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SCHOOL-AGE CHILD CARE PROFESSIONALS NEW REQUIRED TRAINING

Effective April 1, 2018, licensing rules require two courses for program leaders in school-age child care programs. This new requirement is a part of a comprehensive review and edit of the school-age rules. Other changes include:

- Expanding and clarifying children's health and medication requirements;
- Eliminating unnecessary or duplicate rules;
- Clarifying existing rules; and
- Adding requirements for safety, physical activity and screen time.

There will be a 6-month consultation period on rules that do not immediately impact children's health and safety. New rules and requirements will be enforced starting October 1, 2018.

The new required courses focus on injury prevention and playground safety and are free and available through the Colorado Shines Professional Development Information System (PDIS). Course requirements vary depending on how often a school-age program uses a public or private playground; see the next page for more information.

Access the Colorado Shines PDIS at ecpd.costartstrong.org.

Specific questions regarding the new rules may be directed to your licensing specialist.

You may also contact the Division of Early Care and Learning at 1-800-799-5876.

School-age programs include day camps, summer camps, summer playground programs, before and after school programs and extended day programs.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHO NEEDS TO TAKE THE COURSES?

Program leaders in School-Age Child Care Centers are required to complete the courses. The actual rule language (7.712.42) states each program leader must be at least 18 years of age, demonstrate the ability to work with children and must meet the following qualifications:

- Complete the Department-approved course in injury prevention;
- Complete the Department-approved course in playground safety for School-Age Child Care Centers. This requirement does not apply to day camps that do not regularly use a playground; and
- Must have at least (3) months (460 hours) of full-time or equivalent part-time satisfactory and verifiable experience with school-age children.

School-Age Child Care Programs Training Options

eLearning Course	Who Should Take It
Playground Safety for School-Age Programs	Program leaders in school-age programs that use a public or private playground at least once a week.
Injury Prevention for School-Age Programs that Regularly Use a Playground Prerequisite course: Playground Safety for School Age Programs (above)	Program leaders in school-age programs that use public or private playgrounds at least once a week.
Injury Prevention for Day Camp Programs that DO NOT Regularly Use a Playground	Program leaders in day camp programs that visit a public or private playground less than once a week.

WHEN DOES THIS REQUIREMENT GO INTO EFFECT?

The new rules are effective April 1, 2018, but a 6-month grace period will be given for compliance with the rule. New rules and requirements will be enforced starting October 1, 2018.

WHEN DO THE COURSES NEED TO BE COMPLETED?

Enforcement of the rules begins October 1, 2018. Program leaders hired after October 1, 2018 should complete the courses before working with children.

ARE THERE ANY OTHER OPTIONS TO TAKE THIS TRAINING?

The training "Quality Outdoor Learning Environments Webinar" through Clayton Early Learning also meets the playground safety training requirement. This course can be accessed at www.claytonearlylearning.org.

THESE COURSES ARE A ONE-TIME REQUIREMENT AND CAN COUNT TOWARDS YOUR REQUIRED ANNUAL CLOCK HOURS FOR CHILD CARE LICENSING.

HOW TO ACCESS THE COLORADO SHINES PDIS AND TAKE THE REQUIRED TRAINING

1. VISIT THE COLORADO SHINES PDIS

- Go to ecpd.costartstrong.org.
- Visit the 'School-Age Professionals' link on the left side of the screen for more information.

2. CREATE AN ACCOUNT

- Select 'Login' from the top, left side of the screen. Then select 'Register Now.'
- Complete your profile by providing demographic and employment information.
- To edit your account and profile information, select the 'My Profile' button on the left side of the screen.

✔ **CONGRATULATIONS.** You're ready to take full advantage of the PDIS!

3. TAKE FREE ELEARNING COURSES

- Visit the 'Course Catalog.' There are a variety of free pre-service, orientation and general professional development courses available.

TIP: To quickly find the required courses, search for 'school-age' or 'day camp' or use the dropdown menu and select 'Pre-service and/or Required Training.'

- To return to a course in progress, go to 'My Dashboard' and choose the course in the 'My Courses' list.

✔ **CONGRATULATIONS.** You're better prepared to help children shine!



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