



## Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education

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August 3, 2016

RE: Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Provider Participants

Dear Provider:

The Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) Act of 2014 was recently revised to include health and safety requirements for providers serving children who receives CCDF assistance. (See attached Program Instruction) To meet the requirements of the grant, providers must ensure that all new and existing caregivers and teachers have received training in the following areas by September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016:

- Prevention and control of infectious diseases (including immunization)
- Prevention of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) and use of safe sleeping practices
- Administration of medication, consistent with standards for parental consent
- Prevention of and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions
- Building and physical premises safety, including identification of techniques for protection from hazards that can cause bodily injury such as electrical hazards, bodies of water, and vehicular traffic
- Prevention of Shaken Baby Syndrome and abusive head trauma
- Emergency preparedness and response planning for emergencies resulting from a natural disaster or a man-caused event (such as violence at a child care facility)
- Handling and storing of hazardous materials and the appropriate disposal of bio-contaminants
- Precautions in transporting children
  
- First aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certification for all staff providing direct care to children. **(DCCECE has submitted a request for an extension beyond the September 30, 2016 deadline for this specific requirement; however, we encourage you to make every effort to comply with this requirement by the deadline listed above).**

The Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education (DCCECE) has developed training modules that can be utilized to provide staff with the required training along with a list of other training options to ensure your program's compliance with this federal mandate. This information is located at <http://humanservices.arkansas.gov/dccece/Pages/ChildCareAssistance.aspx>

**\*\*Please note:** If you would like to receive TAPP credit for these training modules, the information must be presented by a TAPP certified trainer.

Directors and/or owners are required to certify in writing that all new and existing caregivers and teachers have completed the required trainings by **September 15, 2016**. Please complete and forward the training verification form to [Jessica.Marquez.Melgar@dhs.arkansas.gov](mailto:Jessica.Marquez.Melgar@dhs.arkansas.gov). Noncompliance to this new federal mandate could result in corrective actions up to and including termination of agreement.

If you have any questions, please contact me at [Ivory.Daniels@dhs.arkansas.gov](mailto:Ivory.Daniels@dhs.arkansas.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ivory Daniels". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the left of the typed name and contact information.

Ivory Daniels, CCDF Administrator  
Cc: Arlene Rose, Assistant Director

Attachment