HEALTH AND SAFETY ORIENTATION TRAINING FOR CCDF PROVIDERS

As part of the federal Child Care and Development Block Grant Act 2014, states must require health and safety pre-service or orientation training for CCDF providers. The new law requires this training for all caregivers (including volunteer caregivers, and anyone else included in child staff ratio), teachers, and directors in 10 specific health and safety topic areas and recommends training in child development. All Licensed Centers and Licensed Homes, Unlicensed Registered Ministries certified for CCDF, and Legally License Exempt Providers must meet the requirements.

The intent of the training is to support basic health and safety standards designed to prevent harm to children. If applicable, individuals may be able to use their existing certificates and credentials to help meet the training requirements. In most cases the required training in health and safety can be applied toward the annual training hours needed for licensing, PES, and Paths to QUALITY™ as well.

Your local Child Care Resource and Referral agency (1-866-865-7056) can help you to understand and meet the training requirements.

REQUIRED HEALTH AND SAFETY TRAINING TOPIC AREAS

There are 10 required training topic areas, in addition to the recommended Domains of Child Development. The training will support basic health and safety standards designed to prevent harm to children. Training in each applicable topic area, appropriate to the provider setting and age of children served, is needed to complete the requirement for health and safety orientation training.

1. Prevention and Control of Infectious disease (including immunizations)
2. Administration of medication consistent with standards for parental consent
3. Prevention and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions
4. Building and physical premises safety, including identification of and protection from hazards, bodies of water, and vehicular traffic
5. Emergency preparedness and response planning for emergencies resulting from a natural disaster, or a man-caused event (such as violence at a child care facility), within the meaning of those terms under section 602(a)(1) OF THE Robert T, Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act.
6. Handling and storage of hazardous materials and appropriate disposal of bio-contaminants
7. Appropriate precautions in transporting children (if applicable)
8. Prevention of sudden infant death syndrome and use of safe sleeping practices (if applicable)
9. Recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect; Prevention of shaken baby syndrome and abusive head trauma
10. First Aid and CPR Overview

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