

# IMPORTANT NOTICE

## New Requirement: Virginia Health and Safety Update Training



The Virginia Health and Safety Update Training for Child Care Staff is a FREE online training offered by the Virginia Department of Social Services, through the Pennsylvania State University's Better Kid Care program. This is a **REQUIRED** annual update training for Subsidy Vendors or their designees, and their staff who work directly with children. This 3-hour training is a follow-up to the Virginia Preservice Training for Child Care Staff and became available on **March 1, 2019**.

### ABOUT TRAINING

The Virginia Health and Safety Update Training covers the following topics:

- ▶ Healthy Eating
- ▶ Physical Activity Promotion
- ▶ Immunization Recommendation Updates
- ▶ Cytomegalovirus and Norovirus
- ▶ Bed Bugs, Lice, Scabies, Fleas, Ticks, and Mosquito Management
- ▶ Adverse Childhood Experiences and Trauma Awareness
- ▶ Opioid Addiction and Epidemic

This training provides updated information on the basic health and safety requirements specified in federal law and should be completed within 1 year after you have taken the Virginia Preservice training. VDSS Licensing Inspectors will require existing Subsidy Vendors or their designees, and their staff who work directly with children to have proof of this training on file by **March 1, 2020**.

**New Subsidy Vendors are required to take the Virginia Preservice Training within 90 days of approval, and then take the Virginia Health and Safety Update Training *within* the following year.**

### HOW TO ACCESS

Go to the Virginia Child Care website: [www.ChildCareVA.com](http://www.ChildCareVA.com)

- Click on "Providers" tab
- Click on "Become a Subsidy Provider"
- Go to "Step 2" under "How to Become a Subsidy Provider"
- Click the link for "Virginia Preservice Training for Child Care Staff – Virginia Health and Safety Training Course"

Sign into the Better Kid Care website using the same email and password used to take the Preservice Training, or click on "No, I am a new Customer" and create an account.

Note: Please look for and select the title "Virginia Health and Safety Update Training for Child Care Staff - \$0".

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