

## INFANT AND TODDLER CARE PROCEDURE

### **1302.47 Safety practices.**

b) A program must develop and implement a system of management, including ongoing training, oversight, correction and continuous improvement in accordance with §1302.102, that includes policies and practices to ensure all facilities, equipment and materials, background checks, safety training, safety and hygiene practices and administrative safety procedures are adequate to ensure child safety. This system must ensure:

(i) Meet licensing requirements in accordance with §§1302.21(d)(1) and 1302.23(d);

(5) *Safety practices*. All staff and consultants follow appropriate practices to keep children safe during all activities, including, at a minimum:

(ii) Safe sleep practices, including ensuring that all sleeping arrangements for children under 18 months of age use firm mattresses or cots, as appropriate, and for children under 12 months, soft bedding materials or toys must not be used;

(6) *Hygiene practices*. All staff systematically and routinely implement hygiene practices that at a minimum ensure:

(i) Appropriate toileting, hand washing, and diapering procedures are followed;

1. Centers licensed for four or more infants must contract for the services of an Infant Nurse Consultant
  - who visits monthly when four or more infants are enrolled, and
  - who leaves a dated and signed report of visit: topics discussed, areas of concern, next steps, etc.
2. Cribs and bedding must meet child care licensing regulations (WAC 170-295-4100) (WAC 170-295-4110).
3. To reduce the risk of SIDS, all infants are placed on their back to sleep unless we have written documentation from both parent/guardian and health care provider that a different position is necessary.
4. Respectful and sanitary diapering is practiced according to child care licensing regulations (WAC 170-295-4120).
5. Toileting is initiated only after parent/guardian—caregiver consultation and follows a culturally sensitive routine established by parent/guardian and caregiver which uses positive reinforcement and never uses food as a reinforcement.