

INITIAL AND CONTINUING TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR CAREGIVERS WORKING IN LICENSED CHILD CARE FACILITIES: Guidelines for Completion

All licensed facilities in Nevada are regulated by the State of Nevada Division of Welfare and Supportive Services Child Care Licensing Program (DWSS CCL).

Per Nevada Child Care Regulations NAC432A SERVICES AND FACILITIES FOR CARE OF CHILDREN, all caregivers working in licensed childcare facilities are required to complete specific initial courses of training in childcare to work with young children. These topics include: Infant/Child CPR, First Aid, Signs and Symptoms of Illness with Bloodborne Pathogens, Recognition and Reporting of Child Abuse and Neglect, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, Child Development, Lifelong Wellness, Prevention of Shaken Baby Syndrome and Abusive Head Trauma, Building and Physical Premises Safety/Storage of Hazardous Materials, Emergency Preparedness and Response Planning, Medication Administration and the Prevention of Food Allergies and Transportation and Field Trip Safety. All initial training must be completed within 90 days of hire.

The chart included in this document outlines the general guidelines for the completion of all required initial training requirements including the number of hours required, the frequency of requirements, as well as which staff (if not all) are required to complete each course. Compiled with assistance from Child Care Licensing staff, it is intended to help Early Childhood educators better understand their responsibilities regarding the initial and continuing training requirements of Child Care Licensing.



| | Training Topic | Who is required to take this training? | Hours Required | One Time Requirement? | If not one time how often must it be completed? |
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| Initial Training Requirements | Infant/Child CPR*** | All Staff | Two | No | Per expiration date listed on card. (Typically, every two years.) |
| | First Aid*** | All Staff | Two | Yes* | N/A |
| | Signs and Symptoms of Illness (SOI) with Bloodborne Pathogens** | All Staff | Two | No | Every three years |
| | Recognition and Reporting of Child Abuse and Neglect** | All Staff | Two | No | Every five years |
| | Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) | All staff working with infants. | Two | Yes* | N/A |
| | Child Development (Specific to age group served by facility.) | All Staff | Three | Yes* | N/A |
| | Lifelong Wellness (Nutrition, Obesity and Physical Activity)** | All Staff | Two | No | Annually |
| | Prevention of Shaken Baby Syndrome (SBS)** | All staff working with infants. | One | Yes* | N/A |
| | Building and Physical Premises Safety** | All Staff | Two | Yes* | N/A |
| | Emergency Preparedness** | All Staff | Two | Yes* | N/A |
| | Medication Administration and Food Allergies** | All Staff | Two | Yes* | N/A |
| | Transportation & Field Trip Safety** | If facility provides transportation; only designated drivers. | One | Yes* | N/A |

See notes on the last page for all asterisks.



General Notes Regarding Initial Training Requirements:

- All caregivers working in licensed childcare facilities regardless of type (Center-Based, Group-Home and Family Child Care) are required by Child Care Licensing regulations to complete 24 hours of training annually. The 24 hours can be a combination of both initial and continuing training.
 - **Initial Training**: Required courses must be completed within 90 days of hire and again as frequently as indicated on the preceding chart.
 - **Continuing Training**: Twenty-four hours of training must be completed during each 12month licensing period and in accordance with the facility's licensure date. Twelve of these hours must be specific to the age group served by the childcare facility (as per SB189).
- Child Care facilities may elect to require additional training above and beyond the minimum requirements of Child Care Licensing as a condition of employment.
- All training must be approved and/or recognized by The Nevada Registry to be counted toward annual training requirements.
- All training topics listed in the preceding chart are considered initial training requirements.
- All initial training courses can be completed online, virtually or in-person except for CPR which must be completed in person***. As per Child Care Licensing, blended CPR instruction that combines online learning with skill demonstration is permitted.
- CPR and First Aid training must be **current (not expired)** at the time of initial application to The Nevada Registry to be accepted.
- Initial training hours are **included** in the 24 training hours of training required annually.
- All employees working in licensed childcare facilities are required to become an active member of The Nevada Registry within 90 days of hire and maintain active membership on an annual basis.
- All required initial training should be completed *prior to requesting a Nevada Registry membership application.* Individuals submitting incomplete applications without documentation showing completion of **all** required initial training requirements** are not in compliance with Child Care Licensing regulations regarding mandatory participation.



* One-Time Requirements:

Though only required once by regulation, individuals working in licensed facilities may be required to retake the course if completed more than three years prior (at the discretion of their Licensing Surveyor).

**Initial Training:

To meet the initial requirements of Child Care Licensing in Nevada, these courses must be taken in Nevada to incorporate Nevada-specific regulations and/or meet specific training approval criteria.

For the purpose of application to The Nevada Registry (only), individuals who possess a current official CDA (temporary CDAs are not recognized), eight or more college credits in ECE (with 2000+ hours of direct ECE experience), a degree in ECE and/or a degree in another field with 30 ECE credits may submit a copy of their current CDA Credential (for CDA) or copies of official (preferred) or unofficial transcripts (for college credits and degrees) in lieu of initial training certificates.

*** CPR/First Aid Training:

CPR training for childcare providers must include an infant and child component. Adult-only CPR does not meet the licensing requirement and will not be accepted.

Per Child Care Licensing, CPR training must contain an in-person skill demonstration component to be accepted/approved. As a result, CPR training must be completed in person. However, blended instruction that combines online learning with in-person skill demonstration is permitted. First Aid training can be taken in-person or online.

CPR and First Aid cards/digital certificates must be issued by one of the following authorized agencies: HSI, American Heart Association, American Red Cross, Medic First Aid, EMS Safety Services, or American Safety and Health Institute.

IMPORTANT NOTE!

This document may undergo periodic review and revision. Always refer to the 'Training Calendar' page of The Nevada Registry website for the most current information.