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Prevent Child Abuse and Neglect

Understand the problems. Child abuse and neglect affect children of all ages, races and incomes.

Understand the terms. Child abuse and neglect take more than one form. There are four main types of child maltreatment: physical abuse, physical and emotional neglect, sexual abuse and emotional abuse. Child care providers should recognize visible signs of child abuse including patterns marks, bruises in unusual locations or patterns, immersion burns, shaken baby syndrome and behaviors suggesting sexual abuse.

Understand the causes. Most parents don't hurt or neglect their children intentionally. Many were abused or neglected themselves. Very young or inexperienced parents might not know how to take care of their babies or what they can reasonably expect from children at different stages of development.

Report suspected abuse or neglect. Report to the Department of Social Services or police as required by state and local laws in any instance where there is reasonable cause to believe that child abuse, neglect or exploitation may have occurred.



Welcome New Child Care Providers

Jacksonville

- ☆ Chris' Child Care- Crescencia Burris

Sun Safety

Spring time is here and people are beginning to spend more time outdoors. It is important to protect the children in your care from the dangerous rays of the sun. The following are ways to promote healthy attitudes early in life and help children develop sun safety habits:

- ☆ Limit time in the direct sun during the middle of the day.
- ☆ Use sunscreen with written permission from the parents.
- ☆ Dress children to protect skin from the sun.
- ☆ Provide shade so you and the children can enjoy more time outdoors.

Hot Car Warning!

The inside of a car can heat up quickly to temperatures that could hurt or kill a child. The temperature inside a parked car on a typical sunny day can exceed 122°. Opening the window slightly does not keep the temperature at a safe level.



Hot car precautions include the following:

- ☆ Never leave children in an unattended vehicle.
- ☆ Check to make sure all children leave the vehicle when the destination is reached.
- ☆ Don't overlook sleeping infants.
- ☆ Make sure to check the temperature of the child safety seat surface and safety belt buckles before restraining a child in a child safety seat.
- ☆ Make sure that unoccupied vehicles are locked, so that children do not accidentally become trapped inside.

Challenging Behaviors: Where to Begin?

Louise B. Biller & Associates provide technical assistance and training to child care providers that address challenging physical, social/emotional, and/or behavior needs. To schedule technical assistance/training in your child care facility call (910)347-7994.