

Healthy Child Care Hawaii UPDATE!

August 2019



Changes Ahead

A new phase in the 19-year history of Healthy Child Care Hawaii (HCCH) is beginning July 2019. HCCH under the University of Hawaii Department of Pediatrics ended 6/30/19. Mahalo to Dr. Louise Iwaishi, Dr. Mae Kyono, Dr. Mari Uehara, and their HCCH Team for the many years in promoting the health and safety of young children in child care!

New!

The “New” Healthy Child Care Hawaii

The **Department of Health (DOH)** is providing interim support for HCCH consultation. DOH is continuing to work with **Department of Human Services (DHS)** and partners in promoting the health and safety of children in child care.

Child Care Health Consultation

Questions about the health and safety of children in child care?

*Immunizations? Infectious disease? Behavior?
Special needs? Nutrition? Injury prevention?
Community resources? Other?*

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Dr. Tamashiro will provide consultation by phone or e-mail to child care providers and agencies working with child care programs. Dr. Tamashiro is a pediatrician, child care health consultant, and member of the Hawaii Early Intervention Coordinating Council.



HCCH updates will be sent to HCCH network

HCCH website will be maintained



HCCH Questions?

Contact Keiko Nitta
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HCCH website: <http://health.hawaii.gov/cshcn/hcch/>

Updated Standards

Caring for Our Children (2019)

National Health and Safety Performance Standards
Guidelines for Early Care and Education Programs
<https://nrckids.org/CFOC>



Information from Department of Human Services/Child Care Program

CHILD CARE HEALTH CONSULTANTS

Below are the DHS licensing requirements for health consultants for Group Child Care centers (also known as preschools). [Child Care Health Consultants can assist child care centers with requirements in blue.](#) (HAR = Hawaii Administrative Rules)

HAR §17-892.1-19 Health consultation provisions. All child care programs shall have one of the following provisions [for health consultation to assist in developing health policies and in keeping them current:](#)

- (1) The child care center shall have on file written evidence that an arrangement has been made with a physician in private practice to provide consultation, and that this arrangement is satisfactory with parents of the children;
- (2) The child care center has made a contractual arrangement with a private physician or non-profit health organization in the community to provide health care for children in the program;
- (3) There is already a procedure existing in the community for the provision of health consultation service and arrangements have been made for use of this service; or
- (4) The child care program or resource has a health advisory group that may serve in such a capacity.

HAR §17-892.1-28 Integration of mental health concepts. Mental health aspects of child development shall be integrated into the child care program as follows:

- (1) At least one parent, guardian, foster parent, or social worker shall be interviewed prior to a child's admission to the center. The personal interview shall be conducted to secure pertinent information on the child's over-all-behavior and to acquaint the parent or guardian with the facility's policies. If the child is enrolled in a public or private school, the child shall also be interviewed when possible;
- (2) The child care facility shall provide its staff with annual orientation to state or other mental health service programs for children, or otherwise [familiarize its staff with consultative and clinical services and programs for the early identification of social, emotional, intellectual, and behavioral problems of children;](#) and
- (3) The facility shall [refer parents or guardians to sources of professional consultation in mental health upon the parents' or guardians request or upon the recommendation of the staff or the facility's health consultant.](#)



Resources for Families for Development or Behavior Concerns

- Child's doctor
- Parent Line, <http://www.theparentline.org/>, ph. 808-526-1222 (Oahu); 1-800-816-1222 (toll-free)
- Hi'ilei Developmental Screening Program, <http://health.hawaii.gov/cshcn/hiileihawaii>, ph. 808-733-4971
- Early intervention services for children age 0-3 years with developmental concerns, Department of Health, <http://health.hawaii.gov/eis/home/eiservices/>. Early Intervention Referral Line, ph. 808-594-0066 (Oahu) 1-800-235-5477 (toll-free) Neighbor Island.
- Special education for children age 3-22 years, Department of Education, <http://www.hawaiipublicschools.org/TeachingAndLearning/SpecializedPrograms/SpecialEducation/Pages/home.aspx>. Operation Search, ph. 800-297-2070 statewide.
- Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division, Department of Health (children and youth ages 3-21), <https://health.hawaii.gov/camhd/home/family-guidance-centers/> Main Line, phone (808) 733-9333.
- Help your Keiki, <http://helpyourkeiki.com>.