

## Monitoring Appendix B

### Resources for Writing Tribal Standards

The following resources may be helpful to you as you develop or revise your own tribal child care health and safety standards and/or tribal licensing standards:

- ◆ **Minimum Standards for Tribal Child Care: A Health and Safety Guide**—Published by the federal Office of Child Care as a baseline from which all tribally-funded child care programs should operate. The Guide’s chapters align with the three health and safety categories currently required under CCDF regulations, as well as the health and safety section (Part 6) of the current Tribal CCDF Plan Preprint. It is included as Appendix M below.
- ◆ **State licensing standards**—Licensing regulations for all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands are available from the National Resource Center for Health and Safety in Child Care and Early Education (NRC) online at <http://nrckids.org/>.
- ◆ **[Caring for Our Children: National Health and Safety Performance Standards: Guidelines for Early Care and Education Programs, 3rd Edition \(CFOC\)](#)**—A collection of 686 standards that represent what is considered to be best practice nationally on child care health and safety. Each standard, written by health and safety experts and reviewed by licensors and providers, also includes a “rationale” that explains why the standard is important. Available online for download and in searchable full text from NRC at <http://nrckids.org/>; print copies are available for purchase.
- ◆ **[Stepping Stones to Caring for Our Children, 3rd Edition \(SS3\)](#)**—A shorter version of the CFOC guidelines, highlighting 138 standards that are considered most important to protect the health and safety of children. The [SS3 Compliance/Comparison Checklist](#) can be used to determine if your standards address all of the key areas identified in SS3. Both documents are available online for download from NRC at <http://nrckids.org/>.
- ◆ **[Caring for Our Children Basics: Health and Safety Foundations for Early Care and Education](#)**—Published by the federal Administration for Children and Families to represent the minimum health and safety standards experts believe should be in place where children are cared for outside of their homes.
- ◆ **Managing Infectious Diseases in Child Care and Schools: A Quick Reference Guide, 3rd Edition**—A collection of fact sheets on common infectious diseases and symptoms that occur in children in group settings; includes guidelines for when children should and should not be excluded from child care settings based on illness. Available for purchase from the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Other national standards that may be helpful to you include:

- ◆ **Head Start Program Performance Standards**—The federal regulations that govern the administrative operations and program activities of Head Start and Early Head Start programs.
- ◆ **Accreditation Standards**—Voluntary standards set by various national organizations that providers must meet in order to demonstrate high quality care.

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