GET YOUR CHILD CARE PROGRAM READY FOR DARK NIGHTS/COLD WEATHER

Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Recovery

**PRACTICE** emergency drills after-hours with staff before a storm hits. This way, if you need to evacuate during the night, everyone is well-prepared.

**TEACH** staff how to turn off utilities that might freeze, such as pipes.

**HAVE** an updated list of telephone numbers for utility providers, police, fire, and emergency contacts.

**OUTLINE** procedures for delayed openings, closings, and early dismissals.

**IDENTIFY** alternative locations in case you and the children need to evacuate or relocate during a winter storm or prolonged power outage.

**HAVE** a battery-powered radio available to receive local bulletins if the power goes out.

**FIND OUT** in advance which staff members can stay for long periods if a shelter-in-place event happens.

Winter Weather May Alter Your Schedule

If you need to shelter-in-place during a storm, **MAKE SURE TO HAVE** plenty of toys, games, books, puzzles, batteries, and blankets to keep children safe and warm.

**SOOTHE CHILDREN** with their favorite foods and coloring books, and take time to listen to their worries.

**PREPARE** a shelter-in-place emergency kit. Make sure there is enough food, water, rock salt, snow shovels, snow removal equipment, clean linens, and diapers to keep children safe for 72 hours.

If children are staying overnight, **ASSURE THEM** that their parents will be coming to get them as soon as they can.