



Letter of Agreement

between

Prevent Child Abuse Illinois – Happiest Baby Certified Educator Program

and

(NAME)

Happiest Baby on the Block is a technique developed by Dr. Harvey Karp for soothing a crying infant. Dr. Karp's technique has been in existence for the past 25 years and is being used successfully by thousands of parents. It includes five specific components which trigger what Dr. Karp calls the "calming reflex" in infants.

The purpose of the PCA Illinois "*Happiest Baby*" Parent Training Initiative is to improve the well being of Illinois children and families and to prevent child abuse and neglect by making the *Happiest Baby on the Block* training and materials available to new parents in Illinois who could not otherwise access or afford it. PCA Illinois will work to make this happen by forming a network of certified *Happiest Baby on the Block* educators and partnership organizations.

PCA Illinois will:

- Provide information about the *Happiest Baby on the Block* program and techniques
- Provide support and guidance with the certification process
- Negotiate a reduced rate with Dr. Karp's *Happiest Baby on the Block* program for certification training kits while possible
- Provide technical assistance to work with Dr. Karp's *Happiest Baby on the Block* program as needed
- Provide both additional required books, The Nursing Mother's Companion and Your Amazing Newborn at no charge while supplies last. (The books will be shipped after the parent training kit/s has been purchased)
- Keep a record of partnership agencies that certify staff within Illinois
- Provide the necessary forms for tracking and follow-up evaluation
- Share updates and information from the *Happiest Baby on the Block* program when appropriate
- Work to build a network of certified trainers who are able to access and support each other regarding the *Happiest Baby on the Block* program

The partnering agency will:

- Contact PCA Illinois to express an interest in the *Happiest Baby on the Block* parent training network
- Sign this partnership agreement with PCA Illinois to be eligible for the PCA Illinois reduced certification rate
- Provide PCA Illinois with the name, phone number and email address of all staff to be certified
- Contact the *Happiest Baby on the Block* program to request certification training kits
- Request the additional required books, The Nursing Mother's Companion and Your Amazing Newborn from PCA Illinois, while supplies last, after the certification training kits have been ordered
- Ask staff to complete the certification process within 6 months of receipt of the training kit(s)
- Honor the *Happiest Baby on the Block* philosophy and program guidelines as listed in the Happiest Baby Educator Certification Packet from Dr. Karp's organization



- Adhere to the *Happiest Baby on the Block* program requirements for certification as listed in the Happiest Baby Educator Certification Packet
- Cooperate with PCA Illinois reporting requirements by:
 - reporting the number of trainings completed each quarter including date and location of training
 - reporting the number of participants trained
- Complete the follow-up evaluation form with parents who have received training if possible
- Agree to network with other *Happiest Baby on the Block* trainers and sites to provide training within and across programs

Prevent Child Abuse Illinois and the collaborating agency demonstrates their commitment to partner in the prevention of child abuse and neglect through this partnership agreement and by supporting the *Happiest Baby on the Block* parent training initiative.

Prevent Child Abuse Illinois	Date
Director of Prevention Education and Awareness	

(AGENCY SIGNATURE)	Date
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Please return this form to:

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