

DEPT. OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES



Pete Ricketts, Governor

April 15, 2019

Provider Full Name Address Line 1 City State ZIP Code

Dear Child Care Subsidy Provider:

You are receiving this letter because you are a **Licensed Child Care Subsidy Provider** (Family Child Care Home I/II or Child Care Center) who has a current Child Care Subsidy Agreement with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). Please review the following information, as it outlines new federal requirements you must comply with in order to keep your Child Care Subsidy Agreement.

As first communicated in October 2018, significant changes were made with the recent federal reauthorization to the Child Care and Development Block Grant. This grant is used to support Child Care Subsidy and other quality child care and child development efforts in Nebraska.

We are excited to share the Nebraska specific Health and Safety Pre-Service Orientation Training, created in partnership with DHHS and the Nebraska Department of Education. This training is available on-line and is free of cost. This training will count towards 3 training hours of the annual training requirements. All Child Care Subsidy Providers, including all staff who care for children, are required to complete the Health and Safety Training individually.

Instructions on how to access and complete this on-line training are attached.

You will need to provide verification of you and your staff's completion of the required Health and Safety Training. You can print a copy of the verification form on line at: http://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Child-Care-Subsidy.aspx (Provider tab > Forms > Child Care Provider Health and Safety Training Verification). Please email the completed form to: dhhs.ccsubsidy@nebraska.gov or mail to the address listed on the bottom of the form.

Final completion date for this Health and Safety Pre-Service Orientation Training and Pediatric First Aid/CPR is <u>August 31, 2019</u>. Failure to comply could result in the closing of your Child Care Subsidy Provider Agreement.

The Nebraska Early Childhood Training Center, part of the Nebraska Department of Education's Office of Early Childhood, provides the state leadership for Nebraska's early childhood professional development system. The Early Childhood Training Center, can help find trainings and resources to assist you in meeting the new federal

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requirements and on-going training requirements. The Training Center can also connect you with a Nebraska Regional Early Learning Coordinator, who can assist you with any of your training needs.

Nebraska's Early	6949 S 110 th Street	1-800-892-4453 or	https://www.education.ne.gov/oec/early-
Childhood Training	La Vista, NE 68128	402-557-6886	childhood-training-center/
Center			

We understand that these changes will require additional commitment for all providers. If you decide you are no longer interested in being a Child Care Subsidy Provider, please contact your Resource Development (RD) Worker to request closure of your Subsidy Agreement.

Families who may need to find a new child care provider can receive assistance by contacting: ACCESSNebraska at: 1-800-383-4278, the Nebraska's Child Care Resource and Referral line at: 1-800-892-4453, or view the Licensed Child Care Roster at: http://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Documents/ChildCareRoster.pdf

Please contact your assigned RD Worker if you have any questions or need assistance to complete the new requirements.

Sincerely,

Nicole Vint, CCDF Administrator Children and Family Services Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services