

The Child Care and Development Block Grant Act (CCDBG)

The Child Care and Development Block Grant Act (CCDBG) is the law that authorizes the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) program, which is administered by states, territories, and tribes. States use the CCDF to provide financial assistance to low-income families to obtain child care so they can work or attend an education program. States can also use CCDF dollars to improve the quality of the teaching workforce and support childcare programs to achieve higher standards. As a result of this law, childcare providers participating in accepting subsidies and vouchers must have in effect, health and safety requirements. States must certify that there are health and safety standards in place and that training requirements are appropriate to the provider setting and the age of the children served.

Health and safety topics include:

- prevention and control of infectious diseases (including immunization)
- prevention of sudden infant death syndrome and use of safe sleeping practices
- administration of medicine, consistent with standards for parental consent:
- prevention of and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions
- building and physical premises safety, including identification of and protection from hazards, bodies of water, and vehicular traffic
- prevention of shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma, and child maltreatment
- emergency preparedness and response planning for a natural disaster or a human-caused event
- handling and storage of hazardous materials and disposal of biocontaminants
- appropriate precautions in transporting children
- pediatric first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR)
- recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect

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