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helping people
help
themselves"

Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr. Governor
State of Indiana

Division of Family Resources
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Dear Child Care Center Providers:

Since January 2006, 37 cases of abuse or neglect have been substantiated in licensed child care settings. Dozens more are pending.

In accordance with IC12-17.2-4-5(a) and IC 12-17.2-4-32(a), the Bureau of Child Care (BCC) will begin conducting annual checks of child abuse and neglect substantiations for all applicants, employees and volunteers of child care centers who have direct contact, on a regular and continuous basis, with children. These checks will begin October 1, 2007, and will be implemented as centers apply for new licenses and for license renewals.

Center licensing application packets will have a new form added that requests a list of all employees and volunteers. BCC will perform the checks in Central Office at no cost to the center. BCC will report the results of these checks to the licensed child care center.

The Bureau of Child Care thanks you for your continued hard work and dedication to the children of Indiana. We look forward to continuing to work with you to ensure that Indiana's children are safe, healthy and ready to learn. If you have questions and concerns, please contact the Licensed Child Care Center Manager, Lisa Clifford at lisaclifford@fssa.in.gov or 317-234-3923, or Melanie Brizzi at melbrizzi@yahoo.com or 317-590-0585.

Sincerely,

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