



BRIGHT FROM THE START
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Dear Child Care Provider:

Earlier this year, licensing rules regarding safe sleep practices were revised based on recommendations from the American Academy of Pediatrics on safe sleep environments in child care programs to reduce the risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) and Sudden Unexpected Death Syndrome (SUDDS).

In September, Bright from the Start hosted two webinars in which we discussed the new rules and shared resources regarding safe sleep equipment and practices. Also, as an additional resource, we've compiled questions we've received regarding safe sleep practices, equipment, and sleepwear into a Frequently Asked Questions document. Both the safe sleep webinars and the FAQ document are posted on the Bright from the Start website at <http://www.dec.state.ga.us/ChildCareServices/Notifications.aspx> for viewing at your convenience.

We hope this document is useful to you and helps you comply with the new rules thereby reducing the risk of SIDS and SUDDS for the infants in your care. We appreciate your work to provide safe and healthy care to the children in your program.

If you have questions, contact your licensing consultant or our office at 404-657-5562.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kristie Lewis".

Kristie Lewis
Assistant Commissioner for Child Care Services

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Keith D. Bostick".

Keith D. Bostick, L.C.S.W.
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