Dear Providers,

As you are aware, there are several temporary childcare rules in effect and we have started the process to make them permanent. Here is an update on the process:

**Summary of proposed rule changes applicable to Certified Centers, Certified Family and Registered Family homes:**

**Safe Sleep-**

* Removes the rule allowing sleeping infants who arrive at the facility in car seats to remain in the car seat until they awaken. This conflicts with existing rule that sleeping infants must be immediately moved to an appropriate sleep surface. Rule will be revised to align with the existing rule.
* Correct rules to use the same terms to describe appropriate safe sleep surfaces (crib, portable crib, bassinet or playpen).
* Indicates that the Office of Child Care (OCC) may notify parents of any valid safe sleep non-compliance, and makes clear that all serious valid complaint and serious non-compliance letters must be posted where they may be clearly viewed by parents.

**Lead-**

* Updates and clarifies the requirements for water testing and the submission of test results to the OCC.

**Applicable to Certified Centers:**

**Training Requirements-**

* Corrects inconsistencies in staff training requirements for Aide I’s.

**Public Comment Period**

* The public comment period is now open and closes on March 21, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.
* Comments can be emailed to Anne.Morrison@ode.state.or.us, or mailed to Anne Morrison, Oregon Early Learning Division, 700 Summer Street NE # 350, Salem, OR 97301.
* Summaries of the proposed rules are attached, and the full rule language is available here:
	+ Registered Family- <https://secure.sos.state.or.us/oard/viewRedlinePDF.action?filingRsn=40447>
	+ Certified Family- <https://secure.sos.state.or.us/oard/viewRedlinePDF.action?filingRsn=40448>
	+ Certified Center- <https://secure.sos.state.or.us/oard/viewRedlinePDF.action?filingRsn=40449>

**Public Hearing**

* If you are interested in giving feedback on these changes in person, please attend the Public Hearing
* March 6, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.
* Address: Department of Veteran's Affairs Auditorium, 700 Summer Street NE, Salem, OR 97301
* All persons wishing to give testimony must sign in no later than 6:15 p.m.