New Training Requirements for **All** School Readiness Providers

Important Announcement: Due to changes in federal regulations, there are new health and safety training requirements for all child care personnel employed at a contracted School Readiness (SR) Program site. For compliance, all personnel who directly supervise children must successfully complete mandated health and safety training.

All current SR child care personnel must complete two new health and safety courses *(Health and Nutrition in the School Readiness Program* and *Safety Practices in the School Readiness Program)* **by June 30, 2024.** These free courses are available in the **Florida Early Childhood Professional Development Registry**. SR child care personnel must take these courses even if they have completed preservice training and may use the two courses towards the annual in-service training requirement.

New hires and current preservice trainees must complete all required preservice training within 90 days of initial employment with any SR provider by successfully completing one of the options below. If a new hire or preservice trainee elects to complete DCF courses in Option 1, they must also complete the two new health and safety courses *(Health and Nutrition in the School Readiness Program* and *Safety Practices in the School Readiness Program)*.

SR child care personnel with exemptions from completing the DCF introductory child care training based on educational credentials or passing of competency examinations per Section 402.305(2), Florida Statutes, must complete all mandated preservice training in Option 1 or 2 (along with the *Health and Nutrition in the School Readiness Program* and *Safety Practices in the School Readiness Program*) **or** Option 3 **by June 30, 2024,** or within 90 days of initial employment.

Option 1 (DCF courses, plus corresponding exams) - https://childcaretraining.myflfamilies.com/studentsite/admin/signin

Existing courses available now under the Child Care Facility Part 1 heading for $10 per course:

- *Health, Safety and Nutrition* (8-hour)
- *Child Growth and Development* (6-hour)
- *Behavioral Observation and Screening* (6-hour)
- *Identifying and Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect* (4-hour)

Must also complete the two new health and safety courses in Option 3 *(Health and Nutrition in the School Readiness Program* and *Safety Practices in the School Readiness Program).*

Option 2 (DEL - Early Learning Florida Health and Safety modules) – https://collabornation.net/login/floridaearlylearning

As of December 31, 2023, these courses are no longer available. **Anyone who was in the process of taking these modules and did not complete the entire required set by December 31, 2023, must complete Option 1 or Option 3.**

Option 3 (DEL - Florida Early Childhood PD Registry) - https://childcaretraining.myflfamilies.com/studentsite/admin/signin

New courses available as of **January 1, 2024**, under the School Readiness Preservice Training heading for free:

- *Child Development in the School Readiness Program* (4-hour)
- *Health and Nutrition in the School Readiness Program** (4-hour)
- *Safe Sleep Practices in Child Care (*2-hour; *not required for school-age only programs)*
- *Safety Practices in the School Readiness Program** (5-hour)
- *Transportation Safety in Child Care Programs (*2-hour; *if applicable)*

*Indicates required training for all SR child care personnel.

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