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To: Group Child Care Center Licensees
Family Child Care Center Licensees
Day Camp Licensees

From: Jill D. Chase, Director 
Bureau of Regulation and Licensing

RE: Requirements for Training on Shaken Baby Syndrome

On April 1, 2007, a new state law will take effect that requires training on Shaken Baby Syndrome (SBS).

The new training requirement applies to all persons who provide care and supervision to children under age 5 in licensed group child care, family child care and day camp settings. This includes all providers, employees, substitutes, volunteers and emergency back-up providers.

The training must consist of the DHFS-approved curriculum and be provided by approved SBS trainers. The training is available from Child Care Resource and Referral agencies, Family Resource Centers, technical colleges and some private agencies. A list of agencies / persons that have been trained to offer the DHFS-approved SBS curriculum will be available on the Children's Trust Fund Website <http://wctf.state.wi.us/home/>.

Persons who have taken the DHFS-approved non-credit course "Introduction to the Child Care Profession" or "Fundamentals of Infant and Toddler Care" after July 1, 2005, have already received the required training in SBS and have met this new requirement.

A video of a DHFS-approved SBS training session with a post test may be made available for limited use in the future. Training via the video is intended for emergency back up providers in family child care centers and employees who are unable to attend a training session in person prior to beginning work. A link to the training video will be established on the Children's Trust Fund Website if the training video is completed and available.

Current Providers, Employees, Substitutes, Volunteers and Emergency Back-up Providers who provide care and supervision to children under age 5. Individuals working in a center prior to April 1, 2007, must complete the SBS training by April 1, 2008, or by the center's license continuation date, whichever comes sooner.

New Providers, Employees, Substitutes, Volunteers and Emergency Back-up Providers who will provide care and supervision to children under age 5. Individuals who will obtain a license or begin working at a licensed center after April 1, 2007, must complete the SBS training prior to beginning work.

Please see the attached document for more information about the new law. Questions about the training can be directed to the local Child Care Resource and Referral agency or your licensing specialist.

[Attachment: Prevent Violence Against Children Act Information](#)

cc: BRL Licensing Staff