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§10:127-10.9 Infant stimulation

(a) The facility shall ensure that all infants under three months of age are held and spoken to, and placed in a position to observe group activity when they are awake during daytime hours.

(b) The facility shall ensure that infants up to six months of age are held by their mother or staff members throughout all bottle feedings and that older infants are held if they are incapable of holding a bottle on their own.

(c) The facility shall ensure that all infants have toys that are accessible to them in their bedrooms.

(d) The facility shall ensure that when adolescent mothers are in school or working, their infants are cared for, either in the facility, in a licensed child care center or in a licensed or registered family day care or group day care home.

(e) Facilities that provide services to adolescent mothers and infants between three and 18 months of age shall ensure that the adolescent mothers engage in at least four of the following activities with their infants for at least a total of 45 minutes each day:

1. Sensory activities: crib mobiles, teething toys, busy boxes, baby mirrors, rattles, melody chimes, squeeze toys, or other comparable supplies or equipment;

2. Language activities: picture books, toy telephones, records, hand puppets, stuffed animals, soft washable dolls, photographs, or other comparable supplies or equipment;

3. Manipulative activities: squeeze and grip toys, boxes, sorting and stacking toys, three or four-piece wooden inlay puzzles, puzzle blocks, simple threading toys, mobile pull toys, balls, or other comparable supplies or equipment;

4. Building activities: soft lightweight blocks, toy cars, trains or boats, figures of animals and people, stacking rings or cups, nesting toys, or other comparable supplies or equipment;

5. Large muscle activities: low climbers, slides, riding or rocking toys, foam or soft plastic balls, gym mats, play tunnels, or other comparable supplies or equipment; or

6. Music activities: rhythm instruments, record player and records, toys equipped with musical tones, musical mobiles, busy boxes, drums, xylophones, pianos, or other comparable supplies or equipment.

(f) Facilities that provide services to adolescent mothers and infants 18 months of age and older shall ensure that adolescent mothers engage in at least four of the following activities with their child for at least a total of 45 minutes each day:

1. Language activities: reading a book, playing with flannel boards,