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TO: Family Day Care Licensees
Group Day Care Center Licensees
Day Camp Licensees

FROM: Patty Hammes, Director *Patty Hammes*
Bureau of Regulation and Licensing

RE: CHANGES AFFECTING LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTERS

The purpose of this memo is to provide you with information about changes in state law and administrative rules affecting licensed child care centers and also to share important safety and prevention information with you. Additional information is enclosed with this mailing.

Changes in Outdoor Play Space rules effective October 1, 1998

The rules relating to outdoor play space will change on October 1, 1998. Currently, all day care centers (both licensed family and group day care centers) must have on-premises out-door play space. Effective October 1, 1998, centers may be exempt from this requirement if they request and, have approved by the department, a plan for providing alternate off-premises play space which meets the requirements outlined in the rule.

This rule change should not greatly affect centers that are currently licensed unless their maximum capacity is limited only by the amount of current outdoor play space available to children. If you have questions regarding this rule change, please contact your licensing specialist. The Group and Family rule books will be updated to include this revision.

Lead Poisoning Prevention

In earlier mailings, the Bureau of Regulation and Licensing has provided you with information about lead poisoning prevention in conjunction with the Wisconsin Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program. Enclosed are informational flyers regarding lead poisoning prevention specifically for child care centers. Questions regarding lead hazards may be directed to 1 800 262-LEAD or to the Wisconsin Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program at (608) 266-5817. For inspection procedures, technical assistance, basic lead clean up procedures, abatement options and other information, contact your local city or county public health agency (a listing of these agencies was sent to you with a March 1998 memo).

The Child Care Information Center Has A New Address

The Child Care Information Center (CCIC) recently moved to a new location. Their new address is:
Child Care Information Center (800) 362-7353
WI Reference and Loan Library (608) 224-5388
2109 S. Stoughton Rd.
Madison, WI 53716

c: Interested Parties