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To Whom it May Concern:

As a Daycare Provider I'm very disappointed that I had to learn about this opportunity to share my feelings about Lexi's Law through the grape vine instead of from the Health Department. Although there are some things in this law that are good, like the education piece, there are a lot of things in this law that are not.

One of the things that I have an issue with is that our substitute have to have the same training as we do. It has made it impossible to find backup, and very difficult for parents when I have to cancel daycare for a 45 minute Dr. appointment or to go to a school meeting for my own child. It would be nice if we had a check list of things we have to review with a substitute instead of asking them to do training.

I'm also frustrated with all of the new rules for sleeping babies. My baby with acid reflex screams in pain and doesn't understand that the new law requires that he sleep flat on his back. I am soon to get a second baby with acid reflex. I have never had to deal with this before and am now looking at the sleep policy differently. At first I agreed with it, but it does not take babies individual needs into account.

As for requiring Insurance, Is the state going to provide policies?? In the past the only ones I could find either didn't cover you if you had over 5 kids or they didn't cover you if you were accused of neglect or abuse. With all the new regulations, any misstep could fall under neglect. What would be the point then?? I would love to feel like I have a policy to protect my family, but I have not found one.

My kids and I will always be sad that we can no longer play on a swing set in my yard , but I still feel that the dangers of mulch and pebbles are greater then the chance that they would fall on the grass.

My last big complaint is that the county that I live in regularly list consultations on our inspections. This makes us look like we were doing something wrong and had to correct it. When I complained to the Jo. Co. Health Dept. I was told that they wanted to have it documented that they have gone over this stuff with us. This is not what it looks like to parents who look up our license. It shouldn't need to be documented. We are professionals and we know that we have to be responsible for all of the regulations that are listed in the handbook!!

Lexi's law has not changed my daycare for the most part, I have always been a rule follower. However it has made me look at daycare differently. I now feel that I am in a job that puts myself and family at too great of a liability.

Thank you for the opportunity to share,

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