



## New Training Requirements for All School Readiness Providers

**Important Announcement:** Due to changes in federal regulations, there are new health and safety training requirements for all child care personnel employed at a contracted School Readiness (SR) Program site. For compliance, all personnel who directly supervise children must successfully complete mandated health and safety training.

**All current SR child care personnel** must complete two new health and safety courses (*Health and Nutrition in the School Readiness Program* and *Safety Practices in the School Readiness Program*) **by June 30, 2024**. These free courses will be hosted in the [Florida Early Childhood Professional Development Registry](#) beginning January 1, 2024. SR child care personnel must take these courses even if they have completed preservice training and can use the two courses towards the annual in-service training requirement.

**New hires and current preservice trainees** must complete all required preservice training within 90 days of initial employment with any SR provider by successfully completing one of the options below. If a new hire or preservice trainee elects to take option 1 or option 2, they must also complete the two new health and safety courses (*Health and Nutrition in the School Readiness Program* and *Safety Practices in the School Readiness Program*).

**SR child care personnel with exemptions from completing the DCF introductory child care training** based on educational credentials or passing of competency examinations per s. 402.305(2), F.S., must also complete all mandated preservice training in option 1 or 2 (along with the *Health and Nutrition in the School Readiness Program* and *Safety Practices in the School Readiness Program*) **or** option 3 **by June 30, 2024**, or within 90 days of initial employment.

### **Option 1 (DCF courses, plus corresponding exams) - <https://childcaretraining.myflfamilies.com/studentsite/admin/signin>**

Existing courses available now under the Child Care Facility Part 1 heading for \$10 per course:

- Health, Safety and Nutrition
- Child Growth and Development
- Behavioral Observation and Screening
- Identifying and Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect

### **Option 2 (DEL - Early Learning Florida Health and Safety modules) – <https://collaboration.net/login/floridaearlylearning>**

Existing courses available through **December 31, 2023**, for free:

- Health and Sanitation
- Safety of the Environment
- Precautions in Transporting Children (if applicable)
- Safe Sleep Practices (not required for school-age only programs)
- Child Safety and Prevention
- Planning for Emergencies
- Prevention of Child Abuse and Supporting Children in Trauma
- Supporting Social-Emotional Development module (*choose one: Infant/Toddler, Preschool, Mixed-Age*)

(Anyone in the process of taking these modules who does not complete the entire required set by December 31, 2023, must complete all of Option 3.)

### **Option 3 (DEL - Florida Early Childhood PD Registry) - <https://childcaretraining.myflfamilies.com/studentsite/admin/signin>**

New courses available starting **January 1, 2024**, under the School Readiness Preservice heading for free:

- Child Development in the School Readiness Program
- Health and Nutrition in the School Readiness Program
- Safe Sleep Practices in Child Care (not required for school-age only programs)
- Safety Practices in the School Readiness Program
- Transportation Safety in Child Care Programs (if applicable)