
Aspiranet
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Monthly Training

Reminders, Recalls & New Laws

Reminder: Mandated Reporter Requirements

All foster parents are mandated to report child abuse. This includes reporting child abuse and neglect *disclosed to you, or witnessed or suspected by you*. As a mandated reporter it is required that you directly report to CPS or law enforcement. You may not pass the responsibility of reporting to another person. While Aspiranet does require foster parents to notify Aspiranet of all incidents including child abuse, as a mandated reporter it is still necessary for the foster parent to report directly to authorities, and as needed, your Social Worker can provide assistance and support. In the event that more than one mandated reporter learns of or suspects child abuse at the same time, it is permitted for the individuals to determine among them who will make the report to authorities. Please also remember: reporting to authorities is to occur as soon as possible by phone and a written Suspected Child Abuse Report (form BCIA 8572) must be completed and submitted to authorities within 36 hours of the phone report. Your Aspiranet Social Worker can assist foster parents with completing the Suspected Child Abuse Report, if needed.

Reminders: Timely Reporting of Incidents

State regulations and Aspiranet policy requires foster parents to report incidents as soon as possible *on the day they occur*. This is necessary in order for Aspiranet to provide support, direction and intervention, as needed, as well as notify the county immediately in some situations. In addition, state regulations and agency policy require that Aspiranet report incidents to Community Care Licensing and the County Social Worker *no later than the next business day*.

During regular business hours foster parents may report directly to their Aspiranet Social Worker, the Supervisor or Program Director. After business hours foster parents should report to the On Call Social Worker by calling the Aspiranet office number and following the voice mail prompts to reach the On Call Social Worker. It is not necessary for foster parents to contact the County Social Worker in the event of an incident, as Aspiranet will contact the County Social Worker to inform and discuss any incidents.

When in doubt if an event should be reported, please do not hesitate to report!

Important - Recalls of Inclined Sleep Bassinets/Rockers

Some Inclined Sleep Bassinets/Rockers have been recalled due to infant fatalities after infants rolled from their back to their stomach or side while unrestrained, or under other circumstances.

The following products have been recalled:

- Eddie Bauer Slumber and Soothe Rock Bassinet/Rocker (Recall #: 19-177)
- Disney Baby Doze and Dream Bassinet/Rocker (Recall #: 19-177)
- Fisher-Price all Models of Rock 'n Play Sleeper (Recall #: 19-105)
- Inclined sleeper accessory included with all models of Fisher-Price Ultra-Lite Day & Night Play Yards - this is an inclined sleeper that is able to be attached to the top of the Play Yard (Recall # 19-151). The Play Yard itself is not being recalled.

What Foster Parents should do:

1. Immediately stop using these products and contact the Dorel or Fisher-Price for a refund or voucher.
2. If using an inclined sleeper not listed above, please check if it is recalled by going to the Consumer Product Safety Commission at www.cpsc.gov. and use search function.
3. If the inclined sleeper in your home is **not** recalled and still being used, ***always*** use the safety belt on the inclined sleeper to secure the infant.

Manufacturer Recall Contact Information:

Dorel: Call Dorel toll-free at 877-657-9546 or text Dorel at 812-373-6673 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, email at inclinesleeperrecall@djgusa.com, or online www.safety1st.com at and click on "Safety Notices" for more information.

Fisher-Price: www.service.mattel.com and click on "Recalls & Safety Alerts" or toll-free at 866-812-6518 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET Monday through Friday for more information.

New Laws Specific to Children/Youth:

- Juvenile court (SB-439): The law requires law enforcement to release children *under the age of 12* to their parents instead of a juvenile detention center. The law, which takes effect Jan. 1, 2020, only applies to children who have committed nonviolent crimes.
- Rights for transgender children/youth in foster care (AB-2119): Children and youth in foster care identifying as transgender must be provided with Medi-Cal covered medical and mental health care, including any care related to their transition (counseling, hormone therapy and surgery). The law takes effect Jan. 1, 2020.

My signature below indicates that I have completed the January 2020 training “Reminders, Recalls and New Laws”

Signature Foster Parent #1

Date

Print Name Foster Parent #1

Signature Foster Parent #2

Date

Print Name Foster Parent #2

Aspiranet Authorized Signature

Date

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