Optional Flip Chart Activity: Preventing Medication Errors

• Engage participants in brainstorming solutions to prevent errors.

Potential Ideas:

• Buy measuring devices so that if the parent doesn't bring 1 in, the facility has an accurate measuring tool.

• If the person administering medication isn't familiar with all of the children, attach a photo of the child to the Medication Administration Packet or Medication Log to make sure she or he has the right child.

• Set up a checklist to ask parents when they gave the last dose of medication to make sure that the doses are not too close or too far apart.

• If errors are a problem, consider having a second person double check the 5 Rights.

• Post the 5 Rights and the written procedure in the medication administration area.