What Topics Might the CCHC Address?

- Health and Safety Assessments
- Immunizations
- Caring for Children with Special Health Care Needs
- Safety and Injury Prevention
- Recognition and Reporting of Child Abuse
- Infection Control and Communicable Disease
- Nutrition and Physical Activity
- Health Promotion for Staff, Parents and Children
- Environmental Health
- Quality in Child Care
- Quality Child Care and Developmentally Appropriate Practices

CCHCs Also Offers

- Assistance with developing health policies that reduce the spread of illness
- Resources for staff development and parent education
- Phone consultations and follow up site visits as needed
- Resources and education regarding injury prevention and disaster preparedness
- Consultation and resources for serving children with special needs

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What is a CCHC?

The CCHC is a registered nurse or other licensed health professional specially trained to meet the needs of child care programs. CCHCs provide services specific to their trained field.

Who Can Use CCHC Services?

• Families can call to ask for assistance for their child in care
• Child care programs can call for assistance
• Health care providers can make a referral to the Child Care Health Consultant program
• Agencies which provide monitoring or resources to child care programs can make a referral for services

What Does a CCHC Do?

The Child Care Health Consultant delivers information, conducts training, and provides services and referrals related to health and safety.

CCHCs provide services over the telephone, by visiting child care programs, and through meetings with child care staff or parents.

Consultation is consistent with child care rules and Caring for Our Children: National Health and Safety Performance Standards Guidelines for Out of Home Care (from the American Academy of Pediatrics and American Public Health Association)

Why Contact a Child Care Health Consultant Program?

Within communities many infants and children attend child care programs, preschools, and family child care homes. Each day child care staff must address health and safety issues such as infectious disease, nutrition, food allergies, and special medical conditions in children.

Most child care providers do not have ready access to health resources to answer their questions or to assist them with health and safety planning. The CCHC program fills this gap.