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STARTLING FACTS:

The Significance of the Need for Early Childhood Training

Recently Child Care Licensing was presented with poignant information from the Minnesota Child Mortality Review. In the State of Minnesota, from January 2008 to September 2011, there were 70 cases of child homicide. Seven percent of these cases occurred in licensed child care/foster care.

Characteristics of the child victims include:

- 76% were 2 years or younger
- 61% were male
- 60% of the parent/caregivers were in their 20's
- 47% child victims sustained head traumas
- 79% of the injuries occurred in their primary residence
- 31% were crying at the time of the incident
- 14% were being fed

Characteristics of the offenders include:

- 44% were the biological father
- 17% were the mother's male partner
- 68% of the offenders were in their 20's or 30's
- 63% were unemployed
- 69% did NOT have a known history of being a perpetrator of domestic violence
- 64% were NOT diagnosed with a mental health disorder
- 59% were Caucasian



Tragically, so many of these deaths could have been prevented. Notably, a common theme was unsafe sleeping conditions. Fortunately, licensed child care providers have had training to heighten their awareness and expand their knowledge of how to keep young children safe and how to cope with the frustrations that arise with children.

Child care providers are in the unique position to help educate parents. The SIDS and Shaken Baby Syndrome training packets (which are on our website and on your Rule Review CD's) contain information about safe sleep practices and crying that providers can share with parents. There is also a helpful website, The Period of Purple Crying, found at www.purplecrying.info, which has good basic developmental information, as well as tips for caregivers. Parents frequently look to providers for guidance.

Please help get the word out to them!

These statistics also highlight why it has been deemed so important for licensed providers to have required training. Child care providers have a very stressful job. Understanding children and knowing how to manage one's feelings is critical. The goal is to NEVER have another intentional, or unintentional child homicide.

The **Licensing Line** can be found on our website at: www.anokacounty.us/childcarelicensing

CPR & FIRST AID

ANOKA TECHNICAL COLLEGE
Location: 1355 W Highway 10, Anoka, MN 55303
All classes meet at the college

MEDICS TRAINING INC., *2 Locations:
Coon Rapids City Ctr. 11155 Robinson Dr.
or Medics Training Office: 11441 Osage Street
Coon Rapids, 55433

Basic CPR & First Aid (Adult & Pediatric) \$79		
HBEM3001	Jan. 24 & 26	6:00 - 10:00 p.m.
HBEM3001	Feb. 21 & 23	6:00 - 10:00 p.m.

CPR		\$60
Tues.	Mar. 13 & 20	6:30 - 9:30 p.m.
Tues.	Jun. 12 & 19	6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

CPR Heartsaver		\$69
HBEM2019	Sat., Feb. 11	8:00 - 4:00 p.m.

CPR Refresher		\$50
Thurs.	Jan. 19	6:00 - 10:00 p.m.
Tues.	Feb. 21	6:00 - 10:00 p.m.
Mon.	Apr. 9	6:00 - 10:00 p.m.

CPR Renewal		\$59
HBEM2010	Feb. 2	6:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Pediatric First Aid		\$40
Thurs.	Jan. 26	6:00 - 10:00 p.m.
Tues.	Feb. 28	6:00 - 10:00 p.m.
Mon.	Apr. 16	6:00 - 10:00 p.m.
Thurs.	May 17	6:00 - 10:00 p.m.

For more classes or to register: Call 763-576-4770
***NOTE:** Participants are advised to purchase and read manual prior to class. For questions, call 763-576-4794

To Register send a check payable to: Medics Training Inc., 11441 Osage Street N.W., Coon Rapids, MN 55433. Include the date of class you wish to attend and a daytime phone number. For questions call: 763-755-0097 or visit their website at: medicstraininginc@msn.com

CPR PROFESSIONALS
Location: Coon Rapids City Center
11155 Robinson Drive, Coon Rapids, MN 55433

SAVE A LIFE
12626 Ridgewood Dr. N.W., Elk River, MN 55330
(All classes meet at locations listed below)

CPR & CPR Renewal		\$60/\$40
Sun.	Jan. 22	12:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Sun.	Feb. 19	12:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Sun.	Mar. 18	12:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Sun.	Apr. 22	12:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Pediatric First Aid (textbook provided)		\$65
<i>Northdale Middle School, 11301 Dogwood St. C.R.</i>		
Tues.	Feb. 7	6:00 - 10:00 p.m.

First Aid		\$40
Sun.	Jan. 22	3:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Sun.	Feb. 19	3:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Sun.	Mar. 18	3:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Sun.	Apr. 22	3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

CPR & CPR Renewal		\$65
<i>Northdale Middle School, 11301 Dogwood St. C.R.</i>		
Wed.	Mar. 28	6:00 - 9:30 p.m.

To Register: Call Cortnee Hansen at 763-951-2443 or online at www.cprprofessionals.net. All new certifications receive a textbook and everyone receives a barrier keychain.

To register: call 763-576-8146, M - Th., 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Save a Life provides the First Aid Textbook. More classes available online at: www.savealifemn.com

PROVIDER LINK
Training Location: Learn & Grow,
17565 Central Avenue N.E., Ham Lake, MN 55304

CPR		\$35
Wed.	Jan. 11	6:00 - 10:00 p.m.
Wed.	May 9	6:00 - 10:00 p.m.

I AM MOVING, I AM LEARNING (IMIL) & LEARNING ABOUT NUTRITION THROUGH ACTIVITIES (LANA)

First Aid		
Wed.	Mar. 14	6:00 - 10:00 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE!!
 Saturday, February 4, 2012, 8:15 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

To Register: Call 763-783-4937, ask for Kim or leave your name, phone # and the class dates you would like to attend. *Mail your check to:* Learn & Grow, 1201 - 89th Avenue, Suite 120, Blaine, MN 55434. Your spot is reserved on a first registered (by receiving your check) basis.

There will be another great opportunity to learn how to create a healthier child care environment by increasing physical activity and promoting better nutrition. Training credit for 6 hours can be obtained for a mere \$25.00. Participants will also receive an activity kit.

****Be watching for the training flyer in your e-mail or mailbox if you do not have e-mail**
 This training will be held at the ACCAP Head Start Building in Coon Rapids from 8:15 - 3:30 p.m.

Additional CPR & First Aid dates online at:
www.inpulsecpr.com or www.redcrosstc.org



RECALLS

For complete recall information go to www.cpsc.gov

RECALL	HAZARD	COMPANY CONTACT
<p>Shermag drop side cribs</p>	<p>This voluntary recall was done because the drop side rail hardware on the cribs can break or fail, allowing the drop side to detach from the crib. When the drop side detaches it can create a hazardous gap between the drop side rail and the crib mattress in which infants and toddlers can become wedged or entrapped, posing risks of suffocation and strangulation.</p> <p>Model numbers 202647, 211047 and 272547 are included in this recall. The cribs were sold in stores from September 2004 through December 2008. The cribs were sold separately and as part of the “City Lights,” “Fairy Tales” and “Dormez Vous” furniture collection.</p> <p>http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prhtml11/11343.html</p>	<p>Consumers should immediately stop using the cribs and contact Shermag at (800)567-3419 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (Eastern time) or visit the firm’s website at</p> <p>http://www.shermag.com/</p>
<p>Yu Wei drop side cribs</p>	<p>This voluntary recall was done because the drop side rail on the crib can malfunction, detach or unexpectedly fall down, causing part of the drop side to fall out of position. When this happens it can create a gap in which an infant or toddler can become wedged or entrapped, which can lead to strangulation or suffocation. These cribs were sold exclusively at JC Penney from January 2006 through December 2010. The model numbers are 343-8225 or 343-9117.</p> <p>http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prhtml12/12003.html</p>	<p>Consumers should immediately stop using the cribs and contact Yu Wei at (877) 806-8190 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (Central time) or visit the firm’s website at</p> <p>http://www.yuweicribrecalls.com/</p>
<p>Bumbo Baby Seats</p>	<p>CPSC issued a press release that serious head injuries to infants continue due to falls from Bumbo Baby Seats used on elevated surfaces. Injuries are occurring despite previous recall warning; parents and caregivers urged to use caution.</p> <p>http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prhtml12/12047.html</p>	
<p>High Powered Magnets and Children make a deadly mix</p>	<p>CPSC issued a press release regarding an increasing number of incidents being reported that high powered magnets continue to be a safety risk to children of all ages. The CPSC wants parents and caregivers to realize the dangers associated with these innocent looking magnets. There is potential for serious injury and death if multiple magnets are swallowed. Parents and professionals need to be aware of this hidden hazard and know how to treat a child in distress.</p> <p>http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prhtml12/12037.html</p>	

UP AND AWAY AND OUT OF SIGHT

Every year, more than 6,000 young children end up in emergency rooms because they got into medicines while their parent or caregiver was not looking. When all age groups of people are combined, unintentional poisoning is the fourth leading cause of hospitalized injury. The youngest children are the most affected by poisonings. For infants under 1 year of age, poisoning is the leading cause of injury and for those ages 1-4, the second leading cause of injury.

According to the Center for Disease Control, poison control centers handle an average of one poison exposure every 15 seconds. The most common poison exposures for children were ingestion of household products such as personal care products, cleaning substances, pain relievers, foreign bodies, and plants.

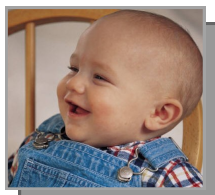
The Up and Away and Out of Sight educational program was created to remind families of the importance of safe medicine storage. To help keep children safe through proper medicine storage, Up and Away and Out of Sight educates parents and caregivers by: reminding them about safe medicine storage; providing them with information and tools to keep children safe; and encouraging them to take action. To learn more about the program, its resources and tools, visit www.UpandAway.org.

Make your home safe for the children you care for by:

- ◆ Posting the poison control number 1-800-222-1222 on or near every home telephone.
- ◆ Storing all medicines, household products, and personal care products in locked cabinets or at upper cupboard level.
- ◆ Knowing the names of the plants in your house and yard. Identify poisonous plants and place them out of reach of children.
- ◆ Being aware of any medicines that visitors may bring with them into your home. Make sure your visitors do not leave their medicines where children can find them easily, for example in an unattended purse or suitcase.

Things that are convenient for us, like keeping vitamins by the sink, can be deadly if children can get to them too. Keeping potentially dangerous substances out of little hands is a sure way to prevent unintentional poisoning.

Thank you for keeping
our little ones safe!



Welcome...
to making a difference
in children's lives!

Newly Licensed Providers

Jillian Casiday
Kellie Clifford
Ronni Dapper
Lisa Finn
Amy Henkel
Melissa Jeffery
Kelli Kampff
Jennifer Larson
Athena Livieri
Tanya Marcella

Monica Mathison
Tina Miller
Kimberly Mueller
Nona Neilson
Carrie Ohnstad
Pamela Rassatt
Stephanie Rogers
Janessa Salvaggio
Katie Sauve
April Shoop

NEW CALENDAR OF TRAINING & EVENTS: Setting up Calendar Notifications

Did you know that the Anoka County Child Care Licensing website has a training and events calendar? Did you know that you can automatically receive notifications of upcoming trainings that are listed on the calendar? If this is of interest to you, here's how you go about setting up this free service.

1. Go to website www.anokacounty.us/childcarelicensing
2. Under heading For Applicants and Providers select Calendar of Trainings and Events
3. On the calendar toolbar, click on the envelope icon (Create or Edit Email Reminder)
4. Enter your email address and password to create a new account
5. You will get an email from calendar@mhsoftware.co. The email has a link you must click on to confirm your new account.
6. After confirming your account, you can add Notification Requests.

CHILD CARE CONSULTATION AND SUPPORT SERVICES

The Center for Inclusive Child Care's Inclusion Consultation and Support Services provide support to child care providers, enabling them to successfully include and retain children with special needs and those with challenging behaviors into their community child care programs. Services include consultation, resources and referral support, observation and staff development.

To refer a child or family to the Center for Inclusive Child Care contact Dea Anderson at 651-603-6279 or dea@inclusivechildcare.org.

ANCHOR FOR SAFETY: TV AND FURNITURE

Did you know a young child is killed once every two weeks and tens of thousands are injured every year due to TV's and furniture tipping over on them? Unfortunately, this is not a rare incident. The Consumer Product Safety (CPSC) states this is one of the top hidden hazards in the home. The CPSC is urging everyone to inspect and anchor their furniture and TV's now, in order to protect children from preventable tragedy.

Here are some safety tips to prevent tragedies in your home:

- ◆ Anchor furniture to the wall or the floor.
- ◆ Place TV's on sturdy, low bases or anchor the furniture and TV on top of it, and push the TV as far back on the furniture as possible.
- ◆ Keep the remote control, toys and other items that might attract children off TV stands or furniture.
- ◆ Keep TV and cables/cords out of reach of children.
- ◆ Make sure freestanding kitchen ranges and stoves are installed with anti-tip brackets.
- ◆ Supervise children in rooms where these safety tips have not been followed.

Many of these safety tips are low cost and will help prevent serious injury or death. The CPSC statistics indicate that the majority of the fatalities are injuries to the head. For more information you can watch a Public Safety Announcement (PSA) which includes a demonstration of a simulated tip-over incident at:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g6oHH9GTzsg&feature=youtu.be>
(this is a YouTube video).



HEADS UP!

Background study change

In an effort to comply with Minnesota Statutes and the Department of Human Services (DHS), new notification letters will be sent out to all providers whose background study will take longer than 15 days to complete. Additionally, if the background study is *going to take more time we will notify the provider and the subject with another notice that will require the subject to be under continuous supervision until the background study is completed.*

A HEALTHY CHILD CARE ENVIRONMENT

When you hear those buzz words you might wonder how it pertains to your child care setting or does it make you think that you might have to make some changes to your environment. Recently Anoka County had Cory Woosley speak on this topic to child care providers. At the training, she talked about the core ingredients for an emotionally healthy environment: nurturing and responsiveness, consistency and security.

Nurturing and Responsiveness means:

- ◆ Providing warmth and love in a nurturing atmosphere.
- ◆ Responding quickly when a child expresses fear or other distress.
- ◆ Building a trusting relationship with the child and his family.

Consistency means:

- Ensuring the setting looks the same when a child comes in each day as when they left the night before; if changes have to be made, talk about it and involve the children if possible.
- Striving to meet individual needs; children realize when care is consistent to all.
- Providing a range of materials for all age and developmental levels, so challenges as well as success and mastery can be an everyday occurrence.

Security means:

- Maintaining a calm and relaxing atmosphere in the program that resists loud noise or inappropriate activity.
- Building an atmosphere of respect and acceptance of differences, celebrating uniqueness.

Cory also talked about the temperament of children and how you really need to know the temperament of each child. She provided a temperament scale and talked about rating your own temperament. By understanding your temperament and the effect that it might have on the children in your care, you identify the areas that are challenging and will allow you to plan how to best meet each child's individual needs. This scale looks at activity level, distractibility, intensity, regularity/rhythmicity, sensory threshold, initial response and adaptability.

You can check out a similar scale at the Parent Coach Plan website:

<http://www.parentcoachplan.com/temperament.php>.

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Anoka County Community Action Program, Child Care Resource and Referral

Child Care Resource and Referral



Guiding Families, Building Connections

PARENT AWARE VOLUNTARY RATING TO CONTINUE & GROW

On Friday, December 16, 2011 it was announced that Minnesota was one of nine states to be awarded a “Race to the Top” federal grant! The “Race to the Top” grant will be used to support caregivers through training, coaching and grants. Research has shown that child care professionals who have access to education, resources, and support are better able to meet the needs of the children in their care. When children’s needs are met, they are ready to learn and grow and become strong citizens.

Because of this grant, Parent Aware, Minnesota’s Quality Rating and Improvement System will continue in the metro area and expand statewide in the coming years. This news means good things for parents, child care professionals and children.

Parents are asking for star ratings to help them identify child care providers/early educators who are committed to ongoing learning. In fact, a recent survey found that 96 percent of Minnesotans support Parent Aware star rating as a way to connect with programs committed to excellence. Child care providers/early educators agree, with 92 percent of participants reporting that Parent Aware improved their quality. These child care providers/early educators report that Parent Aware makes a difference by supporting programs through their early preparation for a rating and every step along the way to the award and promotion of their star rating.

The Child Care Resource and Referral system in Minnesota will be among the organizations poised to deliver services made possible by “Race to the Top” funds. The CCR&R system will also be a part of the coalition of organizations involved in the introduction of Parent Aware, a centerpiece of our state’s “Race to the Top” application and Consumer Report-style system designed to demonstrate the quality of child care and early education programs.

Overall Parent Aware rating system will:

- Align and raise standards for existing early learning programs
- Improve training and support for the early learning workforce
- Build a robust evaluation system that promotes effective practices that help parents make better informed decisions about child care and early learning.

Look for Parent Aware in Anoka County. Please call Casey Green at 763-783-4881 with questions.

Who Do I Call?



Child Care Support Services Director

Casey Green
763-783-4881

Training Coordinator

Jamie Cooper
651-641-6613

Class Registration

Heidi Kopishke,
Training Support Coordinator
651-641-3549

Child Care Assistance: General Information Line

763-717-7711

Child Care Assistance

Terri Hoffman, Supervisor
763-717-7718

Grant Administrator/ Loan to Grow

Casey Green
763-783-4881

Referral Update Line

651-641-0332
651-641-6605

www.resourcesforchildcare.org

E-mail: childcare@accap.org



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on the Web!**

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WHERE WE START

EARLY CHILDHOOD INDICATORS OF PROGRESS

Society's understanding of young children has changed radically in recent years. Thanks to researchers, we now know that children's early experiences have great influence on later development and learning. Parents, caregivers, educators, social service providers and policy-makers all share responsibility for providing children the best possible start in life. There is much that we can do during children's first five years to provide the kinds of experiences that will help them to gain the skills and knowledge necessary for lifelong success.

As part of a national effort, partners in Minnesota's early childhood community have developed "The Early Childhood Indicators of Progress," (ECIPs) which is a document that:

- * Informs us about what children should know (understand) and be able to do (competencies and skills) at specific ages and
- * Clearly tell us how to provide experiences that will help children acquire new knowledge and skills, and **be ready for school.**

By becoming familiar with the "Early Childhood Indicators of Progress," you will gain understanding about children's skills, knowledge and interests. You will be able to plan meaningful activities and lessons that will truly support the growth and learning of each child, at every level of development.

Please keep in mind that all children develop at their own pace, and do not expect them to meet all the Indicators in each Domain Component. Use the ECIPs as tools to understand the typical development of children. The ECIPs are not tests or screening instruments. Anyone with concerns about a child's development should contact their school district's Early Intervention Services to discuss screening and assessment.

ANOKA COUNTY CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE

- ◆ All W-9's will be sent out by the Department of Human Services (DHS) by January 31st, 2012.
- ◆ Please get your bills in as soon as possible.
- ◆ If you are changing your rates for 2012, please call Suzie at 763-717-7711 and ask for a rate change form.
- ◆ CCA will be **closed the following days:** December 23rd and 26th for the Christmas Holiday, January 2nd for the New Year's Holiday, and January 16th, 2012 for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.

MANUFACTURER'S GUIDELINES AND INSTRUCTIONS

What type of equipment or product have you purchased for your child care program? Did you read the instructions and do you follow those instructions for use in your home or child care?

When you purchase a product for use in your child care program, it is important that all manufacturers' guidelines be followed. If you do not follow these instructions and the item breaks or if a child is injured, you are not protected by the warranty and it may result in action against your license.

For example, safety gate instructions may include information such as:

- Never use a pressure mounted gate at the top of stairs. Enclosed hardware must be used when installed at top of stairs.
- Do not allow gate to swing over stairs.
- Always install as close to the floor as possible when used as a pressure mounted gate.
- Do not use gate if any parts are missing or broken.

If this type of gate was installed incorrectly at the top of the stairs and a child was injured, a correction order may be issued for inappropriate use of equipment. Another example of manufacturers' guidelines may be weight limits. Most mesh sided cribs include a weight and/or height limit (i.e. for use with children up to 30 pounds) and these limits must be followed.

Any product that states it should not be used when children are present must not be used in your child care when children are present.

Read instructions carefully and keep them in your records to refer to if there is any question about the use of equipment or products in your child care.

Season's Greetings



*We hope you had a safe
and happy holiday season
and we look forward to
working with you in*

2012!

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We're So Glad - So Sad!

Our Office Support Assistant, Karie Gerdin, to whom many of you have spoken and/or received e-mails, has been promoted. She is leaving Child Care Licensing on January 3, 2012 to start her new position as Principal Administrative Secretary to the Director of the Social Service & Mental Health Departments.

Karie has worked in the Child Care Licensing unit for over 12 years, and we will miss her very pleasant attitude, creativity and productivity.

We wish Karie all the best in her new career!



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