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Wright County Child Care Newsletter

Well water/drinking water Rule Review

9502.0445 WATER, FOOD, AND NUTRITION

*Subpart 1. **Water.** There must be a safe water supply in the residence.*

A. Water from privately owned wells, must be tested annually by a Minnesota Health Department certified laboratory for coliform bacteria and nitrate nitrogen's to verify safety. The provider shall file a record of the test results with the agency. Retesting and corrective measures may be required by the agency if results exceed state drinking water standards or where the supply may be subject to off-site contamination.

B. Drinking water must be available to the children and offered at frequent intervals in separate or single service drinking cups or bottles.

Please remember that well water is required to be tested ANNUALLY. If you have your well water tested through Wright County Planning and Zoning, you can note on the testing form that you would like the results sent to Human Services. If you are using a lab other than Planning and Zoning, file your test results and have them available for your next licensing visit.



Introducing Kris Otto!

Hi, my name is Kris Otto. I have worked in the child care field for 13 years as a teacher as well as an assistant director. I enjoy being part of providing children a safe, educational, and fun environment. I am really looking forward to meeting each of the providers and being a resource to making your program the most successful it can be. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions.

Kris

Kris replaced Kathy DeMars as our new licensing case aide. Kris will be re-licensing providers with last names that begin with A-N. She has the same phone number that Kathy had (763-682-7487). Her email address is Kristin.otto@co.wright.mn.us. Please help us in welcoming Kris to Wright County!

2015 Legislative Changes

“Access to Persons Served by a program” Definition Modified

This changes the definition of “access to persons served” so that a background study disqualification extends to a person who may access any personal, financial, or health information on individuals served by the program. (§245C.02, subd 2) Laws of Minnesota 2015, Chapter 78 Article 4, Section 33.

Burden of Proof for Issuing Temporary Immediate Suspensions

Clarifies the burden of proof for the commissioner issuing a temporary immediate suspension for programs operating under a revoked license. Clarifies that for programs operating under a revoked license the commissioner need only demonstrate by a preponderance of evidence that, since the time of the license revocation, the license holder violated rules or law that may adversely affect the health or safety of program clients. (§245A. 07, subd. 2 and subd. 2a) Laws of Minnesota 2015, Chapter 78, Article 4, Sections 11 and 12.

Settlement Agreement

Allows a license holder or DHS to initiate a discussion about a possible settlement agreement related to an adverse licensing action. If a settlement discussion is initiated by the license holder, the commissioner must respond within 14 days. Provides that if the parties enter into a settlement agreement, then the appeal is withdrawn and the agreement constitutes a full agreement between the parties. Requires the agreement to identify the actions the license holder has taken or will take to remedy the violation. (§245A.081) Laws of Minnesota 2015, Chapter 71, Article 7, Section 4

Child Care Record-Keeping Requirement

Allows the commissioner to deny or rescind an authorization or establish an overpayment for child care providers who do not keep attendance records from participation in the child care assistance program. Child care providers will be required to keep their attendance records on the site where the service is provided. (§119B.125, Subd. 6 & 7) Laws of Minnesota 2015, Chapter 78, Article 4, Sections 2 & 3.

Child Care Assistance Program Failure to Comply with Attendance Record Requirements

This provision enforces the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) requirements that a child care provider must maintain accurate attendance records. It allows DHS to periodically audit child care providers to determine compliance. It also requires DHS and the counties to recoup or recover overpayments that were paid to a current or former provider. (§119B.125, Subd. 7) Laws of Minnesota 2015, Chapter 71, Article 1, Section 1





Family Child Care Attendance Record Requirement

Clarifies that a family child care provider must maintain attendance records for each child for which the license holder is reimbursed for the care of that child by a government program. With this change, family child care providers will no longer need to keep these attendance records when they only receive food program reimbursement (§245A.14, subd 14) Laws of Minnesota 2015, Chapter 78, Article 10, Section 16.

(NOTE: DHS has confirmed that attendance records are required for Parent Aware rated providers that have a child in care that is receiving an Early Learning Scholarship)

Child Care Recruiting with Conditions

Prohibits a child care provider, center owner, director, manager, license holder, or other controlling individual or agent from recruiting employees on the condition that the employee has children that are either on the CCAP or eligible for the program. Those found to be engaging in this practice may be sanctioned with a disqualification or charged with a criminal offense. (§245E.01, Subd. 8 & 13a; §245E.02, Subd. 1, 3a, & 4; §609.816). Laws of Minnesota 2015, Chapter 78, Article 4, Sections 42-46, & 59.

Family Child Care Training Requirements Clarified

Allows a family child care provider who applies for a new license either due to relocation to a new county or after voluntarily closing their license during the previous 12 months to do so without needing to complete initial training requirements. These providers are required to satisfy annual, ongoing training requirements. (§245A.50, subd 1) Laws of Minnesota 2015, Chapter 78, Article 4, Section 32.





Upcoming Training



C.A.R.S. (Children and Restraint Systems)

Wednesday, November 18

To make sure there is available space in each class, you must pre-register by calling Terri Burkhart or emailing. Class fees are non-refundable unless you reschedule. A minimum of ten 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. No admittance after class has started. Note: These trainings are approved on the MNCPD Registry.

Time: 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Location: Wright County Health & Human Services Center

Address: 1004 Commercial Drive
Buffalo, MN 55313

Contact: 763-682-7516

Email: Terri.Burkhart@co.wright.mn.us

Cost: \$15.00 for Wright County residents and \$20.00 for providers outside of Wright County

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

Thursday, November 5

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

Time: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Location: Wright County Health & Human Services Center

Address: 1004 Commercial Drive
Buffalo, MN 55313

Contact: 763-682-7516

Email: Terri.Burkhart@co.wright.mn.us

Cost: The total cost for both classes is \$10.00.

For a fun fall learning activity, make apple name puzzles with your kids! Children can practice their cutting skills, name and letter recognition. Let children put their puzzle together a few times, and when you are ready to take them home, have children glue the puzzle onto a sheet of construction paper.

Apple Name Puzzles

for Kids

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Name Recognition!

