

ITEM #24

**ADDITIONAL MATERIAL
10:00 A.M. REGULAR MEETING**

DECEMBER 12, 2017

**SUBMITTED AT THE REQUEST OF
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND
GROWTH MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT**



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Summary for Proposed Safe Sleep Ordinance Changes Scheduled for December 12, 2017 Agenda

Background

1. Between 2009 and 2017, there have been at least 83 child deaths related to unsafe sleep environments in Broward County (from the Florida Department of Children and Families [website](https://www.dcf.state.fl.us/childfatality/), <https://www.dcf.state.fl.us/childfatality/>).
2. Broward County Child Care Licensing and Enforcement (CCLE) conducted a survey of the Broward County child care industry in early 2017, in which the respondents revealed:
 - a. 35% of child care arrangements do not have a safe sleep policy.
 - b. 53% of child care arrangements have not trained staff on safe sleep practices.
 - c. 68% of child care arrangements have not visited the existing DCF Safe Sleep Campaign web site.
 - d. 49% of child care facilities have not provided information on safe sleep practices to their customers.
3. CCLE has consulted with the Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition of Broward County, Inc.'s Safe Sleep Committee and the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) to develop the proposed Safe Sleep ordinance changes. The proposed changes elevate the minimum standards for a safe sleep environment for infants in accordance with the American Academy of Pediatrics' (AAP) Safe Sleep Practices.

Key Proposed Ordinance Revisions

4. Training
 - a. Child care providers must complete an approved training course in safe sleep practices prior to taking care of infants. The approved course is the free, one-hour, on-line AAP Safe Sleep course. The local non-profit, Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies of Broward County, Inc., will also facilitate free training related to safe sleep practices at four Broward County libraries (North, South, East, and West) throughout the year.
 - b. The approved safe sleep training course must be completed once every two years.
5. Maintaining A Safe Sleep Environment.
 - a. Cribs and play yards must comply with current requirements of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission and industry standards.
 - b. Mattresses must be used in compliance with manufacturer's specifications and be capable of maintaining their shape when covered with tightly fitted sheets.
 - c. Infants must be placed for napping or sleeping in a safe sleep environment. No items are to be placed inside, attached to, or hung on the sides of the crib.
 - d. Cribs and play yards cannot be located near potential safety hazards.
 - e. Only one infant can sleep in any crib or play yard at the same time.
 - f. Infants who are napping or sleeping must be positioned on their backs without the use of any devices or equipment unless otherwise authorized in writing by a physician.
 - g. Swaddling of infants is prohibited unless authorized in writing by a physician.
6. Safe Sleep Policy
 - a. All child care facilities shall develop and comply with a written policy on providing an infant safe sleep environment, and that policy must be provided to parents.

Broward County Child Care Licensing and Enforcement (CCLE)

Implementation Plan for Revisions to Child Care Facility and Family Child Care Home Ordinances Relating to Safe Sleep

Training and Technical Assistance Timeline

Topic	Action	Time Line
Communication	<p>Notification to Providers of revisions to the Child Care Facility and Family Child Care Home Ordinances, and Training Opportunities</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Email Blast 2. Direct Mail Out 3. Post Information on CCLE Website to include the direct link for the required American Academy of Pediatrics Safe Sleep course offered on-line 4. On-line Registration for CCLE Provider Sector Meetings 	First 30 Days After Approval of the Proposed Ordinance Revisions
Community Events	<p>CCLE Hosts five CCLE Sector Meetings for Providers (North, South, East, West, and Central)</p> <p>Presentation includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of Safe Sleep Practices by Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition of Broward County, Inc. ("Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies") • Review of Revisions to the Ordinances • In-Service Certificates will be awarded to participants. 	Day 31 – 60
Training Sessions	<p>The current American Academy of Pediatrics Safe Sleep course is offered on-line. A direct link to the course will be posted on CCLE Website.</p> <p>In addition, Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies will host four Safe Sleep Training Sessions located at four different Broward County Libraries strategically located throughout Broward County (North, South, East, and West).</p> <p>After the initial training sessions, Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies will host one training session at a different Broward County Library location each quarter.</p>	Available Throughout the 90 Day Timeline (On-going)
Technical Assistance	<p>CCLE Child Care Licensing Specialists will conduct site visits to licensed/registered child care arrangements and provide technical assistance regarding the requirements of the revised Child Care Facility and Family Child Care Homes Ordinances.</p> <p>A technical assistance statement will be included in the Inspection Report at the time of the site visit. Inspection Reports are signed by the Provider.</p>	Throughout the 90 Day Timeline (On-going)