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CHILDREN'S DIVISION

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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: CHILDREN'S DIVISION AND CONTRACTED STAFF

FROM: JULIE LESTER, INTERIM DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: REVISION OF SAFE SLEEP PRACTICES, CD-117

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this memorandum is to announce the revision of the Safe Sleep agreement form, CD-117. Revisions have been made to comply with the safe sleep practices recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Two new points have been added to the Safe Sleep form:

3. It's preferable for the baby to share a bedroom with caregivers but NOT the same sleeping surface, preferably until the baby turns 1 but at least for the first six months.

10. Offer a pacifier at nap time and bedtime

In addition, reference to bedding was also modified removing the reference to blankets:

4. Avoid use of soft bedding, including crib bumpers, blankets pillows and soft toys. The crib should be free of these objects.

Please destroy any current paper copies of the form and use the revised form dated 8/18.

The regulations for Licensing of Foster Family Homes regarding sleeping arrangements may be found at 13 CSR 35-60.040 (2).

NECESSARY ACTION

1. Review this memorandum with all Children's Division staff.
2. Review revised Child Welfare Forms as indicated below.
3. All questions should be cleared through normal supervisory channels and directed to:

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<p>CHILD WELFARE MANUAL REVISIONS N/A</p>	
<p>FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS Safe Sleep Practices Recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics, CD-117</p>	
<p>REFERENCE DOCUMENTS AND RESOURCES N/A</p>	
<p>RELATED STATUTE Licensing Foster Family Homes, 13 CSR 35-60.040 Physical Standards for Foster Homes (2) Sleeping Arrangements</p>	