



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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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, Unlicensed Center-Based Subsidy Vendors, Unlicensed Home-Based Subsidy Vendors, and Filing Exempt Child Day Programs

FROM: Jeffrey S. Williams, Assistant Superintendent - Child Care Health and Safety

SUBJECT: Updated Child Abuse and Neglect Training

The Virginia Department of Education is pleased to announce that an updated version of the Child Abuse and Neglect: Recognition and Reporting training was released on December 12, 2024, and is also available in Spanish. The training continues to be offered for free through our partnership with Community College Workforce Alliance (CCWA).

As a reminder, under [§ 63.2-1509](#) of the *Code of Virginia*, 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* is mandated to report suspected child abuse or neglect. The Child Abuse and Neglect: Recognition and Reporting training is a great resource to ensure that child care staff are adequately trained in recognizing and reporting suspected abuse or neglect.

All child care staff are encouraged to take advantage of this free training. More information about the training can be found on the [CCWA website](#) or by visiting the [Training and Professional Development Section](#) of the Department's [Child Care VA website](#).

Please contact your licensing representative if you have any questions.