

Effective July 1, 2009, new FDCH 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)

As of February 1, 2009, new Family Day Care Home Providers must obtain 20 hours of pre-service training before receiving a certificate of registration. To maintain their registration, new family day care home providers and existing family day care home providers must obtain 10 hours of training relating to the care of children on an annual basis.

The rule revision requires new applicants to:

- attend a Registration Orientation Meeting (6 hours)
- have documentation of CPR and First Aid training (4 hours)
- complete pre-service training (10 hours)

The pre-service training is a total of 10 hours with two hours each in:

- 1) Early education standards
- 2) Communication
- 3) Professional and leadership development
- 4) Business management
- 5) Advocacy for the parents, children and staff in the family day care home.

If you are submitting an application for a Family Day Care Home (FDCH), you must attend a Registration Orientation Meeting (ROM) class prior to submitting an application for registration. ROM is required for all FDCH applicants that are not currently registered.

If an applicant has questions about the pre-service training requirement, the applicant may call 404-657-5562 or 1-888-442-7735 and the administrative assistant for the Child Care Services region where the applicant is located will talk with the applicant.