

What You Can Do to Protect Your Baby

Choosing a Child Care Provider



Because statistics indicate that child care providers are also at-risk for shaking babies, it is important to carefully screen potential caregivers for your child.

- Make sure the provider is licensed and insured
- Keep a log for drop off and pick up
- Obtain references; check and double check them
- Call the Florida Department of Children and Family Services (DCF) to verify that there have been no complaints filed against the provider



- Ask for a police clearance from the daycare provider if not licensed
- If the daycare is located in a private home, be aware of strangers in the home
- Listen for complaints or other indicators of impatience or frustration from the daycare provider when babies are fussy or crying
- Make sure all employees receive child abuse training that includes SHAKEN BABY SYNDROME education before they begin caring for children.



NOTE TO CHILD CARE PROVIDERS

If you are a childcare provider and cannot handle someone's child, ***let the parent know immediately!*** There is no shame in admitting that you cannot handle a certain child and it is better for everyone concerned that you not try to do so.