

## Iraida Orr

---

**From:** Katie Mosher <katieica@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 19, 2012 8:04 AM  
**To:** Brenda Landwehr  
**Cc:** Iraida Orr  
**Subject:** KS Childcare

Hi,

I was informed that I could submit thoughts to you before your meeting about Lexie's Law.

I do appreciate the thought behind Lexie's Law and understand why it was enacted. I follow my supervision plan and Safe Sleep plan. I truly appreciate the moving the toddler age to when a child turns 5 instead of as of June or whatever the date was. It's less confusing and easier to deal with ratios. Overall, I think Lexie's Law is a great plan to keep KS kids safe.

However, I do have a couple issues with provisions made due to the law. The online system for providers is not effective. I don't understand why it lists a consultation as I feel it makes it seem (to prospective parents) as if I did something wrong. I had no areas of noncompliance when I had my annual survey in September, yet it lists consultations about the training requirements even though I was completely aware of the training requirements. My biggest issue with the online portal are the complaints. Since I am one week away from having my second child, I had been checking out other providers to watch my daycare children temporarily. I came across several providers with complaint histories, yet the information DID NOT tell me anything about the complaint. All it said was "needs corrections." This is frustrating because I didn't have accurate information about what the complaint was about the provider. Was it that she was over ratio? Was it that a child died in her care? The information is incomplete for complaints when it comes to the online portal.

Also, I do not understand how licensed providers can have several findings and the same findings at the next survey, and yet the provider keeps being given another license. According to the portal, a provider in my county had findings (such as cigarettes accessible to children) at the initial survey. She then had the same findings at the next survey a month later. How many findings and what does it take to say no to a license when the provider doesn't seem to be accountable? I'm sure you've heard many complaints about the Karin Patterson woman. If it's true that her records are 200+ pages long and she has records showing she was asleep when KDHE came to her house, how does she still have a license? I think a better system needs to be developed, which would allow you to revoke or deny a license if a provider is not showing good faith in trying to provide the best care for KS kids.

As to liability insurance, I do not feel it's KDHE's job to require us to have it. The cost of requiring insurance will make it harder for me to run my daycare. I'd have to re-evaluate my rates and likely charge more to offset the cost. The costs already associated with the new trainings and Lexie's Law have already been high.

These are my opinions as to Lexie's Law and how it has effected my daycare and me. Thank you for your time.

Katie Mosher  
[katieica@aol.com](mailto:katieica@aol.com)