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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

DATE: July 14, 2015

TO: Licensed Family Day Home Providers

FROM: Charlene Vincent, Associate Director Senior, Children's Programs
Division of Licensing Programs

SUBJECT: New Code Requirement for Unlicensed and Unregistered Family Day Home Providers to Provide Written Notice to Parents

The 2015 session of the General Assembly passed legislation adding § 63.2-1704.1 to the Code of Virginia. This Code section ***does not*** apply to you as a licensed family day home provider; however, it may be beneficial to know this information. The Code requires every unlicensed and unregistered family day home to provide a written notice to parents of every child receiving care, at the time care begins. The written notice should:

1. State the family day home is not regulated by the Division of Licensing Programs at Virginia Department of Social Services; and
2. Refer parents to the following Department website address for additional information regarding licensed, registered, unlicensed, and unregistered family day homes:
<http://www.dss.virginia.gov/family/children2.cgi>.

As you already know, being licensed has its advantages!

Share your competitive advantage to educate prospective and current parents that you are licensed and held accountable to health and safety standards enforced by the Commonwealth of Virginia. Also share with unlicensed and unregistered family day home providers within your community that now is a great time to become a licensed child care provider and they too can enjoy the benefits that you are already experiencing. Licensing will:

1. Help establish you as a professional in your field;
2. Signal to parents that you are committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for children;
3. Allow you full access to free and relevant, up-to-date training and workshops;
4. Provide you with eligibility to participate in the USDA Food Program, which provides financial reimbursements for meals and snacks;
5. Allow you to sign up with Child Care Aware of Virginia, a resource and referral agency that will refer parents statewide to your business; and
6. Allow you to claim additional federal tax deductions for house-related expenses.

Now that you are licensed, take advantage of the many opportunities that will increase your professional development and promote your business!

To name a few:

The Virginia Child Care Provider Scholarship Program (VCCPSP), a tuition assistance program, allows child care providers to attend undergraduate courses at Virginia's accredited community colleges and universities. Current maximum allowable benefits are either eight classes or a lifetime award of \$3,570.00.

The Virginia Small Business Financing Authority's Child Care Financing Program (CCFP) is designed to assist Virginia child care providers in obtaining financing for fixed asset needs and educational materials. The loan can be used for playground equipment, tricycles, resilient surfacing for playground areas, lockable cabinets for poisonous substances, cribs, cots, blankets, books, curriculum, and minor building maintenance or repairs. A sample loan: Borrow \$1,000.00 for 7 years at an interest rate of 2.44% and your monthly payment will be as low as \$12.96.

The Medication Administration Training (MAT) program allows child care providers who work in licensed or regulated child day programs to safely administer prescription medications to children in care. A variety of new courses are now offered online to meet the ever changing needs of the child care community. The **Emergency Medication Administration Training (EMAT)** course is geared towards providers who do not ordinarily administer medications, but who supervise children who have allergies or asthma. The EMAT course certifies providers to administer liquid Benadryl, inhaler medication, and epinephrine using an auto-injector device (EpiPen®).

The Training Information for Provider Success (TIPS) calendar is for private, non-profit, and governmental organizations to list early childhood professional development opportunities in Virginia and Washington D.C. The calendar may include classes for home-based and center-based child care providers, Head Start staff, home visiting professionals, early intervention staff, local school division teachers and staff and others who work directly with children.

If you would like to know more information about additional opportunities or resources available for child day care providers, please visit the VDSS website found on this page:

http://www.dss.virginia.gov/family/cc/professionals_resources.cgi. If you have any questions concerning this new Code, please feel free to contact your licensing inspector.