

Health and Safety Training FACT SHEET

FREE! Health and Safety Training is now available on-line. To take the training, go to:

<http://earlychildhood.marylandpublicschools.org/basic-health-safety-training>

Note: All assessment must be hand scored before the certificate is generated and sent via email to the provider. It could take 10-14 business days to receive notification of successful completion.

Who Need to Take the Training?

- All child care providers and staff (aides, teachers, directors, family child care providers, additional adults, and co-providers) are required to complete the training.
- The training will also be available in a 5 hour face-to-face format consistent with the online version from Maryland approved trainers and training organizations.

When is the training required to be taken?

- The Health and Safety training is a pre-service requirement for new child care providers and staff.
- Current child care providers and staff should complete the on-line training by July 1, 2017, and it will count towards meeting 3 hours of the yearly core of knowledge training requirement.

What happens if child care providers or staff do not pass the on-line training?

- If the providers and staff take the training on-line, and do not pass the assessment, they may take the on-line training again. If they do not pass the second attempt they will be required to take the training face-to-face. The face-to-face training is 5 hours.

When is the training required to be updated?

- Updates to the training must be taken annually (every 12 months) based on date of employment.
- The Office of Child Care will send out and have available on the website a yearly update that all child care providers and staff will be expected to read and sign and is to be placed in the personnel file at the program.
- The requirement of the yearly Health and Safety Training update will be met in one of the following ways:
 - a. Providers can obtain the free online training again and place a copy of their current training certificate in their personnel file at the program. This on-line version will be updated yearly if needed.
 - b. Providers can obtain the training via face-to-face with an approved trainer or training organization recognized to deliver content.

If you have any questions, please contact your licensing specialist.