The Health and Safety of Children in Head Start and Child Care Programs

Pediatric Preparedness Ambassador Program
Orientation/Training Session #1
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LEARNING OUTCOMES FOR TRAINING

• Review details for the AAP Pediatric Preparedness Ambassadors Program
• Identify what is known about the health and safety of children in child care
• Share AAP and other key resources on child health and safety
• Discuss how can you contribute
PROJECT BACKGROUND

- Collaboration with CDC
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• National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases (NCIRD)
• Improving the Pediatric Community’s Readiness for Seasonal/Pandemic Influenza
  – Clinicians
  – Child Care Providers
AAP Pediatric Preparedness Ambassador Program

- Goals/Objectives
- Series of Three Webinars
- Inspired by Influenza
WHAT WE HOPE TO ACHIEVE
CHILD CARE BASICS (TERMINOLOGY)

- Head Start
- Child Care Center
- Family Child Care Home
- Child Care Aware (formerly National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies - NACCRRRA)
- Child Care Health Consultants
CHILD CARE BASICS

- Number of children enrolled in child care
- Health outcomes of those children
- Pediatrician involvement in child care health and safety activities
National Trends

- Child Care Developmental Block Grant
- Head Start – Child Care Collaborations
- Emphasis on birth to 3 years
STANDARDS

• AAP/APHA: Caring for Our Children
• Head Start Performance Standards
• State Child Care Licensing Requirements
• Caring for Our Children Basics
• Quality Rating and Improvement Systems
• Accreditation (NAEYC or Other)
Caring For Our Children: National Health and Safety Performance Standards, 3rd Ed

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Important Information About New Bleach Concentration

Effective 3/1/2013

Major Change in Caring for Our Children, 3rd Edition (CFOC3):
HOW PROGRAMS ARE FUNDED

- Child care programs are funding in many ways
- This impacts some requirements/standards
- Federally-funded
- Corporation-funded
- Foundation-funded
- For profit/not-for-profit
- Subsidized by employers
Child Care Development Block Grant

- Federal money to states to improve access to quality child care
- Increased requirements in health and safety
- Creation of an absolute minimum, CFOC Basics-
  http://www.acf.hhs.gov/ecd/caring-for-our-children-basics
- http://www.acf.hhs.gov/occ/ccdf-reauthorization
Advocacy: What Pediatricians Can Do To Make A Difference

- Join the AAP Council on Early Childhood
- Talk to early childhood/child care professionals about health/pediatric topics
- Advocate for improved health and safety standards in child care
- Connect with legislators/governors (they have children or grandchildren in child care)
RESOURCES

- AAP Policy - Quality Early Education and Child Care From Birth to Kindergarten (http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/115/1/187)

- Caring for Our Children (http://cfoc.nrckids.org/)


RESOURCES

• AAP Disaster Preparedness Resources for Child Care Providers  

• Save the Children Disaster Checklist for Child Care Professionals  
  (http://www.savethechildren.org/site/c.8rKLIXMGlpi4E/b.8777055/k.18AB/Get_Rready_Get_Safe_Plan_Ahead.htm)


• AAP National Center for Early Childhood Health and Wellness  
Relevance to Practicing Pediatricians

• Research shows the importance of quality early experiences in achieving good health, esp within the most vulnerable populations.
• Can support the work of others working on health within child care (Head Start health managers, child care health consultants)
• In a position to influence families/child care professionals
YOUR CHALLENGES
WHAT’S NEXT?

• Trained Ambassadors can:
  – Present on health topics
  – Serve as a health advisor or health consultant
  – Improve state child care regulations/requirements through advocacy efforts
  – Educate others on evidence-based strategies
  – Connect with the AAP Council on Early Childhood, become an “early childhood champion”
  – And much more!
For additional information, please email DisasterReady@aap.org.