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## **CHILD SAFETY EVENT AT CROSSGATES MALL Fun-Filled Event for Entire Family**

ALBANY --- New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) Commissioner Gladys Carrión, Esq. today announced the Sixth Annual *New York Loves Safe Babies* event to be held at Albany's Crossgates Mall from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, November 15. The event, located on the lower level across from Regal Cinemas, is an opportunity for family fun while gathering important healthy family information.

“Keeping children safe and healthy is an important priority for New York State Office of Children and Family Services. The *New York Loves Safe Babies* event is one way we partner with families and communities to accomplish this goal,” said Commissioner Carrión. “The event is just one of the many ways Governor David A. Paterson supports prevention initiatives to strengthen families across New York State.”

Radio Disney AM 1260 will broadcast live. “Little Amadeus” from PBS’s new children’s television show will be a special guest at the event. In addition to entertainment, there will be face painting, prizes, family crafts and activities, and child safety and health information.

Families will get tips on a wide range of topics including toy safety, injury prevention, child care, dental health and services available to families in the community. Materials available at the event include updated tip sheets on safe sleeping and Shaken Baby Syndrome. To demonstrate how shaking affects an infant’s brain, there will be a life-sized doll with a translucent head that lights areas of the brain while shaken.

Participating organizations include the following:

Brain Injury Association of New York State

Capital District Child Care Coordinating Council

Community Cradle

County Departments of Health

Catholic Charities of Fulton & Montgomery Counties, Amsterdam

Healthy Families New York home visiting programs

New York State Center for Sudden Infant Death

New York State Office of Children and Family Services’ Children and Family Trust Fund

New York State Consumer Protection Board

New York State Department of Health, Bureau of Injury Prevention

New York State Department of Health, Bureau of Dental Health

New York State Office of Children and Family Services

Prevent Child Abuse NY

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