Guiding Principle for Child Care Health Consultation

Child Care Health Consultants, Families, and Child Care Providers in partnership promote the healthy development of young children in child care, and increase access to preventive health services as well as ensure a safe physical environment for children.

Healthy Child Care Hawai'i

Project Activities

- Recruit and train health professionals who volunteer to serve as child care health consultants.
- Connect health consultants with child care programs.
- Train pediatric residents (doctors-in-training) in recognizing and promoting quality child care.
- Provide information and resource materials on national health and safety performance standards.

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Child Care Health Consultants

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Promoting Health and Safety in Child Care

Who is a Child Care Health Consultant?

A Child Care Health Consultant:

- Is a health professional (such as physician or nurse).
- Has an INTEREST in and experience with children.
- Has knowledge of health resources and child care licensing regulations.

Do Child Care Health Consultants Have Training?

Healthy Child Care Hawai‘i provides training and resources to volunteer child care health consultants.

Roles of a Child Care Health Consultant

- **For Children:** To promote their health, safety, and development.
- **For Parents and Staff:** To educate on what is safe and appropriate for the children.
- **For the Community:** To consult with child care providers and other members of the community to promote the best interests of children.

What Can a Child Care Health Consultant Do?

- Visit and observe the child care program.
- Review and/or assist in developing and updating child care health policies regarding facility, staff, health protection, and other areas.
- Promote medical homes and preventive care.
- Help develop an inclusion plan for children with special health needs.
- Provide health education for staff, parents and children.
- Review health record, injury and illness logs.
- Provide information on community resources and referrals.