



ATTENTION FAMILIES

Child Care Assistance Program Health, Safety and Child Development Training for Providers

Dear Families participating in the Child Care Assistance Program

This letter is to officially inform you of the requirements for your child care provider. To help ensure the health and safety of children, we are now requiring that child care providers participating in the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) complete specific health, safety and child development training, have current CPR/First Aid certification, and complete annual training hours.

Training Announcements were mailed to all Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) providers. The notice outlined what trainings must be completed, who must complete the trainings, where to find trainings, how the trainings are tracked and completion date for the trainings. Providers must complete specific health and safety trainings by September 30, 2017. Providers must also complete additional child development trainings no later than September 30, 2018. Required trainings can be found on the DHS website by visiting <http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=95048>.

All providers participating in the Illinois CCAP will have to meet minimum training requirements. If your child(ren) receive care in your home, someone else's home or a center, your provider must complete training requirements. If you live in Illinois but your children receive care in a neighboring state, your provider must complete Illinois' training requirements.

As a family participating in the CCAP, you do not have to take any training. However, it is important you understand the requirements for your provider. If you have any questions, please contact your local Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) agency. Visit <https://www.inccrra.org/about/sdasearch> to find the CCR&R that serves your area.

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