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IALCCC eConnection January 2006

Greetings! This eConnection from the Indiana Association of Licensed Child Care Centers includes the following:

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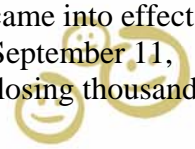
### Legislative Update

Because of concerns about the future of licensed child care centers in Indiana, IALCCC's officers have been meeting with representatives from FSSA as well as State Senator Connie Lawson. Our officers have been encouraged by the support that we have received. As a result of these meetings, Senator Lawson has proposed legislation that addresses a number of our concerns. SB0151 will be considered during this 2006 legislative session. IALCCC now needs your support for this important legislation. The description of SB0151 reads:

#### (SB0151)

"Specifies that a licensed child care provider is considered to be in compliance with requirements for federal Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) voucher payments. Specifies child/caregiver ratios, and amends drug testing requirements for CCDF providers. Prohibits inclusion of identifying information about children on the division of family resources internet web site. Makes child care ministry inspections semiannual and as necessary. Allows licensed child care centers to enter into agreements with a school corporation to purchase a school bus. Requires the division of family resources to amend the child care center rules as specified in several aspects concerning the operation of a child care center."

The wide discrepancies among the rules and regulations for licensed child care centers, homes, ministries, and public schools create an unreasonable and costly burden for our centers. The child care center regulations that came into effect September 11, 2003 have increased our burden in a number of ways. Many centers have been forced to close, leaving families to find alternate care in lesser-regulated and often, poorer quality facilities. Our businesses have been effected financially. SB0151 allows for grandfathering of some of the requirements that came into effect with the new regulations. For example, it allows centers that were built prior to September 11, 2003 to utilize space based on the previous regulations. Some of our centers are losing thousands





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of dollars because of the new limits on group sizes. These centers are no longer able to utilize all of their available space and child care openings have been lost! In addition, SB0151 offers some relief from the regulations that require specific types of programming and equipment and that dictate educational philosophies. SB0151 does not compromise the health or safety of the children in our care! The entire bill may be read on our website [www. IALCCC.org](http://www.IALCCC.org). Please contact your state senator and representative. Ask for their support of this bill. Ask other center directors, your employees and parents to support the legislation. Watch your mailbox for a letter from IALCCC President-elect Heidi Dowell. A sample letter that you might use when contacting your legislators will be included with her letter.

**This is our opportunity to make a difference!**

### **NCCA 2006 Leadership Conference**

Mark your calendars for the National Child Care Association Leadership Conference 2006. The meeting will be held March 8-11, 2006 in Las Vegas, Nevada. NCCA's annual conference offers numerous professional development and networking opportunities for center owners, directors, and managers. Go to [www.nccanet.org](http://www.nccanet.org) today for registration information! (Remember - IALCCC members are automatically members of NCCA.)

### **IALCCC Annual Meeting Plans**

IALCCC's annual meeting will be held on Thursday, April 20th. Plan to join colleagues from across Indiana for a day of networking and professional development. In addition, you will receive an update on IALCCC's activities, membership, and plans for the future. Last year's meeting included several outstanding educational presentations as well as great fellowship! Don't miss our meeting this year! Watch your mailbox for additional information on time, place, and registration.

### **IALCCC Board of Directors**

IALCCC's next Board of Directors' meeting will be January 25, 2006, 11:00a.m. at Abacus Child Care Center in Westfield, IN. Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting and GET INVOLVED! Your input is important!

### **Membership Grows!**

IALCCC membership is growing! We now have over 75 members! If you have not yet joined, plan to do so soon. IALCCC has become a recognized voice for licensed child care centers in Indiana. Go to [www.IALCCC.org](http://www.IALCCC.org) for membership information.

