Efficacy of Health Consultants – Research Findings

• Reduction of hazards and risky practices – safe active play, emergency preparedness, sanitation, nutrition & food safety, SIDS (PA, NC, CA)

• Improved access to care and more complete preventive health services (PA, NC, CA)

• Reduction of infectious disease outbreaks, absence from care, acute/emergency medical care utilization, medical care costs, work time lost by parents (NC)

• Improved written health policies (PA, NC, CA)

• CT providers perceive CCHC as valuable:
  – 85% of CT directors
  – 73% CT directors prefer at least weekly visits

• NJ directors & FCCH providers rated:
  – Satisfaction with CCHC, mean score = 2.85/4
  – Changes due to CCHC, mean score = 2.33/4

References


STANDARD 1.040 USE OF CHILD CARE HEALTH CONSULTANTS
STANDARD 1.041 KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS OF CHILD CARE HEALTH CONSULTANTS
STANDARD 1.042 SPECIALIZED CONSULTATION FOR FACILITIES SERVING CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES
STANDARD 1.043 FREQUENCY OF CHILD CARE HEALTH CONSULTATION VISITS
STANDARD 1.044 REGISTERED NURSES TO PROVIDE MEDICAL TREATMENT
STANDARD 3.054 CONSULTANTS ON CHILD ABUSE AD NEGLECT
STANDARD 3.074 HEALTH CONSULTANTS FOR FACILITIES THAT CARE FOR ILL CHILDREN
STANDARD 4.027 CHILD CARE NUTRITION SPECIALIST
STANDARD 8.020 ARRANGEMENTS FOR USE OF HEALTH CONSULTANTS
STANDARD 8.041 HEALTHY CONSULTANT’S REVIEW OF HEALTH POLICIES
STANDARD 8.073 DOCUMENTATION OF HEALTH CONSULTATION/TRAINING VISITS

Building Better Child Care through Health Consultation (17 minute Video) (note: this may take some time to load if you don’t have broadband Internet service)
http://www.sph.unc.edu/courses/childcare/video/video.cfm


CT: Crowley. Presented by Dr. Crowley at the national meetings of Healthy Child Care America in 1990 and 1997.


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