

Department of Human Services
Bureau of Children and Adult Licensing

Child Care Centers and Homes
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To: All Child Care Providers

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Subject: Online Training on Infant Safe Sleep for Child Care Providers

Due to the dramatic rise in infant deaths in child care due to unsafe sleep environments in 2013, the Bureau of Children and Adult Licensing has partnered with the Department of Community Health to develop an online training for child care providers on the topic of infant safe sleep. This training is free and upon completion of the training, participants will receive a training certificate for one clock hour of training.

The training is now available to you and your assistant caregivers. To access the training, go to www.michigan.gov/michildcare-training and click on the Online Training on Infant Safe Sleep for Child Care Providers link. This link will take you to the mihealth courses login screen. First time users will need to click the Create New User button and complete the Create New User pop-up. **Note:** Each individual taking the course will need to create his or her own login. Once you have created a login, enter your User ID and Password and click the Go button. Locate the "Infant Safe Sleep for Child Care Providers" course (Catalog ID: I0200) and click the Launch Course icon to the left of the course name.

Once you have accessed the training for the first time, your progress will be bookmarked by the system. This way, if you complete only part of the course, the next time you log in you will be asked if you want to return to the page you last viewed.

The child care home licensing rules require that registrants and licensees have infant safe sleep training prior to issuance of their registration/license. In addition, assistant caregivers are required to have infant safe sleep training prior to caring for children. The child care center rules require that caregivers have infant safe sleep training prior to caring for infants and toddlers.

It is recommended that all home providers and their assistants and all center caregivers take this course by December 31, 2014, as a refresher on infant safe sleep, and so you can count it towards this calendar year's annual training hours.

Note: If you are found in violation of any infant safe sleep rules, you and your assistant caregivers will be required to complete infant safe sleep training as part of the corrective action plan.

For more information on infant safe sleep, go to www.michigan.gov/safesleep. Please contact your licensing consultant if you have any questions.

cc: Child Care Licensing Consultants and Area Managers