Key Points for Caregiver Education

✓ Keep all medicine, cleaners, cosmetics and pesticides out of the reach of children. This may mean using a cabinet lock or even removing dangerous products from the home.

✓ Never keep medicine on the bedside table or kitchen counter.

✓ Know the names of house and yard plants and remove those known to be dangerous from children’s play areas.

✓ Do not call medicine “candy”.

✓ Store food and poisons (like cleaners, polishes and pesticides) separately.

✓ Store purses and guests’ personal items off the floor and out of children’s reach.

✓ Keep the Poison Control number (1-800-222-1222) programmed into cell phones and/or close to the phone.

✓ Call the Poison Control Center for any suspected poisoning. Do not give water or milk, or make the child vomit. This can make the situation worse.

Don’t hesitate to call Poison Control, even for a question. No one ever gets in trouble for calling. If anyone is having trouble breathing, having chest pain, or is unconscious, call 911.