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RE: RESOLUTION # 53SC (98) Evaluating Infant Management Programs

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Message/Attachments

Dr. Aney:

Per our conversation, attached is a copy of resolution #53SC (98) as adopted. Please note that all resolutions adopted at the Forum are advisory and do not represent academy-approved policy.

Committee on Early Childhood, Adoption, & Dependent Care (COECADC) Staff liaison - Scott Allen

Committee on Practice & Ambulatory Medicine (COPAM)
Staff liaison - Ed Zimmerman

Committee on Nutrition (CON) Staff liaison - Ray Koteras

If you would like to forward one copy to my attention, I will forward a copy to each staff liaison listed above. Otherwise you are welcome to address them individually at out Elk Grove office. If I could be of further assistance please let me know.

Thank you.

1 2	Resolution #53SC (98) – 1998 Annual Chapter Forum		
3 4 5	TITLE:	Evaluating Infant Management Programs	
6 7 8	SUBMITTED BY:	District IV	
9 10	DATE:	February 5, 1998	
11 12	DISPOSITION:	ADOPTED AS AMENDED	
13 14 15 16 17	Whereas,	the infant management program developed by Gary and Anne Marie Ezzo and promoted in the books <i>Preparation for Parenting</i> and <i>On Becoming BABYWISE</i> is used by over half a million parents; and	
18 19 20	Whereas,	this program outlines an infant feeding schedule inconsistent with AAP recommendations; and	
21 22 23 24	Whereas,	over 100 health care professionals across the country including 19 AAP fellows have asked the Academy for feedback on this potentially harmful program; therefore be it	
25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33	RESOLVED,	that the Academy <u>continually</u> evaluate the infant management programs such as <i>Preparation for Parenting</i> and <i>On Becoming BABYWISE</i> and <u>regularly report its findings</u> .	
34 35	REFER TO:	1998 Annual Chapter Forum	
36 37 38	AUTHOR/CONTACT PERSON:	Arnold Tanis, MD	
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44 45 46	Resolution #53SC (98) – Page Two	1998 Annual Chapter Forum
40 47	BACKGROUND	
48 49	INFORMATION:	Background from the Office of Executive Director (OED) 7/13/98
50		The Academy has published pro and a con opinions in April and
51 52		May issues of AAP News. The following is taken from the July issue of AAP News:
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54		Dear Members:
55		AAP News recently (April, May 1998) presented both sides of a
56		discussion on a controversial parental style promoted in the book
57		On Becoming Babywise, published by Growing Families
58		International. The Commentaries evoked many impassioned
59		responses from members and nonmembers alike, particularly
60		regarding demand feedings vs. scheduled feedings.
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62		While the: Academy has allowed this discussion in its membership
63		publication, it nonetheless stands by its latest policy statement
64		(December 1997, <i>Pediatrics</i>), which states: "Newborns should
65		be nursed whenever they show signs of hunger, such as increased
66		alertness or activity, mouthing or rooting. Crying is a late
67 68		indicator of hunger. Newborns should be nursed approximately
69		eight to 12 times every 24 hours until satiety In the early weeks after birth, nondemanding babies should be aroused to feed if 4
70		hours have elapsed since the last nursing."
70 71		nours have enapsed since the fast nursing.
72		The Academy further recommends parents seek medical advice
73		from their pediatricians to ensure the healthy and safe
74		development of their infants, children and adolescents.
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76		With the publication of this sample of members' responses, AAP
77		News concludes its print discussion of the issue. However,
78		additional comments can be sent electronically to the AAP Task
79		force on the Family: Family FamilyTaskForce@aap.organization.
80		Joe M. Sanders Jr., MD, AAP Executive Director
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82		Background from the Committee on Nutrition (CON) and the
83		Committee on Fetus and Newborn (COFN) 3/37/98
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85		Neither the Committee on Nutrition nor the Committee on Fetus
86		and Newborn are addressing the resolved portion(s) of this
87		resolution at this time.
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92	ACBOM		
93	REFERRAL:	Committee on Early Childhood, Adoption, & Dependent Care	
94		(COECADC)	
95		Committee on Practice & Ambulatory Medicine (COPAM)	
96		Committee on Nutrition (Continued)	
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98	Underscored language i	n the RESOLVED was added, language in parentheses was	
99	deleted.		