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CHILD SAFETY EVENT AT CROSSGATES MALL
Fun-Filled Event for Entire Family

ALBANY --- New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) Commissioner Gladys Carrión, Esq. today announced the Sixth Annual New York Loves Safe Babies event to be held at Albany’s Crossgates Mall from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, November 15. The event, located on the lower level across from Regal Cinemas, is an opportunity for family fun while gathering important healthy family information.

“Keeping children safe and healthy is an important priority for New York State Office of Children and Family Services. The New York Loves Safe Babies event is one way we partner with families and communities to accomplish this goal,” said Commissioner Carrión. “The event is just one of the many ways Governor David A. Paterson supports prevention initiatives to strengthen families across New York State.”

Radio Disney AM 1260 will broadcast live. “Little Amadeus” from PBS’s new children’s television show will be a special guest at the event. In addition to entertainment, there will be face painting, prizes, family crafts and activities, and child safety and health information.

Families will get tips on a wide range of topics including toy safety, injury prevention, child care, dental health and services available to families in the community. Materials available at the event include updated tip sheets on safe sleeping and Shaken Baby Syndrome. To demonstrate how shaking affects an infant’s brain, there will be a life-sized doll with a translucent head that lights areas of the brain while shaken.

Participating organizations include the following:
Brain Injury Association of New York State
Capital District Child Care Coordinating Council
Community Cradle
County Departments of Health
Catholic Charities of Fulton & Montgomery Counties, Amsterdam
Healthy Families New York home visiting programs
New York State Center for Sudden Infant Death
New York State Office of Children and Family Services’ Children and Family Trust Fund
New York State Consumer Protection Board
New York State Department of Health, Bureau of Injury Prevention
New York State Department of Health, Bureau of Dental Health
New York State Office of Children and Family Services
Prevent Child Abuse NY
WMHT Public Television