage paid 5x7 inch envelope. Postage is \$2.13. Send to Natalie B, PO Box 740, Foley MN 56329.

ASKING FOR YOUR FEEDBACK:

I want to invite all of you to give me feedback on these newsletters. Is something missing, is there something that needs more clarifying, got new ideas to share or offer? Any suggestions for future newsletters? Please email me at nburwick@co.benton.mn.us.

MANDATORY TRAINING LOG:

I AM ENCLOSING THE MANDATORY TRAINING LOG WE USE. HOPEFULLY THIS WILL BE A HELPFUL REFERENCE TOOL. FIRST AID WAS MEANT TO BE REQUIRED EVERY THREE YEARS (SAME AS CPR) BUT IT WAS ACCIDENTLY OMITTED IN LAW. FIRST AID IS REQUIRED UPON INITIAL LICENSURE BUT NOTHING CAN BE ENFORCED AFTER THAT. WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND THE TRAINING AND ALL THESE TRAININGS

APPLY TOWARD YOUR REQUIRED 8 ANNUAL TRAINING HOURS.

FEELING STRESSED?

The holidays are approaching, school is back in session, winter is approaching....if you are feeling overwhelmed please call 211 First Call For Help. This resource will refer you to an appropriate help source. Provide this number to your friends, family or day care parents when needed. It's available for all of us!

FIRE SAFETY/CODE/LAW:

- 1. Any basement rooms without proper 5.7 sq feet egress windows CANNOT be used. MN Fire Code 2007 Sect. 1026.1**
- 2. All basement rooms for day care must have two means of escape. One means usually being a door and the other being an egress window (egress means 5.7 sf not just any size window). MN Fire Code 2007 Sect. 1026.1**
- 3. Interior doors CANNOT have hook and eye type latches or slider type latches on them. If you are preventing access to such a room then use a child proof knob or gate. MN Fire Code 2007 1027.7 and 1008.1.8.**

“I told my doctor I broke my leg in two places. He told me to quit going to those places”.

Henny Youngman

SYRUP OF IPECAC:
NO LONGER REQUIRED!!
CHECK EXPIRATION DATES
AND/OR THROW AWAY. CALL
POISON CONTROL BEFORE
EVER TREATING A POTENTIAL
POISONING. IN MOST
CASES, CHILDREN ARE
TAKEN TO THE ER AND ARE
ADMINISTERED COAL TO
ABSORB THE POISON.
HAVING A CHILD VOMIT
POISON BACK UP MAY DO
MORE DAMAGE.

EMAIL:

One last reminder that if you wish to be added to our email group for information about local trainings, please call or email me at nburwick@co.benton.mn.us

TRANSPORTING CHILDREN:

Providers are not allowed to transport children for any reason unless you have taken the mandatory 3 hour car seat training. This course must be repeated once every 5 years. If you do not transport, you must state this in your contract and on the Admission and Arrangement form. **MN Statute 245A.14 Subd. 13**

CORRECTION ORDERS:

Reminder that all correction orders must be posted at the front door for two years. We will begin

checking for compliance with this law. The law states ... “you must post correction orders in a place that is conspicuous to the people receiving services and all visitors to the facility for two years”... **MN Statute 245A.06 subd. 8**

Therefore, correction orders inside cupboards or on refrigerators is not acceptable. It is expected that the orders will be at the front door along with your license.

“THE ONLY WAY TO GET THE BEST OF AN ARGUMENT IS TO AVOID IT”

Dale Carnegie



Call Natalie, Licensor, with any questions. My office hours are Mon-Wed and my number is 968-5102. I am frequently out doing home visits, but I will return all calls as quickly as possible.

HAVE A FUN FILLED AND SAFE FALL/WINTER! THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR COOPERATION AND *HARD WORK*. IT'S A PLEASURE GETTING TO KNOW EACH OF YOU.

I WANT TO EXTEND AN EARLY HAPPY HOLIDAYS WISH TO ALL OF YOU!

KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK EVERYONE! IT IS ESTIMATED THAT BENTON COUNTY FAMILY PROVIDERS CARE FOR APPROXIMATELY 1,700 CHILDREN! THAT'S IMPRESSIVE.



