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CHILDREN'S DIVISION

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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: ALL CHILDREN'S DIVISION STAFF
FROM: JOANIE ROGERS, INTERIM DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: SAFE SLEEP TRAINING PART 1 (CD000626) REQUIREMENT

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform all Children's Division (CD) staff and contracted practitioners of the requirement to attend the Safe Sleep Part 1 training (CD000626). Despite ongoing efforts to inform families and caretakers of the importance of safe sleep for infants, the number of infants who die due to sleep related issues remains a statewide and national issue.

Some of the common concerns identified as unsafe sleeping environments consist of:

- Co-sleeping with a caretaker and/or sibling
- Sleeping on soft surfaces
- Utilizing soft items, blankets and bumper pads in sleep spaces
- Placing an infant on their stomach to sleep
- Cribs that have a drop down side
- Allowing an infant to sleep in a car seat, baby seat, or swing

As such, the Missouri Safe Sleep Coalition has developed the Safe Sleep Part 1 training for all CD staff, as well as other direct service providers and the general public. The Coalition will continue to produce Part 2 of the Safe Sleep training, which will serve as an advanced safe sleep education specifically for direct service providers. Instructions on completion of that training will be forthcoming.

The Safe Sleep Part 1 (CD000626) training can be found on the Employee Learning Center (ELC) in the training plans of all frontline staff and supervisors.

This training will need to be opened with Google Chrome or Edge, not Internet Explorer, to ensure successful viewing.

NECESSARY ACTION	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review this memorandum with all Children’s Division staff. 2. All questions should be cleared through normal supervisory channels and directed to: 	
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CHILD WELFARE MANUAL REVISIONS	
N/A	
FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS	
N/A	
REFERENCE DOCUMENTS AND RESOURCES	
N/A	
RELATED STATUTE	
N/A	