



Chemicals in my Furniture? A Guide to PBDE'S

Submitted by: Kate McArdle,
Environmental Education Coordinator

What are PBDE's? PBDE's are a type of chemical fire retardant common in consumer products, particularly in highly flammable synthetic materials.

Where are PBDE's found?

They are most common in foam products manufactured prior to 2005 like upholstered furniture, mattresses, pillows, and electronics.

What problems are associated with PBDE's?

PBDE's show up in the bodies of almost every American. Studies have shown that increased exposure at critical points of development can damage reproductive systems and cause deficits in motor skills, learning, memory and hearing, as well as changes in behavior. In addition, they persist in the environment.

HOW TO AVOID PBDE's

In Electronics: The form of Deca is banned in 3 States, but is still used in many electronics.

- **Identify Deca-containing items** around your home or facility, such as computers, cell phones, remote controls, printers, televisions, heaters, kitchen appliances and hairdryers.
- **Prevent young children from touching and especially mouthing** these fire-retardant items as much as possible (like your cell phone or remote).
- **Shop PBDE Free.** Many companies have committed to avoid PBDE's. Ask before buying new items.

In Foam:

- **Inspect Foam Items.** Replace items with a ripped cover or that is misshapen or breaking down. If you cannot afford to replace, try to keep covers intact.
- **Use vacuum fitted with a HEPA filter.** These vacuums are very efficient at trapping small particles and contaminants.
- **Do not reupholster foam furniture yourself.** The process increases your risk of exposure.
- **Remove old carpet with care.** Keep the work area isolated and clean with a Hepa vacuum. The padding may contain PBDE's.
- **When purchasing new products, ask the manufacturers what type of flame retardants they use.** Opt for less flammable materials, like wool, leather or cotton.

Contact Kate McArdle at: k.mcardle@childcarecouncil.com or (585) 654-4752 to find out more about the Eco-Healthy Child Care program run by our partners at the Children's Environmental Health Network.

Source: The Environmental Working Group at: www.ewg.org/pbdefree



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- **A Reggio Emilia Inspired Conference**
• March 8 & 9, 2013: The Strong, Rochester NY
- **NYSAEYC Annual Conference**
April 4-6, 2013: Turning Stone Resort
- **Family Child Care Association of NYS**
April 19 & 20, 2013: Callicoon, NY
- **NAFCC Conference**
July 18 & 20 2013: Scottsdale, Arizona
- **NAEYC Annual Conference & Expo,**
November 20-23, 2013: Washington, D.C.

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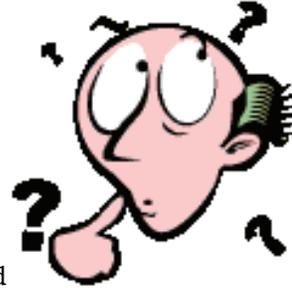


Family Talk

By Renee Scholz, Referral Coordinator

As a parent, grandparent or guardian, do you ever wonder how to answer these questions when children ask:

- “Where do babies come from?”
- “What is this?”,(as your child points to their private parts)
- “What is happening to my body and why is it doing this?”
- “Why am I feeling this way?”



Child Care Council invites you to attend a workshop series called **Family Talk**.

This series is recommended for parents, grandparents or guardians of children infants to age 14 and who want to give their children information and guidance that is appropriate to their age and stage of development. **Family Talk** provides:

- Practical suggestions and guidelines to communicate accurate information about sex and sexuality, healthy relationships, substance use and HIV.
- Encouragement to examine parents' own values and positive ways to convey values to children.
- Information about how children develop and how they mature sexually through puberty.
- Information about substance use.
- Support for setting limits and engaging children in healthy activities.

When: Tuesdays starting January 8, 2013 from 6:30 pm-8:30pm

Where: Child Care Council-Drake Lok Lifelong Learning Center

Cost: Free

For more information and/or to register for this series, please contact Renee Scholz, Referral Services Coordinator at 585-654-1286 or via email at r.scholz@childcarecouncil.com

Tragedy of Rochester Infant Deaths

by Mr. Ed

In 2011, 54 babies in Monroe County never celebrated their first birthday, as reported in October's In Good Health publication, page 27. Even though we are keenly aware of this continuing tragedy of infant deaths in our communities, it is still happening. 20% of the infant deaths occur within the first month of life, and the most frequent cause is extreme prematurity and associated low birth rate. “20% of all infant deaths occurring in that first month of life are caused by unsafe sleeping environments. 50% of deaths after the first month of life are caused – again, by sudden infant death syndrome, also known as “SIDS”.

As a profession, we have the solution - BACK TO SLEEP. The term, “unsafe sleep environments” indicates that parents do not understand the reality that they should not put toys, pillows, and soft bedding in the crib, nor have their baby sleep on its stomach. Also, it is best practice NOT to have a baby sleep with sleeping adults.

What we can do is educate the parents of those children we care for. That is a start. Education can impact these families. With our creativity and insights, we can become a life giving energy. We Do That!

This writer cannot comprehend that infant death can be reduced through such a simple adjustment to a baby's crib environment, affecting not only the parents and family, but others who love the child...grandparents, others related to the family, and friends, the tragedy affects so many of us.

Politically, as addressed in the October 9th business section of the Democrat and Chronicle, Irondequoit legislator Stephanie Aldersley is introducing a bill that will enable our county executive to spearhead public service ads that will advocate for infant sleep safety. We can become a part of that advocacy.



See an infant? – go talk to the adults about SIDS prevention!



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Understanding Reggio Part 2

Written by Kathy Burton

Children Learn by Exploring

Children learn more about topics they have chosen by exploring the world. Sometimes this involves bringing the world into the classroom. Classes invite guests such as firefighters or farmers to talk with them. They create worm bins and animal habitats. Outdoors, children observe plants, animals, trees, the weather and hundreds of other things that capture their interests. Field trips to an art center, a farm, an airport, the zoo and other places of interest to the children are planned to help the children to pursue their ideas. Teachers observe, participate in and document children's experiences in order to make thoughtful decisions about how to develop curriculum.

Children Learn Academics

Developmentally appropriate academics are integrated into every aspect of the child's day. Throughout the day children are writing, drawing, cutting, painting, building, counting, sorting, estimating, measuring, hypothesizing..... the list goes on and on. Letter and number recognition are done within the framework of the lessons being learned at the level that each child is individually ready to partake in. Having the academics introduced into the children's repertoire as they need them, and are ready to learn them, allows the children to be in control of their learning and continually looking forward to more.

Children Express their Learning through the Arts

Children express their thoughts and feelings about what they have learned through a variety of means such as art, music, language, dance and play. For example, a classroom studying birds made binoculars for "bird watching" in their classroom, built bird feeders, sang songs about birds, danced with cloth wings, and drew their ideas about how chicks grow inside their eggs. Another classroom observed the mail carrier hard at work, and then created an entire investigation around the many facets of the mail service.

Children's Learning is Documented

Teachers share the children's learning and insights with parents and the community through detailed documentation. As the school year progresses, the walls are covered not only with the children's work, but their teachers documentation of the children's thoughts, ideas and growth through their projects. Teachers provide parents with emailed or written documentation of daily life in the classroom.

For more information on The RAEYC Spring Conference contact

Kathy Burton: kburton@frontiernet.net or www.RAEYC.org.

Asthma Friendly Child Care

By Emily Leone RN, C-PNP Health Services Coordinator

As of the end of September 2012, 17 parents in our area identified that they had a child with asthma for whom they were seeking child care. Most of those parents were referred to Asthma Friendly Child Care Endorsed (AFCCE) programs. Programs with AFCCE have demonstrated knowledge and commitment to ensuring that their child care environment is as safe and healthy as possible for a child with asthma.

Obtaining the AFCCE is not a difficult process. It starts with taking the American Lung Association's Asthma 101 for child care provider training which is taught by the Council's Registered Nurses. Upcoming class dates in 2013 are:

- Rochester: January 24 6:30 to 9pm
- Lakeville: February 21 6:30 to 9pm
- Rochester: March 19 6:30 to 9pm
- Rochester: April 17 6:30 to 9pm
- Rochester: May 7 6:30 to 9pm
- Newark: June 12 6:30 to 9pm



The rest of the AFCCE involves completing a 22 item self-assessment of which 17 must be answered in the affirmative to obtain the endorsement. The self-assessment is submitted with \$25 payment to provide for continuation of the program.

Once the self-assessment is received, one of the Council's Registered Nurses will contact you to set up an appointment to verify the accuracy of the self-assessment. That's it. You will receive your endorsement certificate and window cling at that visit.

Once the nurse comes back to the office, she will notify the Referral Department that your program is now endorsed by Child Care Council and the American Lung Association as an Asthma Friendly Child Care program.

For questions contact Joanne Buell RN, MSN at 585-654-4731 or j.buell@childcarecouncil.com or any Council Registered Nurse.

CCC Membership Benefits and Application

Individual Membership—\$35.00/yr

- Benefits**
- Loan privileges at the Early Childhood Professional Libraries
 - My First Library loan privileges for your own children between the ages of 6 wks thru 5 yrs
 - Free Notary Public Services
- All Benefits Above Plus**
- Council Pin, Lanyard, Tote Bag or Cooler Beach Bag

Non-Child Care Organization Membership—\$75/yr

- \$5.00 discount on individual staff memberships in the Child Care Council

Registered Family Child Care Provider, Child Care Center Staff Member, or Legally Exempt Child Care Provider Membership—\$50/yr

- All Benefits Above Plus**
- Discount on Business Center Services
 - 10% membership discount every Tuesday on Recycle Shop purchases
 - Access to group rate Health and Dental Insurance
- All Benefits Above Plus**
- Substantial member savings on Council offered classes and events

Single Site Group Family Child Care Provider—\$75/yr

- Substantial member discount on in-service training at your location

Child Care Center, Nursery School, School-Age, Multi-Site Group Family Child Care Membership

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| All Benefits Above Plus | ➤ \$100.00/yr (1-10 staff members) | ➤ \$200.00/yr (21-30 staff members) |
| | ➤ \$150.00/yr (11-20 staff members) | ➤ \$250.00/yr (31+ staff members) |
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- Substantial Discount on Individualized Training Program and In-Service Sessions
 - All staff members eligible for substantial member savings on Council classes and events

CCC Annual Membership Application

- Individual Membership (\$35)
- Center Staff Member Membership (\$50)
- Family Provider Membership (\$50)
- Single Site Group Family Child Care Membership (\$75)
- Non-Child Care Organization Membership (\$75)
- CACFP Family Provider (\$25)
- CACFP Group Provider (\$37.50)
- Center
 - Nursery School
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 - Group Family
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 - 11-20 Staff members (\$150)
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Schuyler Center for Analysis and Advocacy Policy Forum

By Tamika Johnson, Director of Legally Exempt Services

SCAA held a public Policy forum on Thursday, November 29, 2012 titled Looking Forward: Improving the Well-Being of Children and Families. The forum provided an opportunity for leaders in research on the poor, as well as media, to weigh in on the issue of public policy and poverty.

The morning forum addressed “The Role of Government and Public Policy in Addressing Poverty”. It was moderated by David R. Jones, President and CEO of Community Service Society. There was a resounding theme throughout the day of refocusing our efforts on education. Without a purposeful and deliberate effort on improving education, beginning in the early years, we are doomed to repeat the same mistakes of our past. Another theme that was focused upon was the “New Deal”. Government needs to refocus its efforts on the poor. Making a new commitment to society, anything short of real solutions, will be considered a band-aid one speaker said.

The keynote speaker, Professor Peter B. Edelman, author of the book So Rich, So Poor: Why it's so Hard to End Poverty in America provided a powerful commentary on the vast disparities in income in America.

Some striking statistics that were mentioned in the forum were:

- 47% of children in single parent (mother) families are in poverty.
- Deep poverty has doubled since the 1970's.
- 2% of the population has only food stamps as their only income.
- Only 27% of poor kids receive TANF. It was 68% prior to welfare reform.

The policy forum provided an excellent opportunity to begin the conversation with community leaders as well as agencies that work directly with impoverished families on possible solutions to an ever growing problem.

Lead Awareness

By Kristinne Seibel, Legally Exempt Coordinator

The Child Care Council recently welcomed Leann Howell, founder of American Lead Poisoning Help Association, Inc. (ALPHA), who came to Rochester to share her experience with lead poisoning. Ms. Howell's son was lead poisoned when he was very young. He is now in middle school and still suffers from the damage lead poisoning did to his young brain. Her experience has inspired her to establish ALPHA as the first national organization dedicated to assisting families and professionals who care for children who are, or may be, lead poisoned.



Children may become lead poisoned from peeling paint, dust or dirt that is contaminated, toys (including charms and jewelry) and dishes that are imported from other countries and some folk medicines.

Some ways adults can protect the children in their care:

- Make sure all painted surfaces are in good repair.
- Keep all toys clean and in good repair.
- Frequent hand washing
- Take special care when engaging in home renovations or hobbies that may increase the lead levels in the environment.
- Make sure children are screened for lead risks at age 1 and 2 years.

Your local Department of Health has more information if you would like to know more about lead poisoning. You may also visit the ALPHA website at www.ALPHALead.org for information and support.



Supersize Nutrition in Your Busy Life

By Jodi Bedworth, CACFP Specialist

Today's world is busy! That doesn't mean that eating healthy has to be something we don't have time for. The key to making sure our children eat well is eating more meals at home, and in doing so, serve more whole foods and less processed foods. It's difficult when we are always on the go. Sometimes it seems like the drive through is the easiest option, but if you plan ahead, you can be sure your family is eating well, even on the go. In planning, involve the kids. Ask them to help prepare, and even help shop. If they take ownership for their snacks and meals, they will be more apt to complain less about not going through the fast food drive through, and they will appreciate the independence you let them demonstrate. Gather some plastic baggies, some portable small containers, flatware, and even a couple of ice packs and you are well on your way to making sure that your family will maintain healthy eating habits while keeping up with the pace of everyone's busy schedules.

Plan ahead when you are going between appointments, school, practices, and lessons to curb hefty appetites.

- Pack snacks like yogurt. Allow kids to pick something fun to add to the yogurt such as granola, fruit, nuts or seeds.
- A half of a sandwich on whole grain bread makes a nice snack.
- Vegetables such as celery or carrots, or fruit like apples or bananas with peanut butter (preferably natural) make great pairings.
- String cheese and hummus, along with vegetables to dip is fun for kids that like to dip their foods.
- Don't forget to think about last night's leftovers too. Grab some of the roast chicken or steamed vegetables for a quick healthy snack.

No matter how busy you are, you are bound to do well by your family if you do a little planning ahead. You will save money, time, and calories. Remember that the habits you teach your child now, will stick with them throughout their lives. If you need a little more motivation to keep them eating healthy on the run these facts might help. Below are common meals grabbed at drive through windows.

- McDonald's Happy Meal (4 pc McNugget with apple slices, kids fries, white milk) 405 calories and 19.5 grams of fat
- Wendy's hamburger kids meal (hamburger, fries, apple slices, white milk) 466 calories, 23 grams of fat.
- Burger King nugget meal (4 pc, apple slices, and white milk. BK Kids meals don't include fries) 310 calories, 11 grams fat.



New items are in BOLD Classes are 6:30pm—9:00pm unless otherwise noted

Categories are listed in parenthesis () following the date.

JANUARY

Rochester Office:

- 1/7 thru 2/20-(*)Starting Your Own Child Care Business 101
- 1/12-(2)-Be a Role Model-CACFP 9-11:30am
- 1/12-(2,4)-CPR & First Aid Sat. 9am-2pm
- 1/14 & 16-(2,4,7)-MAT 9:30am-2:30pm
- 1/14-(6,8,9) Mandated Reporter
- 1/15-CACFP-For NEW providers
- 1/17-(2,4,7)- MAT Independent Study, 6pm-9pm
- 1/19 & 1/26 MAT Sat. 9am-2pm
- 1/23-(7) Know Your Regulations, Family Child Care
- 1/24-(2,4,5)-Asthma 101
- 1/29-(1,3,5) The Quest for Quality Child Care

Lakeville Office:

- 1/7 & 9-(2,4)-CPR & First Aid

Newark Office:

- 1/7-(Varies) Prof. Dev. Group-6:30-8:30pm
- 1/10 thru 2/19-(*)Starting Your Own Child Care Business 101

FEBRUARY

Rochester Office:

- 2/2 & 9-(2,4,7) MAT 9am-2pm
- 2/4 thru 2/27 Health & Safety in Spanish
- 2/5 thru 3/19-(*)Starting Your Own Child Care Business 101
- 2/6-(2,4,7) MAT Independent Study 6pm-9pm
- 2/6-CACFP-For NEW providers
- 2/9-(2) Keeping It Safe in the Kitchen 9am-11:30am
- 2/12-Intro to Family Child Care 9:30am-Noon
- 2/21-(3,4) Hellos and Goodbyes
- 2/26-(4) Safety Issues Residing in Your Workplace
- 2/28-(1,2,4) Understanding Autism 101

Lakeville Office:

- 2/4 thru 3/18-(*)Starting Your Own Child Care Business 101
- 2/12-(2,4,7) MAT Independent Study 6pm-9pm
- 2/21-(2,4,5) Asthma 101

Newark Office:

- 2/4-(Varies) Prof. Dev. Group-6:30-8:30pm

* The Starting Your Own Child Care Business 101 Series covers all Family Child Care categories and includes:

- Health & Safety
- Introduction to CACFP
- Developing Your Program
- CPR & First Aid
- Business Class
- Tax Class

See the Jan-Jun 2013 Course Calendar for more details and a full list of courses. **Child Care Council courses, links to SUNY videoconference information and EIP application are all available at www.childcarecouncil.com**

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The Educational Incentive Program can help cover the cost of classes.

Available scholarship funds do run out quickly so plan your classes now!

If you have application questions please contact

Linda Stilson 585-654-4794 or Yolanda Bennett-585-654-4798

They will be happy to assist you.

January & February 2013

Monroe County-Rochester

Regular hours are Mon-Fri 9am-5pm.
Other hours available by appointment.

Livingston County-Lakeville & Wayne County-Newark

Regular hours are Mon-Fri 9am-5pm closed from 1pm to 2pm.
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January

- 12/31 & 1/1/2013 Closed for the Holiday
- 15th-Council of Child Care Administrators Meeting at Main Office 10am-12pm
- 21st-Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. day
- 30th-Child Care Council staff meeting closed 12-2pm

February

- 18th-Closed for Presidents Day
- 19th-Council of Child Care Administrators Meeting at Main Office 10am-12pm
- 27th-Child Care Council staff meeting closed 12-2pm

A Kaleidoscope of Possibilities: A Reggio Emilia Inspired Conference for educators working with children birth—age 8”

March 8 & 9, 2013 at The Strong

To download registration forms and agenda, visit
www.childcarecouncil.com

For more information about RAEYC (Rochester Association for the Education of Young Children) Visit their Website: www.raeyc.org.



Open Communication is Key

By Mark Bradley, Inspection Services Director



This month we will take a look at FDC regulation 417.15(a)(12), and GFDC regulation 416.15(a)(12). This regulation is cited often. With better communication, these violations can be avoided.

The regulation requires that providers notify their registrar or their licensor of certain changes that occur.

When it doubt check it out!

Here are some examples of circumstances that must be reported:

- a new household member or members
- the installation of a pool or playground equipment
- a change in the hours you provide care
- a home remodeling project that may affect one of your home's means of egress
- a change in telephone number
- if you are hospitalized for a substantial amount of time
- a serious incident that occurred at your program

It is important to remember that your registrar or licensor is here to help you stay in compliance with the regulations. If there is a situation that you are not sure needs to be reported, err on the side of caution and give us a call! If you didn't need to report the information, then there isn't a problem. If the information did need to be reported, your licensor or registrar can help you to stay in, or come back into, compliance.



"The Book Nook"

Professional Library Book Review

How to Teach Nutrition to Kids

By Connie Liakos Evers

Reviewed by:

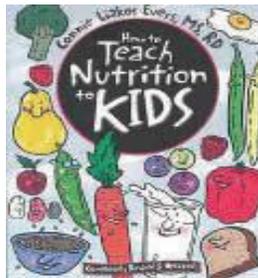
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How To Teach Nutrition to Kids

By Connie Liakos Evers

Nutrition is often a topic that is not easy to discuss with children. Evers provides activities and information that will be fun and interesting for children to learn about nutrition. Recipes that are easy and nutritionally sound are included. Connie Liakos Evers teaches adults about offering children choices and how not to be controlling about what children eat, and allowing children to self regulate. She goes on to encourage physical fitness because being fit is not just about nutrition alone.

Along with this book, one can read Nutrition Education with Broc and Roll. This book adds humor to the lessons you can teach children. This includes the new My Plate guidelines and 42 activity sheets that can be copied for use in the classroom. Evers further discusses children making their own food decisions, and goes on to discuss advertising and label reading.



Visit or call The Recycle Shop at any Child Care Council Office

Recycle Shop Hours:

Mon-Fri 9am-5pm

2nd Saturdays of the month in

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Livingston (800) 754-6317

Wayne (800) 201-6402



The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission is charged with protecting the public from unreasonable risks of injury or death from thousands of types of consumer products under the agency's jurisdiction. The CPSC is committed to protecting consumers and families from products that pose a fire, electrical, chemical, or mechanical hazard or can injure children.

Following is one of the important recalls to be found on the CPSC website at www.cpsc.gov. On the site you can sign up to receive alerts through many avenues including email, youtube, and twitter.

Product Recall

Children's Riding Toy Recalled by Step2 Due to Fall Hazard

Name of Product: Children's Riding Toy

Units: About 15,500

Manufacturer: The Step2 Company LLC, of Streetsboro, Ohio.

Hazard: Children who lean too far forward on the seat can go over the handle bar and hit the ground. This poses a fall hazard.

Incidents/Injuries: The firm has received four reports of incidents, with one incident resulting in head bumps and one resulting in a minor concussion and cuts to the gum and lip from the child's front teeth.

Description: The recalled product is an X-Rider Car. It is a red, plastic toy scooter with a yellow handlebar and seat, and two blue stickers that simulate headlights. It is 14 inches high, 14 inches wide and 19 inches long. The middle of the handle bar contains the Step2 logo. Step2's contact information is located on the rider's left side of the car. Children use their feet to propel the toy.

Sold at: Target and other retailers from January 2012 through August 2012 for about \$25.

Manufactured in: United States

Remedy: Consumers should immediately take the recalled toy away from children and contact Step2 to receive a free replacement toy.

Consumer Contact: Step2; toll-free at (866) 860-1887, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or online at www.step2.com, and click on the "View Details" link under Recall Information for more information.

