



Child Care Aware® is committed to helping parents find the best information on locating quality child care and child care resources in their community. In partnership with Child Care Resource & Referral agencies (CCR&R), Child Care Aware® builds consumer awareness and supports families in making choices for the care and education of their children.



America's most trusted child care resource.

For additional resources or help finding your local Child Care Resource & Referral agency (CCR&R), call:

1-800-424-2246

TTY Line: 1-866-278-9428

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For local information contact:



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Keeping Up with the Times . . . Continuing Education



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As a child care professional, you want to remain up-to-date on the most current practices in your profession. One way to do this is by attending regular training sessions. As a well-trained provider, you will be able to offer families quality care to support the growth and development of their children.

Today, attending training does not mean that you will have to take time to sit in a classroom; there are many alternatives available. In addition to a classroom setting, you may attend training through local workshops, as part of professional conferences, and through online courses taken at your own pace.

Professional Development and Training Opportunities

Ongoing training opportunities may include topic areas such as child abuse prevention, identification and reporting; child development; health, safety and nutrition; program management; and more.

Available training courses should be designed to:

- ▶ Meet annual training requirements
- ▶ Meet required training hours for the Child Development Associate (CDA) credential and CDA credential renewal
- ▶ Strengthen knowledge in key topic areas

With many of the online courses available, providers can receive Continuing Education Unit (CEU) credit. Courses may include:

For Child Care Center Staff

- ▶ Child Care Essentials: A Comprehensive Initial Training for Center-Based Child Care Providers
- ▶ Child Abuse Awareness for Center Staff
- ▶ Customized Courses

For Family Child Care Providers

- ▶ Child Care Essentials: A Comprehensive Initial Training for Family Child Care Providers
- ▶ CDA Credential Training and Renewal
- ▶ Customized Courses

General Child Care Information

- ▶ Practical Strategies to Guide Children's Behavior
- ▶ Creating and Sustaining Inclusive Environments for Young Children
- ▶ Customized Courses

Business Education

- ▶ Computer Basics
- ▶ Business Management

Child Care Aware® Training Academy™ is a great resource to find these courses. Visit www.usa.childcareaware.org or call toll-free (800) 261-6248 for more information.

Many national and local organizations offer free webinars and podcasts that cover important training

topics. Some may even earn CEU credit. Examples include Healthy Child Care America, CDC, and Zero to Three.

Local Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (CCR&Rs)

Your local CCR&R can provide you with information about local provider training and continuing education courses. To find your local CCR&R, contact Child Care Aware® toll-free at (800) 424-2246 or visit www.childcareaware.org.

Local Resources

In addition to your local CCR&R, other community organizations may offer training or continuing education courses. Check with your local:

- ▶ Red Cross chapter www.redcross.org
- ▶ Community colleges and universities
- ▶ Social Service agencies
- ▶ Community health agencies
- ▶ Private organizations
- ▶ Local child care programs

Children who are cared for by well-trained child care providers are better prepared to start school ready to succeed. By keeping up-to-date in the child care field, you demonstrate a continued commitment to the importance of early learning and child development.

