

15-Hour SC Health and Safety Pre-Service Certificate and SC Continuing Education Services for Early Care and Education Professionals

On November 19, 2014, the Child Development Block Grant (CCDBG) Act of 2014 was signed into law. The law reauthorized the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) program for the first time in 18 years and made expansive changes to protect the health and safety of children in child care, promote continuity of access to subsidies for low-income families, better inform parents and the general public about the child care choices available to them, and improve the overall quality of early learning and afterschool programs.

Training Requirements

As part of the new law, the State must have both pre-service (during an orientation period) and ongoing minimum health and safety training requirements in place for child care providers who serve children receiving CCDF assistance.

The chart below lists the required health and safety topics for all programs (Center-based, License-Exempt School-Age, Group and Family) receiving CCDF and the corresponding Health and Safety Course titles.

CCDF Required Topics	SC Health and Safety Courses Titles
Prevention and control of infectious diseases (including immunization)	Infectious Disease Control, Immunizations, and Bloodborne Pathogens and Bio-Contaminants: Kick Those Germs to the Curb!
Prevention of sudden infant death syndrome and use of safe sleep practices	Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS)
Administration of medication, consistent with standards for parental consent	Administering Medication in Child Care Settings
Prevention and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions	Prevention of and Response to Different Types of Allergies
Building and physical premises safety, including identification of and protection from hazards, bodies of water, and vehicular traffic	Keeping Children Safe: Building and Classroom Safety Essentials of Outdoor Safety in South Carolina
Prevention of shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma, and child maltreatment	Prevention of Shaken Baby Syndrome, Abusive Head Trauma, and Child Maltreatment
Emergency preparedness and response planning for emergencies resulting from a natural disaster or a man-caused event.	Emergency Preparedness: Better Safe than Sorry Responding to Medical Emergencies
Handling and storage of hazardous materials and the appropriate disposal of bio-contaminants	Infectious Disease Control, Immunizations, and Bloodborne Pathogens: Kick Those Germs to the Curb!
Appropriate precautions in transporting children (if applicable)	Transportation Safety Basics in South Carolina

Pediatric first aid and pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR)	SC's child care professionals participating in ABC Quality can access free pediatric CPR and first aid at the Southeastern Chapter of the National Safety Council.
Recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect.	Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse in South Carolina
child development including the major domains (cognitive, social, emotional, physical development and approaches to learning).	Child Development Milestones: Birth to Age 12
Optional Topic Area: Nutrition, including age-appropriate feeding	My Plate: Helping Children Make Healthy Food Choice

Once providers complete their FREE required health and safety courses, additional free courses will be added to their account to satisfy ongoing training requirements.