Dear Childcare Provider/Foster Parent:

The staff of the California Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Program and your local Public Health Nurse wish to express our deepest sympathy and concern on the loss of an infant under your care. At this time, the baby's death is presumed to be Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS). It is always sad when a baby dies; but coping with unexpected death, as in the case of SIDS, can be particularly hard.

We are here to answer your questions and provide you with support services during this difficult time. A trained Public Health Nurse is available to assess your needs, provide crisis intervention and counseling, assist with referral resources including peer/parent support groups in your community, and follow-up assistance.

We have enclosed a fact sheet and some pamphlets about SIDS. These are for you to read when you are ready. Please feel free to call your local Public Health Nurse if you would like more information, if you have questions, or if you would like to be put in touch with other childcare providers/foster parents who have also experienced a SIDS death.

Your Local Public Health Nurse

County/City Health Department

Street Address

City State Zip Code

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Area Code Telephone Number

California Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Program

800-369-SIDS (7437)

www.californiasids.cdph.ca.gov

Or, you may call:
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