

# BENTON COUNTY FAMILY CHILD CARE NEWSLETTER

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INITIAL LICENSING, RELICENSING, COMPLAINTS, AND VARIANCES

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DROP IN VISITS AND OFF YEAR PAPERWORK

**INFANT SLEEP:**

**CAN I HOLD A SLEEPING BABY?** The short answer is Yes! Babies love to be held and who doesn't love holding a sleeping baby. Lately we have heard from providers that falsely believe that they are not allowed to hold babies when they sleep. Babies are required to have an approved sleep space in your child care, but that doesn't mean that a provider cannot hold a sleeping baby for part of their nap time. Each provider must take into consideration the needs of the other children in care when choosing to hold a sleeping baby. If you are able to supervise the rest of the children appropriately while holding the baby, you are able to continue to hold the baby. If you are not able to supervise or if you are needed in order to aid other children in care, then you would need to place the sleeping infant in their approved sleep space so that you can tend to the rest of the children. Also remember that when holding a sleeping infant, their airway must be kept clear, with nothing over their face. Please contact Pam with any questions.

**Please review rule 245A.1435 Reduction of Risk of Sudden Unexpected Infant Death in Licensed Programs.**

**WHEN PLACED IN A CRIB OR PACK AND PLAY – THEIR NEED TO BE PLACED ON THEIR BACK WITH ONLY A PACIFIER IN THE CRIB WITH THEM. THERE ALSO MUST BE TIGHT FITTING CRIB SHEET ON THE CRIB OR PACK AND PLAY. IF YOU ARE FOUND TO HAVE OTHER ITEMS IN THE CRIB, DHS HAS DIRECTED US AS LICENSORS THAT WE NEED TO RECOMMEND A FINE WHICH IS AROUND \$200.**



**TRAINING:** Hopefully most providers have a good handle on the training requirements. This came out from DHS and hopefully it will clear things up as to when they need to have their 16 hours of training completed by.

FCC provider – license renewal date is October 1, 2015

Monitoring visit occurs on August 17, 2015. Licensors is looking for:

- 16 hours of annual training between October 1, 2014, and September 30, 2015.

Some examples of compliance you may find:

- Autism: Including Children with Social, Communication and Behavioral Needs – 2 hours – completed on October 5, 2014 (meets the child growth and development and behavior guidance requirement)
  - o *Note: If this course were taken on October 1, 2015, or later then the individual did not meet the requirement of taking this training "annually" and it would be appropriate to issue a CO. Now that this individual took this training on October 5, 2014, the individual has until August 31, 2015, to update this training and meet the requirement of repeating annually.*
- First Aid – in person – 4 hours – completed on July 9, 2015
  - o *. Now that this individual took this training on July 9, 2015, the individual has until July 31, 2017 to update this training and meet the requirement of repeating it once every two years.*
- CPR – in person – 4 hours – completed on July 9, 2015
  - o *Note: This individual had until September 30, 2015, to complete this course and still be compliant. Now that this individual took this training on July 9, 2015, the individual has until July 31, 2017 to update this training and meet the requirement of repeating it once every two years.*
- SUID/AHT – in person – 2 hours – scheduled to attend September 28, 2015
  - o *Note: If this course were taken on October 1, 2015, or later then the individual did not meet the requirement of taking this training "annually" and it would be appropriate to issue a CO.*
- Active Supervision: Children with Special Needs – in person – 2 hours – completed on August 9, 2015 (meets the supervising for safety requirement)
  - o *Note: This individual had until September 30, 2015, to complete this course and still be compliant. Now that this individual took this training on August 9, 2015, the individual has until August 31, 2016, to obtain an additional 2 hours of training on supervising for safety.*
- "Preparing the young child for school" – in person - 2 hours – completed on May 5, 2015
  - o *Note: The course, "Preparing the young child for school" is fictional and was created for the sole purpose of providing an example that would clearly meet the requirements under MS, section 245A.50, subdivision 7.*

This individual had until September 30, 2015, to complete this course and still be compliant because this course was taken to fulfill the requirement of completing 16 hours of annual training.

References: Minnesota Statutes, section 245A.02, subdivision 2b defines the term "annual or annually". It states, annual or annually means prior to or within the same month of the subsequent calendar year. Please reference this definition when determining whether someone has completed their training requirements as required.

