



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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TO: Licensed Child Day Centers, Licensed Family Day Homes, Licensed Family Day Systems, Religious Exempt Child Day Centers, Certified Preschools, Voluntarily Registered Family Day Homes, Center-Based Subsidy Approved Child Day Programs, Home-Based Subsidy Approved Child Day Programs, Filing Exempt Child Day Programs

FROM: Jeffrey Williams, Director

DATE: March 14, 2023

RE: Updated Child Abuse and Neglect: Recognition and Reporting Training and Health Screening for Child Care Professionals

The Virginia Department of Education is pleased to announce that updated versions of two important trainings, Child Abuse and Neglect: Recognition and Reporting for Early Childhood (2 hours) and Health Screening for Child Care Professionals (2 hours), were released on March 13, 2023. Both trainings are also now available in Spanish. These trainings continue to be offered for free through our partnership with Community College Workforce Alliance (CCWA).

Under Virginia [law](#), any teacher or other person employed in a public or private school, kindergarten, or child day program defined in [§ 22.1-289.02](#) of the Code of Virginia is mandated to report suspected child abuse or neglect. The Child Abuse and Neglect: Recognition and Reporting for Early Childhood training is a great resource to ensure that child care staff are adequately trained in recognizing and reporting suspected abuse or neglect.

The Health Screening for Child Care Professionals training satisfies requirements for the daily health observation training required by the Standards for Licensed Child Day Centers (8VAC20-780-245 K) and the Subsidy Program Vendor Requirements for Child Day Centers (8VAC20-790-600 I).

All child care staff are encouraged to take advantage of these free trainings. More information about these trainings can be found on the [CCWA website](#) or by visiting the [Training and Professional Development Section](#) of the Department's [Child Care VA website](#). A flyer announcing the updated trainings is attached to this memo for your convenience.

Please contact your licensing representative if you have any questions.