

New rule revisions and upcoming rules changes from Bright from the Start concerning professional development for child care learning centers, group homes, and family child care programs

FYI



Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning

Beginning July 1, 2009:

New Family Child Care applicants will have to possess one of the following:

- Child Development Associate (CDA) credential issue by the Council for Professional Recognition;
- Technical Certificate of Credit (TCC) in Early Childhood Education;
- Technical College Diploma (TCD) in Early Childhood Education;
- Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education (AA, AAS, AAT);
- Paraprofessional Certificate (issued by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission)
- Bachelor's degree in ECE, OR a Master's degree in ECE

Starting December 1, 2012:

Directors at Child Care Learning Centers will be required to have ONE of the following:

- Child Development Credential (CDA) & six months experience
- Technical Certificate of Credit (TCC) in Early Childhood, or Infant/Toddler, or Program Administration, or School Age Care & six months experience
- Technical College Diploma (TCD) in Early Childhood & six months experience
- 40 hour Director Training and 5 years experience
- Associate's Degree & six months experience
- Paraprofessional Certificate & six months experience
- 25 quarter or 15 semester credit hours in Early Childhood & six months experience
- Bachelor's degree in a field *other* than Early Childhood & 3 months experience
- Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood
- Master's degree in Early Childhood

For Group Homes:

- Meet the same requirements as listed under the director requirements

Teachers/Lead Caregivers must meet ONE of the following minimum education requirements:

- Child Development Associate (CDA)
- Technical Certificate of Credit (TCC) in Early Childhood, or Infant/Toddler, or Program Administration, or School Age Care
- Technical College Diploma (TCD) in Early Childhood
- Associate's Degree in Early Childhood
- Paraprofessional Certificate
- 25 quarter or 15 semester credit hours in Early Childhood
- Bachelor's degree in a field *other* than Early Childhood & 3 months experience
- Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood
- Master's degree in Early Childhood

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