



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 will be hosted in the [Florida Early Childhood Professional Development Registry](#) beginning January 1, 2024. SR child care personnel must take these courses even if they have completed preservice training and can 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 take option 1 or option 2, 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 s. 402.305(2), F.S., must also 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
- Child Growth and Development
- Behavioral Observation and Screening
- Identifying and Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect

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

*Existing courses available through **December 31, 2023**, for free:*

- Health and Sanitation
- Safety of the Environment
- Precautions in Transporting Children (if applicable)
- Safe Sleep Practices (not required for school-age only programs)
- Child Safety and Prevention
- Planning for Emergencies
- Prevention of Child Abuse and Supporting Children in Trauma
- Supporting Social-Emotional Development module (*choose one: Infant/Toddler, Preschool, Mixed-Age*)

(Anyone in the process of taking these modules who does not complete the entire required set by December 31, 2023, must complete all of Option 3.)

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

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

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