

BEST BEGINNINGS QUALITY INITIATIVES

CHILD CARE 7 - 6

Provider Training

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ARM 11.14.401 (10)
ARM 11.14.609 (6) (d)
USCS (658G, 658E, (c) (3) (B))

Basic Child Care Orientation

Providers, as defined by the Child Care Licensing Program in the Quality Assurance Division of DPHHS, are required by the Administrative Rules of Montana [ARM] to attend orientation training within the first 60 calendar days of certification. Sixteen (16) hours are required for orientation with sufficient proof that the topics are covered in depth. Orientation must include, but are not limited to, the following areas:

- Prevention and control of infectious diseases (including immunization);
- SIDS prevention and use of safe sleep practices;
- Administration of medication;
- Prevention/response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions;
- Building and physical premises safety;
- Business aspects of a child care program;
- Emergency preparedness and response planning;
- Handling and storage of hazardous materials and the appropriate disposal of bio-contaminants;
- Transportation (if applicable);
- Pediatric first-aid and CPR;
- Recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect; and
- Child development.

Providers will be eligible for approved training hours for completion of orientation.

Specialized Training Child Care

The Department of Public Health and Human Services contracts with organizations or individuals wishing to provide Specialized Training in Early Childhood Development for Early Care and Education Practitioners.

Specialized Training in Early Childhood Development, and related fields, is defined as education/training (including business training related to operation of a child care business) that:

1. leads to certification or degree
2. advances a participant along the career path; or
3. is innovative and not currently available in a community; or

4. focuses on a special population of early care and education practitioners, or special areas of interest to such practitioners.

The Knowledge Base and the Montana Early Learning Standards

All training funded through the Best Beginnings project must be approved through the Montana Early Care and Education Training Approval System. In addition, training must be related to the Montana Early Care and Education Knowledge Base and the Montana Early Learning Standards.

Training Opportunities

Training opportunities are available and offered statewide by a variety of training providers. These training providers include but are not limited to the following:

1. CCR&R agencies
2. MSU Early Childhood Project
3. Montana colleges and universities
4. Montana Child Care Association
5. Montana Association for the Education of Young Children

A complete listing of the approved training may be found at the following web site:

www.mtecp.org