

WRIGHT COUNTY FAMILY CHILD CARE NEWSLETTER

Emergency Preparedness

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Childcare Spotlight

The sirens go off. You're stuck at work in the basement, away from windows. Is this actually happening? Where are my kids? Is their daycare taking care of them? Thoughts like these could be racing through your mind dur-

ing an emergency. Is your childcare center prepared? Disaster can strike at any time. Those working in childcare have the added responsibility of protecting a large number of people who are unable to do so themselves - the children. Simply having an emergency plan is not enough - plans need to be updated and practiced regularly. Doing so will help reduce fears and anxiety surrounding disas-

ters, and will also help staff respond quickly and effectively in these crucial times.



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...Emergency Preparedness

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Emergency Preparedness Kit for your child-care center. There are many sources that provide kit checklists online, such as the American Red Cross, Center for Disease Control and Prevention

(CDC), and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Some basics for Emergency Kits include food, water, batteries,

flashlights, personal care items, and a first aid kit. For a child-

care center, consider adding additional paperwork for each

child. This could include documents such as identification

forms, lists of children's emergency contacts, specific medications, etc. Creating an Emergency kit is a good starting point,

however, it is also important to create a plan for each potential

disaster. Consider how staff will communicate with each other, the children, and parents or guardians during an emergency.

More information can be found online at The American Academy of Pediatrics - Disaster Preparedness Standards. After creating or updating an Emergency Preparedness Plan and kit, the

final step is practicing it. This will increase staff confidence in following the new protocol and protecting themselves and the

children during stressful and unpredictable times.

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Frequently Used Phone Numbers

New providers are often overwhelmed with all of the information they have just learned through the licensing process, and all of the information they are required to keep track of as licensed providers.

This is one of the reasons we created the Provider Handbook, and put a variety of information on the county website. Hopefully providers are able to find what they need, or can call their licensor for assistance.

Below is a link to one of the resources in Chapter 17 of the Provider Handbook. It is a list of frequently used phone numbers. Everything from places where providers can get their fire extinguishers serviced, to who to call for a well water test kit, to where to refer a family who would like to apply for WIC.

www.co.wright.mn.us/DocumentCenter



"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." - Winston Churchill

Rule Reminder:

Bus stops and children off of your property



9502.0315 DEFINITIONS. Subp. 29a. Supervision

Supervision means a caregiver being within sight or hearing of an infant, toddler, or preschooler at all times so that the caregiver is capable of intervening to protect the health and safety of the child. For the school age child, it means a caregiver being available for assistance and care so that the child's health and safety is protected.

9502.0415 ACTIVITIES AND EQUIPMENT. Subp. 12. Written permission.

Written permission must be obtained from the parent to allow a school-age child in care to participate in activities away from the residence.

The school year has begun and children are well into the routine of going to and from school, home, child care, etc. This time of year brings more questions to licensors in regards to bus stops and supervision of school age children. Above are the two rule citations that we think of to ensure that school age children (age 5 until their 11th birthday) are receiving appropriate supervision.

Although we may want to be able to walk all of our Kindergarteners to and from the bus stop, this may not be reality as the weather turns colder and you are bringing a full child care along for the walk. If you have school age children that need to get on or off the bus off of your property, you need to have written permission from parents. Attached is a newly revised [travel and activity form](#) for this purpose. Please begin using this new form for all travel and activity purposes. As the child care provider, if you have written permission for school age children to be off of your property for whatever reason, you have to

also consider your supervision requirements of those school age children. The definition of supervision for school age children still requires that you are available for assistance and care so that the health and safety of the child is protected. This may mean different things in different situations. Please contact your licensor if you have a question regarding appropriate school age supervision.

If you are lucky enough to have a community that buses children for preschool, child care providers have another supervision need to consider. The supervision of children under school age requires that the provider be within sight or hearing and capable of intervening to protect the health and safety of the child. Pre-school age children cannot be off of the provider's property un-supervised. This would mean that a 3 or 4 year old that is being bused for preschool needs to be either picked up at the provider's driveway, or the child would need to be supervised to and from the bus stop.

September WCFCCA Training

In September, the Wright County Family Child Care Association invited licensors to present on legislative changes and upcoming changes to the re-licensing process. We want to highlight the main points of the training and also answer some questions that we agreed to research and respond to in an upcoming newsletter.

Changes that will be coming in the next year or so as a result of the re-authorization of the Federal Block Grant.

- Inspection reports and correction orders will be posted on the state licensing look-up page

- Fingerprint background studies

- Disaster planning

- New training for providers receiving child care assistance payments

As soon as we have details regarding the implementation of these changes we will send out more information.

In preparation of inspection reports and correction orders needing to be posted on-line, the Department of Human Services has developed an electronic checklist that will be used by licensors during all licensing visits. After the visit, the licensor will upload the completed checklist and a summary of the visit, including any correction order items that will be posted on the DHS licensing look-up page. Becky Domjahn and Kris Otto have been chosen to begin piloting the new electronic checklist sometime this fall. If you are scheduled to be re-licensed this fall, please be patient with us as we figure out this new tool!

Other follow up questions from the training:

Q: What are the most common correction orders licensors are issuing at licensing visits?

A: Training, training, and training! All of the new training requirements are now in place, and providers are still getting used to what training is annual and what that means. We also are always seeing water temperature and missing enrollment forms.

Q: If a correction order is appealed and reversed, will it be removed from licensing look-up?

A: We do not know the answer to this at this point. Currently, if a correction order is appealed and overturned, the correction order is shredded and is not a part of the licensing file. Once this information is posted on-line, we are not sure if it will be deleted, or if an update will be posted stating that the correction order was overturned.

Q: If someone already has fingerprints on file, can they be used for the new fingerprint background studies?

A: We are unsure. Foster care homes will be starting the new fingerprint background study process in the near future, and child care homes will most likely start in the fall of 2017. Hopefully with foster care working out all the bugs for us, it will be a smooth transition for child care. We do know that there will be a kiosk system to import the fingerprints. Our guess is that new fingerprints will need to be initiated at the kiosk with identification in order to verify the identity of the person submitting the fingerprints.

Q: Can providers get updated Provider Handbooks?

A: No, we are not able to supply updated handbooks, however, all changes to the [handbook](#) are posted on our website.

Q: Can the provider's own school age children stay home alone when the provider takes the rest of the child care to the park or on a walk?

A: No. All children under the age of 11 would need to be supervised when in the child care home.

Free Training on Develop!

If you have been exploring Develop lately, you may have noticed a variety of free training. Child Care Aware has grant money to offer a variety of training at no cost to child care providers through the summer of 2017. Below are a few of the options spotted in Wright County!

Jump Right In: Physical Activity and Fitness
Thursday, Nov 10th from 6:30-9:30 pm
Monticello Community Center

Creating Cultural Connections in Child Care
Tuesday, Nov 15th and Tuesday, Nov 22nd from 6:30-9:30 pm (6 hours of training)
Monticello Community Center

Early Childhood Screening-What It's All About
Monday, November 21st, 7:00-9:00 pm
Monticello Community Center

Focus on Core Concepts
Tuesday, Nov 29th and Thursday, Dec 1st from 7:00-9:00 pm (4 hours of training)
Delano High School

Inside the Child: Social and Emotional Development (This class qualifies for the child growth and development and behavior guidance requirement!)
Thursday, Dec 1st from 7:00-9:00 pm
Monticello Community Center

Basic Child Development
Monday, Dec 5th and Tuesday, Dec 6th from 6:30-9:30 pm, Monday, Dec 12th from 6:30-8:30 pm (8 hours of training)
Monticello Community Center

Introduction to Children with Special Needs
Wednesday, Dec 7th and Wednesday, Dec 14th from 7:00-9:00 pm (4 hours of training)
Monticello Community Center

Overview of Curriculum
Thursday, Dec 8th, Monday, Dec 12th, Thursday, Dec 15th and Monday, Dec 19th from 7:00-9:00 pm (8 hours of training)
Discovery School, Buffalo

Authentic Observation
Saturday, Dec 17th from 9:00-11:00 am
Discovery School, Buffalo

Go to www.developtoolmn.org to register for these and other great trainings!

Upcoming Trainings:

SUID/AHT (Sudden Unexpected Infant Death and Abusive Head Trauma)

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| Date: | November 7, 2016 |
| Time: | 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM |
| Location: | Wright County Health & Human Services 1004 Commercial Drive Buffalo, MN 55313 |
| Contact: | 763-682-7516 or terri.burkhart@co.wright.mn.us |
| Cost: | \$10.00 |

Please register by calling or emailing Terri Burkhart. If you are not familiar with the training location, please ask for directions and plan extra travel time. Training does not have to be taken in the county in which you are licensed. Registration is required in order to make sure that enough materials and space are available. Payment can be made over the phone. Class fees are non-refundable unless you reschedule. A minimum of 10 participants need to be registered in order to hold class. Class will be canceled one week prior to class if the minimum is not met. Note: These trainings are approved on the MNCPD Registry

Our Best Shot:

The Importance of Vaccines for Adults

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hodb65EkorM>

This short animated video from the Alliance of Aging Research describes how vaccines work and highlights the importance of vaccination. Adults should talk with healthcare professionals about which vaccines they need based on their age, job, lifestyle, travel, and health status





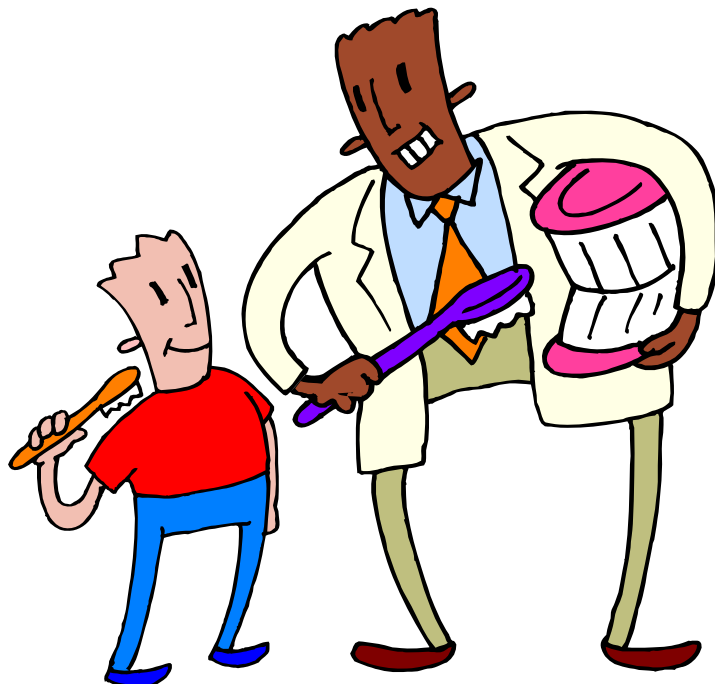
Children's Dental Services

Wright County Public Health is offering DENTAL CARE through Children's Dental Services (CDS)

Children ages 0-26 and pregnant women of any age!

Most routine dental treatments can be done including:

- *Cleanings*
- *Fluoride*
- *Sealants*
- *Oral health education*
- *Exams*
- *X-Rays*
- *Fillings*
- *Crowns*
- *Extractions*



CDS accepts all forms of insurance and has discounts for income eligible families. Please call our main office at **763-682-7456** to schedule an appointment or ask about our sliding scale program.