

Our Goals

- To promote and maintain the broadest understanding of health and wellness in early care and education that includes preventive services: access to health care, mental health consultation and care, child abuse prevention, and training on healthy practices and procedures.
- To create linkages and promote collaboration between health and safety professionals and child care professionals.
- To promote the inclusion of children with special needs and the elimination of barriers to their inclusion in different types of early care and education programs.
- To be guided by the most up-to-date knowledge of the best practices and concepts of health, wellness, and safety for early care and education programs.
- To promote, support and enhance a healthy and safe environment for all children in early care and education programs in California that reflects the diversity of the state.
- To build a health infrastructure that improves the well-being of children and families in early care and education programs.



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dedicated to enhancing the quality of child care

Who We Are

The California Childcare Health Program is dedicated to enhancing the quality of child care for California's children by initiating and strengthening linkages between the health, safety, and child care communities and the families they serve.



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What We Do

CCHP provides child care health consultation on health and safety issues for early care and education providers, parents and health professionals.

CCHP works with the state Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Branch to assess statewide needs and integrate health into early care and education programs along with maintaining a registry of Child Care Health Consultants in California.

Education

CCHP staff develop up-to-date, educational materials on important child care health issues. These materials are available in print and online in English and Spanish.

CCHP staff present regularly at regional and statewide conferences for early care and education professionals, on a variety of child care health topics.

Research

CCHP is involved in research studies to evaluate health consultation intervention. CCHP developed the CCHP Health and Safety Checklist based on key National Standards and Integrated Pest Management Checklist. CCHP also provides opportunities for students and volunteers to work on child care health issues. In addition, CCHP publishes articles in professional and peer reviewed journals on child care health issues.



Publications

Our user-friendly educational resources are developed for child care providers, instructors, Child Care Health Consultants, Child Care Health Advocates and the families they serve.

Additional publications available from CCHP include:

- Asthma Information Packet
- Health and Safety Notes
- Fact Sheets for Families
- Prevention of Injuries* Training Curriculum
- Prevention of Infectious Disease* Training Curriculum
- Promoting Children's Oral Health* Training Curriculum
- Integrated Pest Management: A Toolkit for ECE Programs*

Most materials are available in both English and Spanish. Contact us for information on ordering.

Website

CCHP's website presents up-to-date information, CCHP publications and resources in English and Spanish for the health and child care communities.

Visit at www.ucsfchildcarehealth.org.

