

# Child Care Health Consultants (CCHC)

## What are Child Care Health Consultants?

Child Care Health Consultants (CCHC) are trained professionals (i.e., physicians, nurses, and nurse practitioners) who can provide expert guidance and technical assistance to child care providers on a wide range of health and safety topics. In addition, the Child Care Health Consultant also has the training to access appropriate resources to assist the child care provider in successfully including children with special health, medical and/or behavior needs.

## What services do Child Care Health Consultants Offer?

Through partnership with a child care provider, CCHC may:

1. Conduct child care staff training on topics such as Health Observation, Medication Administration, Blood borne Pathogens as well as a variety of other subjects (i.e. CPR, First Aid).
2. Assess health and safety needs and practices in the child care setting.
3. Help caregivers develop strategies for caring for children with special health needs.
4. Assist the provider in establishing policies and procedures for health/safety emergencies.
5. Provide health education and wellness programs, as well as health screenings.
6. Offer solutions for managing injuries or infectious diseases within the child care setting.
7. Connect caregivers and families with community health care resources and experts.
8. Provide up-to-date information on the latest guidelines, policies, and information regarding child health and safety.
9. Offer hands-on support through telephone advice or regular on-site visits.

## How can I locate a Child Care Health Consultant in my area?

To locate a CCHC in your area, please call the Virginia Department of Health (804) 864-7685 or email [vacchcs@aol.com](mailto:vacchcs@aol.com)

