

## **Home Health and Safety Inspection Check List**

### **SUPERVISION**

- The provider must be present and properly supervising children when they are indoors and/or outdoors. Provider must be able to hear school age children
  - Provider must supervise sleeping infants – within sight and hearing
  - Provider must supervise children when there is water in a wading pool/or swimming pool that has not been emptied.
  - Provider must be next to the trampoline when children are on it.

### **CHILD SAFETY AND INJURY PREVENTION**

- The home, outdoor areas, toys and equipment are maintained in a safe manner to prevent injury.
- Firearms on the premises are:
  - Cannot be loaded
  - Are to be secured in a cabinet, safe or area that is locked with a key or combination lock.
- Infants sleep in equipment designed for sleep such as a crib, bassinet, porta crib or playpen.
- Infants are not to be placed on their stomach for sleeping.
  
- Children **do not** have access to the following:
  - a) Toxic / Cleaning chemicals
  - b) Prescription medications,
  - c) over-the counter vitamins or herbal supplements;
  - d) empty refrigerators or freezers;
  - e) exposed live electrical wires;
  - f) open containers of alcohol;
  - g) any illegal substances;
  - h) space heaters, fireplaces, wood burning stove (when in use) or any open flames;
  - i) Poisonous plants
- Animals the children have access to must not have a history of dangerous, attacking or aggressive behavior.
  
- When outdoor areas are being used by children these items must be inaccessible to the children in care:
  - a) Unanchored swing and large metal slides;
  - b) Raised decks or balconies and open stair wells 5 feet or higher without protective barriers with gaps greater than 5" by 5";
  - c) Motor vehicles on blocks;
  - d) Rebar or metal rods less than 36 inches long sticking up from the ground or out of walls.
- Stationary play equipment cannot be over hard surfaces such as cement or asphalt; Equipment must be used in a safe manner to prevent injury.
  
- The provider ensures that children do not have access to hot tubs, or other water hazards like ponds and streams with more than 2 inches of water. Children are protected from unintended access to the above.
  
- While transporting children in car:
  - they must be wearing appropriate safety restraints,
  - the children must never be in the car unattended,
  - the provider must not be intoxicated or impaired.

## CHILD CARE HEALTH

- The environment is a clean and sanitary for children.
  - There is a flushing toilet and working hand washing sink.
  - Children in care are not subject to physical, emotional or sexual abuse (and show no signs of this).
  - Provider must report suspected abuse, neglect or exploitation of child to Child Protective Services
- The provider understands they cannot discipline:
  - a) by using punishment that produces pain or discomfort such as hitting, spanking, shaking, biting, or pinching;
  - b) by binding, tying, or other forms of restraint;
  - c) by shouting or any other emotional abuse;
  - d) by forcing or withholding food, rest, toileting;
  - e) by confining them to a closet, locked room other enclosures of any kind

## PARENTS

- Provider ensures that parents have access to areas of the home used for care and are aware and have approved that the children may be taken off of the premises – go to park or to run errands. Parental permission is needed to allow children to go to a neighbor's house, ride bikes on street etc.

## NOTIFICATION AND REPORTABLE CHANGES

- Provider understands:
  - a) In the case of a life threatening incident or injury that may pose a threat of the loss of vision, hearing, or a limb, emergency personnel must be contacted immediately, even before contacting the parent.
  - b) When giving medication, any adverse reaction or any error in the administration of the medication must be reported to the parent immediately upon recognition of the error or reaction
- Within 24 hours of its occurrence the provider must notify her food sponsor
  - a) of any fatality, hospitalization, emergency medical response, or injury requiring immediate attention from a health care provider.
  - b) When a member living in the home is convicted of a felony or misdemeanor.
  - c) (within 10 days) If any of the following change; name , telephone number or daycare schedule

## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

- The provider has a current certification in First Aid and has an infant and child CPR certificate with hands-on-testing
- The provider has, and understands, an emergency and disaster plan that includes procedures for
  - a) Fire in the home,
  - b) Earthquake,
  - c) Evacuation and re-location. All plans must include notifying the parents

## DOCUMENTATION

- Immunization Attestation Statement: A signed record from the parents stating children have all current immunizations.