Child Care Assistance Program
Health, Safety and Child Development Training

Dear Child Care Providers,

By now you have received the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) Announcement to Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) providers regarding the health, safety and child development training that must be completed by September 30, 2017. Thank you to the over 15,500 Child Care Assistance Program providers who have already completed at least one of the educational modules on health, safety or child development. We hope that you have found these trainings to be a benefit both to you and the children with whom you work.

As previously communicated, the federal government is now requiring that child care providers complete specific health, safety and child development training, have current CPR/First Aid certification and complete annual training hours. All providers participating in CCAP will have minimum training requirements as a result of the federal legislation.

We have received valuable feedback, and as a result, we have chosen to restructure and clarify the training requirements.

IDHS Child Care Assistance Program Training Requirements

To continue receiving CCAP payments, the following modules must be completed by September 30, 2017.	
Must Complete	**Where to find the Training**
1) The following modules of the Illinois ECE Credential Level 1: Tier 1 – a) 1, Child Growth and Development b) 2A, Health Issues in Group Care c) 2B, Nutrition Issues in Group Care d) 2C, Safety Issues in Group Care	Online training is available through Gateways Registry at https://registry.ilgateways.com or contact local CCR&R for face-to-face training.
2) CPR/First Aid Certification	Contact your local CCR&R for training or a list of organizations that offer approved training.
3) Child Abuse and Neglect/Mandated Reporter Training	Visit: https://mr.dcfstraining.org/
4) What is CCAP?	Online training is available through Gateways Registry or contact local CCR&R for face-to-face training.

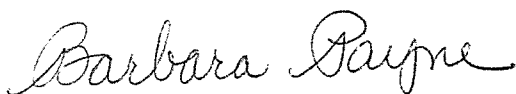| To continue receiving CCAP payments, the following modules must be completed by September 30, 2018.	
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5.) The following modules of the Illinois ECE Credential Level 1:Tiers 2 and 3- Tier 2 e) 3, Observation and Guidance f) 4, Learning Happens in Relationships g) 5, Family and Community Relationships h) 6, Personal and Professional Development Tier 3 i) 7A, Child Growth & Development (Birth-8 months) j) 7B, Child Growth & Development (8-18 months) k) 7C, Child Growth and Development (18-36 months) l) 8A, Preschool Child, Social & Emotional Development m) 8B, Preschool Child, Physical Development n) 8C, Preschool Child, Language Development o) 8D, Preschool Child, Cognitive Development p) 9, School Age Development	Online training is available in English only, through Gateways Registry at https://registry.ilgateways.com or contact local CCR&R for face-to-face training in English & Spanish.

Once required staff have completed all of the trainings listed above (ECE Credential Level 1: Tiers 1-3), providers will receive the ECE Level 1 Credential. Completion of ECE Level 1 Credential may qualify a provider for a rate add-on only if they are not already receiving an add-on through the Child Care Assistance Program.

We encourage you to complete all required training as promptly as you can as a way to support your own professional development and to best support the growth and development of the children in your care.

Note: *Child Care Providers MUST be members of the Gateways Registry to track training completion. Caregivers should register at: https://registry.ilgateways.com/ .*

Questions and Comments should be directed to dhs.ccap-reauth@illinois.gov.

Sincerely,

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