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New Child Care Licensing Coordinator named

(Lawrence, KS) – The Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department has named Karen Flanders as coordinator of the agency’s Child Care Licensing program.

Flanders, who has worked as a Child Care Surveyor at the department for two years, succeeds Tina Ferguson, who served in the position for the past 10 years. Ferguson moves on to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment where she will serve as Training/Policy & Procedure Program Administrator within the Child Placing Agency and Residential Programs Section.

Ferguson’s last day is Jan. 31 and Flanders will begin her duties Feb. 1.

The goal of the Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department’s Child Care Licensing program is to reduce the risk of predictable harm to children in out-of-home settings.

Child Care Licensing’s services include:

- Provide information to those interested in becoming licensed or registered child care providers
- Initial inspection visits of the day care home or center to verify compliance with state regulations
- On-site annual evaluation visits of licensed facilities
- Consultation visits
- Investigation of complaints.

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