

Virginia Preservice Training For Child Care Staff

Virginia's Health and Safety Training Course

This **free** 10-hour course was created to introduce child care staff to important health and safety information critical for professionals to know for working in a child care setting. The Virginia Preservice Training for Child Care Staff, sponsored by the Department of Education is **required** for prospective vendors to complete prior to approval as a Subsidy Vendor. Once the program is an approved vendor, current staff that work directly with children shall complete this training within 90 days of the program becoming a Subsidy Vendor. New staff hired, that work directly with children, shall complete this training within 90 days of employment.

Effective October 13, 2021, this course is also required for staff who work in Licensed Child Day Centers and shall be completed within 90 days of employment.

The Virginia Preservice Training For Child Care Staff course covers the following topics:

ABOUT TRAINING

- ▶ Emergency Preparedness
- ▶ Prevention and Control of Infectious Diseases
- ▶ Food and Allergic Reactions
- ▶ Shaken Baby Syndrome/Abusive Head Trauma
- ▶ Safe Sleep and SUIDS Prevention
- ▶ Safe Spaces
- ▶ Transportation Safety
- ▶ Handling and Storage of Hazardous Materials
- ▶ Medication Safety
- ▶ Inclusion of All Children
- ▶ Healthy Teeth for Children
- ▶ Recognition and Reporting of Child Abuse and Neglect
- ▶ Foundations of Child Development and Approaches to Learning
- ▶ Introduction to Virginia's Child Care Subsidy Program and Benefits of Program Licensure

HOW TO ACCESS

1. Go to www.childcareva.com - Click on Training & Professional Development (under the Provider tab)
OR
2. Go to the [Better Kid Care website](#) - You will be directed to Better Kid Care's On-Demand Web Lessons to create an account or to Sign-in. Once you have a BKC account, sign in, and select the FREE "Virginia Preservice Training for Child Care Staff" at the bottom of the alphabetical listing.

PLEASE NOTE

1. Participants may start and stop the course as often as necessary but it must be completed within 90 days of starting the training or you will need to restart the course.
2. Each user must have their own individual email address to set up a Better Kid Care account. For additional information, please see the [Frequently Asked Questions](#).
3. For technical assistance, call the Better Kid Care Help Line: **800-452-9108**.

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