



MASSACHUSETTS

Department of Early Education and Care

SAFE SLEEP PARENT LETTER EEC First Citation of Non-Compliance Findings

Date

Dear

Each year, there are about 3,400 Sudden Unexplained Infant Death (SUID) or Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) deaths in the United States. To reduce the risk of infant death in a child care setting from SUID or SIDS, and in accordance with CMR 7.11(13)(e), the Department of Early Education and Care (EEC) has established a policy regarding Safe Sleep practices for all children under 12 months in age. There are four times fewer SUID or SIDS deaths now than in 1990 as a result of these practices. All programs are required to follow this policy by adhering to Safe Sleep practices while providing care to infants.

Recently, a representative from EEC visited our child care program. During this visit, issues were identified concerning infant Safe Sleep procedures that involved your child. Specifically, EEC found:

As a result of the recent EEC visit, I have been made aware of the Safe Sleep issues identified in our program and will submit a plan of correction to EEC. This plan will include:

I assure you that we will follow this plan and, in doing so, comply fully with EEC's Safe Sleep Policies and Regulations in the future. I am aware that programs that continue to violate infant Safe Sleep regulations may be asked to cease caring for infants.

Please help me by supporting Safe Sleep practices at home. Talk to everyone who takes care of your child about the importance of Safe Sleep practices. Together, we can keep sleep time safe.

If you have any questions about the content of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Acknowledgement of parent receipt: Please sign, date, and return to the program.

Parent Signature

Date