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**Infórmese de la nueva ley...BE INFORMED ABOUT THE NEW LAW REGARDING
DRIVER LICENSES AND ID CARDS**

The State Legislature passed a new law in March 2006. Act 126 will change eligibility requirements to obtain a Wisconsin driver license or Identification Card (ID). It will take effect April 1, 2007.

QUESTION: What changes will take place?

ANSWER: The main focus of the new law, once implemented, will be to require applicants for a driver license or ID to prove they are in the country legally.

QUESTION: When does Act 126 take effect?

ANSWER: April 1, 2007.

QUESTION: Has the procedure to obtain a Wisconsin DL/ID changed?

ANSWER: The procedure to obtain a Wisconsin DL/ID has not changed yet. It will change April 1, 2007.

NOTE: It is against the law to apply for a WI driver license or ID if the applicant does not live in Wisconsin.

Cómo lograr...How to reach your goals

We all have goals although at times we don't think about them. Goals are things that one wants. To reach some goals you have to work hard, while others are easier to reach. Financial goals can be:

Short-term: Basic expenses, like monthly rent or food payments.

Mid-term: Things that you want to buy in the near future. For example, a car or a refrigerator.

Long-term: These goals are what you want to achieve in the next 5, 10, 20 or more years. Some examples are buying a home, planning for college or retiring comfortably.

Steps to reach your goals:

- Write down your goals. Be specific.
- Note the price of the goal. How much money, time and energy will you need to reach it?
- Set a date for reaching your goal.
- Develop a plan for reaching your goal.
- Begin working today to reach your goal. Think of new ways to achieve it.

Determinando Reglamentos...Determining Family Rules

As children grow they need clear limits and restrictions. Older children want you to establish limits even though at times they fight against them. The thing that parents need to learn is when to apply the rules strictly and when to be a little flexible. You and your family should decide what types of rules are absolute and which are negotiable.

Determining family rules:

- Around the age of two children begin to understand the idea of family rules. Children like to help to establish the rules.
- Determine family rules that are simple and easy to understand.
- Limit the number of family rules.
- Repeat the rules often.
- Be specific about the consequences for breaking a rule.
- Don't forget to establish rules "you can" and others "you can't".
- Change old rules for new ones as your children grow.

All families are different and have different rules. It is important that all the members of the family, adults and children, follow the rules. Determine the rules that are important to you. For example:

- We all treat each other with respect.
- Insults are not allowed!
- Hitting is not allowed!

Guides for applying rules

- Rules established for the safety of your children can't be broken. Period.
- Rules established for your children's health can be a little flexible. For example:

*It's ok to allow candy once in awhile. Too many sweets are unhealthy for your children.

*Families should have strict rules about bedtimes for the well-being of the parents and the children. Children should be able to stay up later once in awhile for special occasions.

- Children trust that their parents will apply the rules. In order to protect your children from peer pressure, let them make you responsible. For example.

*Let your children say "My mom doesn't let me cross a street where there's lots of traffic" or my dad says that I have to be in the house at 8:00, no excuses."

*At times parents have to be firm and say "it's over." When you have listened to the request, have heard the reasons, have had time to discuss the issues, have given your answers and reasons and the answer is "NO", there is no reason for you to change your mind. Don't continue responding to their complaints.

It is the parents' job to establish limits and restrictions. It's the children's job to test those limits. Parents should remain firm. You can't let children have everything they want. Neither should you allow a child to pit father against mother, or vice versa. Present a united front with the rules that apply to your family.

El Departamento...The Whitewater Police Department is offering a meeting for Hispanic leaders. Wednesday, February 21, 2007. Location and time also listed.

Feliz Navidad...Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Prepárese para el Invierno..Preparing for Winter

This article gives readers suggestions for dealing with the cold Midwestern winters. Points include proper dressing for cold and snow. The danger of frostbite. Keeping windshields clear of snow and ice. Laws about shoveling sidewalks. How to find out if schools are cancelled or business closed due to weather conditions. There are also some suggestions for keeping the

heating bills down but still staying comfortable, such as using thicker blankets on the beds, or electric blankets. (Don't forget to turn them off in the morning!) Using a humidifier or putting a pan of water on the stove or a radiator to keep moisture in the house. Never use propane heaters inside a house. If you use portable electric heaters, follow the instructions carefully. Be sure your home or apartment has working smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors. Try to drink plenty of liquids and use lotion after bathing to avoid dry skin.

Preparando su Hogar...Preparing your home for winter

Clean the storm windows

Install plastic to cover windows that aren't sealed well or that don't have a storm window.

If you have a fireplace, close the flue when not using the fireplace.

Set the thermostat no higher than 72 degrees when you are at home.

You should set the thermostat at 65 or less when you are sleeping or when nobody is home.

Insert page on Booster Seat Law – The insert page gives all the rules that go into effect January 1, 2007 regarding children being in car seats and booster seats. Fines will be given after January 1 if people are not complying with the law. The chart on the back shows what car seat to use for your child depending on their height, weight and/or age.