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TO: Co-Workers and Staff

FROM:

SUBJECT: RealCare® Parenting Simulation

Our school/organization is fortunate to have the RealCare® Parenting Program under way. It is a parenting education program that increases participants' awareness about issues related to the parenting of an infant. I hope you will join me in helping participants benefit fully from the Program.

The core of the Program is a parenting simulation using the newest and most realistic infant simulator available. The Program helps students explore the physical, emotional, social, and financial consequences of parenthood.

The infant simulator will cry according to its 24-hour schedule, and require the participant to provide care for it. The student responds by bringing an electronic ID near Baby so Baby can recognize its correct "parent" and then figuring out what kind of care Baby needs. Baby needs to be fed, burped, rocked, and have its diaper changed. Baby will also cry if it is roughly handled, held in a position it does not like, or if the head is not properly supported. There are also happy and fussy times.

Although Baby may momentarily disrupt your class or group, I hope you will agree that the benefits of the Program far outweigh the brief interruptions.

I would appreciate your help in watching for unattended, mistreated, or improperly held Babies, since the electronics cannot monitor all of these behaviors.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns about the Program, or if there are special arrangements we need to discuss for your classes. A day care option may be available.