

## **Safe Sleep Policy Update for Home Providers:**

During the last session of the Indiana General Assembly a law was passed that requires all licensed child care homes and all licensed exempt homes that receive CCDF voucher dollars to participate in a state approved "Safe Sleep" training. September 30, 2006 is the deadline for providers to complete this training. Affected providers received a letter of notification in February and second and third letters were sent out in July and September, as reminders to those providers who have yet to complete a training session.

Beginning on October 1, 2006, Bureau of Child Care inspectors will begin to cite providers who have not completed the mandatory training. During annual/renewal inspection visits, the inspector will request a certificate of attendance for the required safe sleep training. If a provider is unable to show a certificate, a citation will be recorded on the Plan of Improvement (POI). The child care provider has thirty (30) days to correct the citation by attending one of the training sessions. If a provider is unable to attend a training session during that thirty (30) day period due to significant hardship, a variance request may be submitted to the Bureau for approval. If the provider fails to attend the training within the 30 days or within the terms of an approved variance, a three month probationary license will be issued. If the provider still fails to attend the training within this three month probationary period, revocation of the license may occur.

Thank you for your diligence in completing this required training by the deadline and in your daily commitment to keeping Indiana's children safe, healthy and learning.

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