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Iowa Training Project for Child Care Nurse Consultants (ITPCCNC) FY27

Target Audience

Iowa registered nurses working with Early Childhood and Education (ECE) providers through the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Title V Child and Adolescent Health (CAH) program.

Instructor

Deb Gimer, RN BSN, Healthy Child Care Iowa Professional Development Coordinator

Child Care Nurse Consultant Background and Statement of Purpose

Child Care Nurse Consultants (CCNC) are Registered Nurses (RN) who provide onsite consultation, coaching, training and technical assistance to ECE providers. The ITPCCNC is the required initial training program for CCNCs, and the purpose of the course is to expand the RN's knowledge and skills to work with ECE providers.

Educational Objectives

Each course module contains learning objectives specific to the module topic. Overall course objectives are:

- Identify the components for best practices in health and safety in ECE programs
- Assess the quality of health and safety policy and practices in ECE programs
- Consult with ECE providers to improve health and safety in their businesses
- Identify community partners and resources to assist in improving the quality in ECE environments
- Identify the role of public health principles and practices in child care

Training Topics

- The Role of the CCNC
- Building Consultation Skills
- Training Skills
- Documentation, Data, Reporting
- Infectious Disease, illness and exclusion

- Injury Prevention-Safety Promotion
- Caring for Children with Special Needs
- Social Emotional/Behavioral Health
- Child Development
- Infant Safe Sleep
- Indoor and Outdoor environments
- Environmental Health
- Nutrition and Physical Activity
- Staff Health
- Oral Health
- Quality-IQ4K

Note to participants and their employers

Electronic Communication

The course relies on electronic communication using email and retrieval of documents from the internet. The employer shall ensure the participant has internet access, an individual laptop/computer, a business-related email address where the instructor may send correspondence and the computer skills necessary to complete the course.

Course Reading and Written Assignment Expectations

Participants will study various topics online with written assignments for each unit. Required activities include onsite ECE visits, meeting with other consultants who are part of the ECE team and working with a preceptor. Participants are expected to fully participate in and thoroughly complete all assignments to successfully complete the course. A minimum of 20 hours of work per week is expected to complete the 12 units of distance learning. ITPCCNC must be completed within 3 months from the time of enrollment.

Nursing Contact Hours

124 contact hours will be awarded to individuals successfully completing the Iowa Training Project for Child Care Nurse Consultant course. The course contains appropriate subject matter per IAC 619.2(3). Partial credit will not be awarded. Licensees are required to keep continuing education documentation for a period of four years, including proof of attendance, licensee's name, course date, course title, awarded hours and provider approval information.

Application Process

- Interested applicants must complete an on-line application and email a current resume to Heidi Hotvedt, RN BSN HCCI Program Coordinator at heidi.hotvedt@hhs.iowa.gov
- For questions, call 515-321-8137.
- Complete the online application at https://forms.cloud.microsoft/g/VEWnPH7Nhq
- Applicants are notified by email regarding acceptance.
- Approved applicants receive the enrollment agreement to complete and return to Healthy Child Care Iowa.

Registration Fee

The course is free.

Cancellation Policy

Participants will be informed if the course is cancelled for any reason.

Sponsor

Healthy Child Care Iowa through the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services.