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Shaken Baby Syndrome and Abusive Head Trauma

In April 2009, the American Academy of Pediatrics issued a policy statement advising pediatricians to use the term *abusive head trauma* to describe an inflicted injury to the head, broadening the term shaken baby syndrome. Using the term *abusive head trauma* includes injuries caused by shaking and blunt trauma. To view the policy statement, go to:

<http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/cgi/content/full/123/5/1409>

The National Center on Shaken Baby Syndrome

After the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) issued the policy statement discussed above, the National Center on Shaken Baby Syndrome (NCSBS) issued a press release indicating that NCSBS supports the use of the term abusive head trauma for medical diagnosis. The press release also stated that NCSBS had used the terms shaken baby syndrome (SBS) and abusive head trauma (AHT) interchangeably for a number of years. NCSBS continues, however, to use the term shaken baby syndrome since it is terminology that is familiar to the public. The NCSBS website is an excellent resource for information concerning both SBS and AHT. To view this information and the NCSBS website go to:

<http://www.dontshake.org/sbs.php?topNavID=3&subNavID=317>

Need to Find Out How to Contact Another SLO?

The most current SLO mailing list is available on the Child Welfare Information Gateway website at:

http://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/reslist/rl_dsp.cfm?typeID=20&rate_chno=19-00010

Please review your contact information on the list and send any changes needed to kathy.simms@actionchildprotection.org and Kathy will notify everyone necessary to update your state's information.

Strengthening Families and Communities: 2010 Resource Guide

The Strengthening Families and Communities: 2010 Resource Guide is now available. Developed by the Child Welfare Information Gateway, the Children's Bureau, and the FRIENDS National Resource Center for Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention, the guide offers information for service providers working with parents, caregivers and their children about preventing child abuse and neglect by building stronger families. The Guide includes information about protective factors that help reduce the risk of child maltreatment, strategies for changing how communities support families, evidence-informed practices, tools to build awareness and develop community partnerships, and tip sheets in English and Spanish on specific parenting topics. To download a copy of the guide or to order a hardcopy go to :

http://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/res_guide_2010/

March ACTION for Child Protection Child Safety Article

The March Action for Child Protection Child Safety article is entitled *Supervisors Can Develop Workers' Interpersonal Skills*. The last two ACTION child safety articles have focused on the Protective Capacity Family Assessment and the interpersonal skills needed for good assessments. This month's article provides supervisors with tools to develop the interpersonal skills of workers through consultation and coaching. To learn more about enhancing a worker's proficiency in family engagement go to:

http://www.actionchildprotection.org/documents/2010/pdf/March_Supervisors_develop_worker_interpersonal_skills.pdf

Registration Link for the May SLO Meeting

As you know the SLO Grantees' Meeting will be held in Washington, D.C. May 17-19, 2010. The link for registration is:

<http://www.certain.com/system/profile/form/index.cfm?PKformID=0x88082268df>

We are currently developing the agenda and should have a draft for you to see soon. The draft agenda will be based on input from the SLO survey and other suggestions from SLOs. If you have any other suggestions for the SLO meeting, please email

kathy.simms@actionchildprotection.org.

Feedback or Questions Welcomed

We would appreciate hearing from! If you have any questions or comments about the newsletter, please contact kathy.simms@actionchildprotection.org. Let us know if you have any topics you would like to see in future issues of the newsletter or you have any other suggestions to make the newsletter work best for you.