

Child Care Corner

Newsletter Summer '07

Friendly Reminders Handbook Updates



☆ Parents, please remember that we need full signatures on Part A of the payment requests. Please do not print.

☆ Our fiscal year end is approaching. Please submit all payment requests for May 2007 and prior months to our office by 06/05/07.

☆ If a correction needs to be made on ANY of our forms: Cross out, then initial and date. **Do Not Use White Out.**

☞ Under no circumstances will the County pay both the previous provider and a new provider for a two week notice period. The parent will be responsible to pay provider if there is a signed contract.

☞ An updated W-9 tax form is required when a provider changes their name OR address. Licensed provider are also required to turn in a new license as well as an updated

W-9. These must be in our office before any reimbursements are made after the change.

☞ Clarification to the Licensed Provider Absence Policy on page 51 #7 & #8 of the Parent and Provider Handbook. Child Care is limited to pay a combined total of 10 days per fiscal year (July-June) to a licensed provider as an excused absence in the **best interest** of the child if a parent does not use child care services..

For Licensed Child Care Facilities

The California Preschool Energy Efficiency Program (CPEEP) funds facility upgrades to help child care centers save money on energy bills.

They will provide:

- Free on-site energy assessment
- Funding for equipment upgrades
- Lower utility bills

For more information, contact CPEEP at 415-489-6122 or view their website:

http://www.liifund.org/programs/childcare/childcare_energyinfo.htm

TURLOCK WILL NOW BE OPEN
EXTENDED HOURS UNTIL 6:30PM
ON WEDNESDAYS.



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"A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawn mower is broken." ~ James Dent



LEAPS & BOUNDS

Children and Biting:

Many child care providers have experienced a child who is a biter. When children bite, it can cause concern and frustration for parents, caretakers, and the children as well.

Although biting is common in toddlers and young children, it is unsafe, painful, and can create a negative environment.

There are many reasons why a child bites. The child may be trying to express a need but does not have the language to do so. It may be as a result of teething. A child might also be needing attention and uses negative attention such as biting to get a response. He/she may be imitating a behavior they have seen.

Depending on the cause of the biting, providers can employ a variety of techniques to teach alternative behaviors. These can include: providing more teething

toys, helping a child to express their needs in a more appropriate way, and reinforcing new behaviors with positive reinforcement.

FREE Child Care Consultation Help!

The Leaps and Bounds program of Stanislaus County Behavior Health and Recovery Services is available to help child care providers with information and consultation for children between the ages of 0 to 5. A consultant can come out to the site and provide support, trainings, and referrals to outside agencies. These services are available for **FREE** due to funding from Children's and Families Commission of Stanislaus County/Prop 10. For more information, contact Shammy Pius or Jennifer Baker at (209) 558-4595.

Child Care is now the "H" section. Please discard any forms you may have with the "X" or "X4". If you need replacements please call the child care info line (209) 558-2332 and leave your request(s). One of our staff will mail you the updated forms with the "H" on them.

FAQ's



Q: I need help filling out my Child Care forms. Who can help me?

A: You may come to Child Care reception anytime M-F 8-5 or Wed until 6:30pm for a case manager's assistance in completing and turning in any paperwork.



Do you know someone who has received TANF/cash aid in the last 24 months and needs child care services? Please refer that person to our Child Care Information Line at (209) 558-2332

Other important phone numbers are:

Resource & Referral

(209) 558-4050

Child abuse reporting hotline

(209) 558-3665 or 1-800-558-3665

Child Care Aware 1-800-424-2246

Haven Women's Center

(209) 577-5980 or 1-800-534-1990



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