



Office of Children and Family Services

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Commissioner

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Dear Provider:

As temperatures soar and we experience record heat across the state, it is critically important to be mindful of the impact the weather can have on our children. Please take this opportunity to remind parents and staff to provide summer clothing daily and to avoid prolonged exposure to the outdoors. It is important to be especially mindful about hydration, offering water and opportunities for rest often.

Also, when transporting children, remind parents and staff to check the vehicle prior to exiting to ensure no child is left unattended. As you know, children often fall asleep during transportation. In addition to face-to-name attendance, a thorough sweep to the back of the vehicle is required. In a matter of minutes, excessive heat can be life threatening to children.

Lastly, if a child you were expecting does not arrive to program in the morning, make an immediate call to the parent or transportation department to check on the child's whereabouts. If the child was accidentally left in a vehicle, your outreach may be the alarm that leads to the child's safe recovery.

Thank you for your continued commitment to the wellness of children.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janice Molnar".

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