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There's a NEW child care training course in town! The Virginia Department of Social Services' Child Care and Early Childhood Development Division announces a FREE, 10-hour training course that will count toward required Licensing and Subsidy training hours. This course was developed in partnership with Pennsylvania State University's Better Kid Care Program. The course is called, "Virginia Preservice Training for Child Care Staff". This course is **required for all child care staff members who work in a program that receives Virginia Subsidy Funds and have direct contact with children** (teachers, assistant teachers, aides, bus drivers, cooks, administrators, etc.).

Please read more on the attached announcement about how to access the FREE course.

All child care practitioners are encouraged to take this **FREE** training in order to stay current on health and safety information, as well as to help standardize the body of knowledge and skills in Virginia's child care workforce.

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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

DATE: August 2, 2016

TO: Licensed Child Day Centers
Licensed Family Day Homes
Voluntarily Registered Family Day Homes
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Religious Exempt Child Day Centers
Certified Preschools
Short-Term Child Day Centers

FROM: Charlene Vincent, Director, Division of Licensing-Children's Programs

SUBJECT: Virginia Preservice Training for Child Care Staff

This memo provides information on the FREE online Virginia Preservice Training for Child Care Staff, hosted by Pennsylvania State University's Better Kid Care Program, which will be available to all child care staff beginning August 1, 2016.

Virginia is launching a FREE 10-hour training course, "Virginia Preservice Training for Child Care Staff" that covers health and safety training on the following topics:

- Foundations of child development;
- Transportation safety;
- Introduction to inclusion and working with children who have special needs;
- Recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect;
- Prevention of shaken baby syndrome;
- Prevention and control of infectious diseases (including immunization);
- Prevention of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome and safe sleep practices;
- Administration of medication consistent with parental consent;
- Prevention of and response to food and other allergies;
- Building and physical premises safety;
- Handling and storage of hazardous materials and biocontaminants;
- Emergency preparedness and response planning from natural or man-made events;
- Nutrition and physical activity;

- Oral health; and
- Introduction to Virginia’s Child Care Subsidy Program and Becoming a Licensed Program

Health and safety preservice training is required by the federal Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 2014 and the proposed federal child care regulation for ALL staff members working in a child care program (including bus drivers, cooks, and anyone who comes into contact with children) that accepts Virginia Dept. of Social Services Subsidy funding.

The Division of Licensing- Children's Programs is proposing in regulations that all staff in licensed child day centers and licensed family day homes with direct care responsibility for children take this course in order to ensure consistency in the quality of training and care received in all licensed programs. This licensing requirement, if approved, would apply to all licensed child day centers and licensed family day homes, even if the program does not receive subsidy funding; and may count towards staff annual training requirements in the year the course is completed.

Quality child care is often correlated with well-trained staff. Improving the quality of training for staff and individuals caring for children is a step forward in Virginia's initiative to improve the quality of care children receive.

Providers and child care staff have an opportunity to take the class now for free! The Division of Licensing- Children's Programs strongly encourages providers to take advantage of this opportunity, even if the program does not receive subsidy funding.

To access the VIRGINIA CHILD CARE PRESERVICE TRAINING, visit:
<https://bkc.vmhost.psu.edu/fmi/iwp/cgi?-db=BKC-OnDemand&-loadframes>
If you have any questions, please contact your licensing inspector.

Virginia Preservice Training For Child Care Staff

Beginning in August 2016, the Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS) will post a new, free, mandatory online course, “Virginia Preservice Training for Child Care Staff,” for all staff members working in a child care program that accepts VDSS subsidy funding. Health and safety preservice training is required by the federal Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 2014 and the proposed federal child care regulation. Age-relevant Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and First Aid training are required for each staff member in programs receiving subsidy funds, in addition to this preservice training. For child care staff working for a program that does NOT receive subsidy funding, this course, CPR and First Aid training are strongly encouraged.

ABOUT TRAINING

The Virginia Preservice Training is a free, ten-hour course covering the following topics:

- ▶ Foundations of child development; Transportation safety;
- ▶ Introduction to Inclusion and working with children who have special needs;
- ▶ Recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect; Prevention of shaken baby syndrome;
- ▶ Prevention and control of infectious diseases (including immunization);
- ▶ Prevention of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome and safe sleep practices;
- ▶ Administration of medication consistent with parental consent;
- ▶ Emergency preparedness and response planning from natural or man-made events;
- ▶ Introduction to Virginia’s Child Care Subsidy Program and Becoming a Licensed Program;
- ▶ **and much more!**

HOW TO ACCESS

Link to the TRAINING:

<https://bkc.vhost.psu.edu/fmi/iwp/cgi?-db=BKC-OnDemand&-loadframes>

WHEN TO ACCESS

Available August 1, 2016 – June 30, 2018: **New Staff** must complete this training before working with children; **Existing Staff** must complete this training within 90 days of signing a new Subsidy Vendor Agreement.

PLEASE NOTE

Staff may start/stop the course multiple times while working through the material. **Internet connection** and a **unique email address** are needed in order to register. This training will count toward your required training hours.

Training is provided by the Virginia Dept. of Social Services, Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Development with Pennsylvania State University’s Better Kid Care Program, in accordance with the federal Child Care and Development Fund from the U.S. Administration for Children and Families.