THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Department of Early Education and Care

DEVELOPMENTAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Regulations for licensed child care facilities require this information to be on file to address the needs of children while in care.

CHILD'S NAME: _____ **DATE OF BIRTH:** _____

Please provide information for Infants and Toddlers (marked *) as appropriate to the age of your child.

DEVELOPMENTAL HISTORY

Age began sitting: _____ crawling: _____ walking: _____ talking: _____

*Does your child pull up? _____ *Crawl? _____ *Walk with support? _____

Any speech difficulties? _____

Special words to describe needs _____

Language spoken at home _____ *Any history of colic? _____

*Does your child use pacifier or suck thumb? _____ *When? _____

*Does your child have a fussy time? _____ *When? _____

*How do you handle this time? _____

HEALTH

Any known complications at birth? _____

Serious illnesses and/or hospitalizations: _____

Special physical conditions, disabilities: _____

Allergies i.e. asthma, hay fever, insect bites, medicine, food reactions: _____

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Regular medications: _____

EATING HABITS

Special characteristics or difficulties: _____

*If infant is on a special formula, describe its preparation in detail: _____

_____

Favorite foods: _____

Foods refused: _____

SLEEPING HABITS

*Does your child sleep in a crib? _____ Bed? _____
Does your child become tired or nap during the day (include when and how long)? _____
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***Please Note*: The American Academy of Pediatrics has determined that placing a baby on his/her back to sleep reduces the risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS). SIDS is the sudden and unexplained death of a baby under one year of age. If your child does not usually sleep on his/her back, please contact your physician immediately to discuss the best sleeping position for your baby. Please also take the time to discuss your child's sleeping position with your educator. Your educator will place your infant on his/her back unless there is a written physician's order that specifies otherwise.**

When does your child go to bed at night? _____ and get up in the morning? _____
Describe any special characteristics or needs (stuffed animal, story, mood on walking etc) _____
_____

SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS

How would you describe your child:_____
_____

Previous experience with other children/child care:_____
Reaction to strangers: _____Able to play alone: _____
Favorite toys and activities: _____
_____

Fears (the dark, animals, etc.): _____
_____

How do you comfort your child: _____
What is the method of behavior management/discipline at home: _____
_____

What would you like your child to gain from this child care experience?_____
_____

DAILY SCHEDULE: Please describe your child's schedule on a typical day.
***For Infants, please include awakening, eating, time out of crib/bed, napping, toilet habits, fussy time, night bedtime, etc.**

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Is there anything else we should know about your child?_____

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Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____