

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

CHILDREN'S DIVISION

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M E M O R A N D U M

What's Inside:
Additions to Safe
Sleep Practices
Form. CD-117

TO: REGIONAL EXECUTIVE STAFF, CIRCUIT MANAGERS, AND
CHILDREN'S DIVISION STAFF

FROM: PAULA NEESE, DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: ADDITIONS TO SAFE SLEEP PRACTICES FORM, CD-117

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this memorandum is to respond to a Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) request for expansion of current policy regarding safe sleep practices.

Current policy requires the resource provider to review and agree to adhere to the practices of the SAFE SLEEP PRACTICES RECOMMENDED BY THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS, CD-117, during the initial home visit and at each license renewal.

Foster Family Home Licensing Rules regarding sleeping arrangements include:

- Foster children should never sleep in a bed with foster parents
- Each foster child under age two (2) shall have a separate bed

Policy is now revised to include that the worker will discuss the dangers of co-sleeping with an infant and direct the resource parent to information presented in the PowerPoint, SIDS and Safe Sleep, located on the State Technical Assistance Team web site, <http://www.dss.mo.gov/stat/statpres/prevention.htm>.

Immediately with publication of this memorandum, staff will utilize the updated CD-117 and add to their discussion of safe sleep practices the dangers of co-sleeping with an infant.

NECESSARY ACTION

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

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CHILD WELFARE MANUAL REVISIONS Section 6 Chapter 2 Subsection 2	
FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS Safe Sleep Practices Form, CD-117	
REFERENCE DOCUMENTS AND RESOURCES Memo CD08-107 Foster Family Home Licensing Rules	
RELATED STATUTE N/A	
ADMINISTRATIVE RULE 13 CSR- 35 60.040 (2) (E)(F)(G)	
COUNCIL ON ACCREDITATION (COA) STANDARDS N/A	
CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES REVIEW (CFSR) N/A	
PROTECTIVE FACTORS Parental Resilience, NA Social Connections, NA Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development, NA Concrete Support in Times of Need, NA Social and Emotional Competence of Children, NA	
FACES REQUIREMENTS N/A	