

Knowledge and Skills of a Health Consultant

ECELS-HEALTHY CHILD CARE PA



This list includes activities and information that can be involved in child care health consultation. As a child care health consultant, you might not do every activity or know all the information yourself. (The items in the list are adapted from the standard on health consultant knowledge and skills in *Caring for Our Children* 2nd edition, 2002) First, mark with a check, the activities you feel comfortable doing and what you already know. For the unmarked items, plan what skills and knowledge you want to acquire and when you would refer child care providers to other health and safety professionals who have the needed expertise.

Comfortable with these Activities:

- Teaching child care providers about health and safety issues
- Teaching parents about health and safety issues
- Assessing child care providers' needs for health and safety training
- Assessing parents' needs for health and safety training
- Meeting on-site with child care providers about health and safety
- Providing telephone advice to child care providers about health and safety
- Providing referrals to community services
- Developing or updating policies and procedures for child care facilities
- Reviewing health records of children
- Reviewing health records of child care providers
- Helping to manage the care of children with special health care needs
- Consulting with a child's doctor about medication
- Interpreting standards or regulations

Know This Information:

- National health and safety standards for out-of-home child care
- How child care facilities conduct their day-to-day operation
- Child care licensing requirements
- Disease reporting requirements for child care providers
- Immunizations for children
- Immunizations for child care providers
- Injury prevention for children
- Occupational health for child care providers
- Oral health for children
- Nutrition for children
- Inclusion of children with special health needs in child care
- Recognition and reporting requirements for child abuse and neglect
- Community health resources for child and parent health