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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: CHILDREN'S DIVISION AND CONTRACTED STAFF

FROM: DARRELL MISSEY, DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: Safe Sleep and Home Visiting Discussion on all CA/N, FCS, and AC Cases, Advanced Safe Sleep Training, and Safe Sleep Programs

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform staff of an update to policy regarding Safe Sleep and Home Visiting discussions on **all** Child Abuse/Neglect (CA/N) reports, Newborn Crisis Assessments (NCA), Family Centered Service (FCS) cases, and Alternative Care (AC) cases. In addition, Advanced Safe Sleep training is now available on the Employee Learning Center (ELC)

Staff should provide education, resources, and discuss safe sleep practices identified in the CD-278 Safe Sleep Flyer with all families and individuals caring for children **any** time staff identifies there are children (one) 1 year old or younger in the home or if the family is expecting a new baby in the home. This includes all CA/N reports, NCAs, FCS cases, and AC cases. Staff should observe the safe sleep environment during each home visit. Staff should document what was observed and the conversation in the case record. For more information on Safe Sleep, see [Section 2 Chapter 4 Subsection 4.4.5](#).

Staff should also offer Home Visiting Services to families if there are children in the home under the age of three (3) years old, or if the mother is expecting on all CA/N reports, NCAs, FCS cases, and AC cases. Foster and kinship placements are able to receive Home Visiting Services if there are children under the age of three (3) in their home. Staff should document the conversation in the case record. If the family agrees to Home Visiting Services staff should use the MO 500-3352 (CD-261) to refer the family for services.

Healthy Families America and Nurturing Parenting are the two models utilized by Home Visiting providers. The links below list the provider for each circuit and the contact person for each provider.

<https://dese.mo.gov/childhood/home-visiting/healthy-families-america/contact>
<https://dese.mo.gov/childhood/home-visiting/nurturing-parenting/contact>

Advanced Safe Sleep Training (CD000774)

The Advanced Safe Sleep Training is now on ELC. All CD employees and FCCM contractors who carry cases, including front-line staff, case aides, supervisors and specialists, are required to complete the web based training. New staff will complete the training as part of CWPT. Current employees will need to complete the training within six (6) months from the date of this memo.

For those that do not have access to ELC, the training can be found at <https://dss.mo.gov/cd/advanced-safe-sleep-training/story.html>

Both safe sleep trainings are public facing so QR codes for safe sleep part one and advanced safe sleep have been added to the CS-24b for parents and providers to access.

Safe Sleep Programing

There are 10 counties (Harrison, Grundy, Sullivan, Schuyler, Scotland, Knox, Shelby, Marion, Chariton, and Madison) that do not have safe sleep programing to help families provide a safe sleep environment. Children's Division has collaborated with Children's Trust Fund and Cribs for Kids to help provide portable cribs to families in these counties when needed. At this time safe sleep starter kits are available for staff in these counties to provide families in need of a safe sleep environment for their child(ren). Families that are involved with CD through a CA/N, NCA, FCS, or families that contact CD to help provide a safe sleep environment are eligible. Placement providers are not eligible for this program.

The kits can be ordered on an as needed basis. Staff should submit the request form to misty.m.allen@dss.mo.gov and the kit will be ordered and shipped directly to the family.

All other counties have safe sleep programing. The link below will direct staff to an interactive map on the Safe Sleep Missouri website that provides contact information for safe sleep programs by county throughout the state. Staff will need to call or email the contact associated with their county to request the needed items to help provide a safe sleep environment.

<https://mogov.maps.arcgis.com/apps/instant/basic/index.html?appid=06926aa1ed2641d2b1b8648b0e8c795e>

NECESSARY ACTION 1. Review this memorandum with all Children’s Division staff. 2. Review revised Child Welfare Manual chapters as indicated below. 3. All questions should be cleared through normal supervisory channels and directed to:	
PDS CONTACT Misty Allen Misty.M.Allen@dss.mo.gov	MANAGER CONTACT Kara Wilcox Kara.B.Wilcox@dss.mo.gov
CHILD WELFARE MANUAL REVISIONS Section 2 Chapter 5 Section 2.10 Section 4 Chapter 2 Subsection 2 Section 4 Chapter 6 Subsection 4 Section 3 Chapter 3 Subsection 1	
FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS CD-278 Safe Sleep Flyer CD-261 Referral for Home Visiting Services Referral for Safe Sleep Starter Kit CS-24b Description of Newborn Crisis Assessment	
REFERENCE DOCUMENTS AND RESOURCES N/A	
RELATED STATUTE N/A	