

Healthy Families Bulletin

Summer2009



Thank you Samantha for submitting your success story for the Family Recognition Awards. We appreciate your support for our program and commitment to positive parenting!

Next year, we would love to have more families submit letters of success.



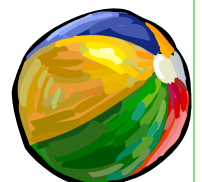
What you should know:

Why do we talk about service levels in the home visits?

We believe that the best way for us to get to know you and you to know us is to meet with you weekly. Also, the people who fund this program tell us that weekly visits must happen for at least the first 6 months of visiting and especially during the child's first six months of life.

Why do we complete ASOs with the parent(s) and child at specific times?

Our developmental screening tool is called the Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ). We are expected to complete this with each family that is not involved with Early Intervention. This play activity tool is done at 4months, 8 months, 12months, 18 months, 24 months, 30 months and 36 months. We are expected to complete these in accordance with the child's birthday so that it is most accurate. These can be fun to do and will give you important information about their child's development.



Summer Safety Tips

- Never leave a child alone in a car, not even for a minute. Children can dehydrate, suffocate and be abducted in a very short amount of time.
- Window guards protect children from falling out of windows, through screens. They can be purchased at Home Depot and Lowe's and are worth the cost.
- Children and adults get the most protection from 50 SPF sun block in the summer, even on a cloudy day. It should be reapplied every two hours.
- Pool drains, torn pool liners and no lifeguard equal swimming dangers.
- Life jackets in water and bicycle helmets on streets save lives.
- Close supervision outside can keep a young child from running in the street.
- Be sure that children are far away from backing up cars, small children can not be seen in rearview mirrors.

Resources: Do you have questions about services in your community, call **211** for resources in Massachusetts. Parental Stress Line 1-800-632-8188.

Birthdays



June

Jessica 7th
Aiden 7th
Felicia 10th
Laura 13th
Jarielly 15th
Emily 15th
Joan 21st
Karla 22nd
Aylen 25th
Amaryllis 26th
Caliee 27th

July

Joshua 2nd
Aiden 4th
Rachael 5th
Madison 6th
Meghan 9th
Jordyn 13th
Isabelle 17th
Kathleen 19th
James 20th
Sadida 20th

August

Elizabeth 3rd
Nalani 12th
Samantha 29th

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