

Training Information Sheet

For DHS Child Development and Care Aide and Relative Providers

June 2010

NEW for Aide and Relative Providers who receive DHS reimbursement for child care services:

- Basic training **requirement**.
- Opportunity to earn an extra 25 cents per hour in reimbursement for child care services provided by completing 10 additional hours of approved training per year (Tier 2 option below.)

Basic Training Requirement

The six-hour Great Start to Quality Orientation is **free** interactive training covering the following topics:

- American Heart Association first aid and CPR certification course.
- Nutrition.
- Health and safety.
- Shaken Baby Syndrome.
- Safe Sleep practices.

All providers who attend will receive a binder with training materials and information about additional resources, such as the Child Care Enhancement Program (CCEP), Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), and I-Billing.

Deadlines for Basic Training Requirement

March 7, 2010:

All aide and relative care providers applying *on or after* March 7, 2010 must complete the Great Start to Quality Orientation outlined above **before** they will be eligible for payment as a DHS child care provider. Care provided prior to training completion will **NOT** be reimbursed by DHS.

September 17, 2010:

All aide and relative care providers applying *before* March 7, 2010 must meet the basic training requirement by September 17, 2010 to continue receiving DHS subsidy for child care services.

Tier 2 Training Option

Beginning in March 2010, all aide and relative care providers will now have the opportunity to earn an extra 25 cents per hour in reimbursement for child care provided (up to \$585 more per child each year) by completing 10 additional hours of approved training per year.

Information and a list of approved Tier 2 training topics will be provided in the Great Start to Quality Orientation binders.

Please note: Tier 2 payment rates cannot be authorized prior to the completion of the Great Start to Quality Orientation.

Frequently Asked Questions

1.) Who is providing the training?

Training is being provided through the Early Childhood Investment Corporation (ECIC) and the 10 Great Start Regional Child Care Resource Centers around the state.

2.) How soon will I be able to meet my basic training requirement?

Each region is currently offering training sessions and additional trainings are being scheduled every day. Information can be found at www.greatstartconnect.com.

Please note: Training courses offered in August and September are likely to be full. Signing up for training sessions as early as possible will help ensure that you are able to meet the requirement by the deadline and remain enrolled and eligible to receive payment.

3.) Where will the training be provided?

Trainings are being offered statewide at a variety of community locations. The Great Start Regional Resource Centers continue to work on identifying training locations that are convenient and accessible in their region.

4.) How much will the training cost?

The required Great Start to Quality Orientation is provided free of charge.

5.) I provide child care during the weekdays. How can I meet my training requirement?

We understand that many child care providers will not be able to attend training held on weekdays. For this reason, training is being offered at a variety of times, including evenings and weekends. Evening trainings may be split into two sessions. If choosing an evening option, please be aware that both sessions must be attended in order to meet the training requirement.

6.) Will I have to take the basic training more than once?

No, you will only need to complete the Great Start to Quality Orientation once. However, opportunities for additional training will be provided in your region and participation is strongly encouraged.

Information will be provided in your Great Start to Quality Orientation binder about the opportunity to earn an extra 25 cents per hour in reimbursement for child care provided (up to \$585 more per child each year) by completing an additional 10 hours of approved training per year.

7.) How can I find and register for training in my area?

Training information can be found by visiting www.greatstartconnect.com.

If you do not have internet access or cannot find a suitable training using the website listed above, please call 1-877-61GREATSTART to be connected to the Great Start Regional Child Care Resource Center in your area.

We **strongly** recommend that you sign up to complete the training as soon as you are able in order to ensure your continued participation in the Child Development and Care subsidy program.