

Good afternoon,

Thank you for the opportunity to speak today. My name is Elizabeth Purcell. I am speaking to you not only as a mother of a 5 month old in child care but also as a Neonatal Intensive Care charge nurse.

I am here to support Lexie's Law. The new regulations support safe sleep- back to sleep only, no added bedding or toys in the bed and routinely checking on sleeping infants. These things are important to parents, and safe sleep is what we teach at the hospital to our parents. The A B C's - alone on their back and in a crib. I, as a parent rely on safe sleep practices both at home and in child care to help ensure the safety of my son. No parent should have to receive a phone call informing them that their child has died in child care, and safe sleep was not being practiced.

It is important that teachers receive the proper training in CPR, first aid, and growth and development of children. Teachers need to understand the different developmental stages of both infants and young children to properly care for them.

Access to public records is essential when choosing a day care provider. It helps parents to ensure that they are making the best decision for their child's care.

Lexie's Law came into effect because of a tragedy. The law has helped ensure day care providers have the education and information to protect and take care of children like mine, and prevent another tragedy from happening.

Thank you for your time today.

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