

New rule revisions and upcoming rules changes from Bright From the Start concerning professional development for child care learning centers, group homes, and family child care programs



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Beginning July 1, 2009:

New Family Child Care 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)
- Bachelor's degree in ECE, OR a Master's degree in ECE

Starting December 1, 2012:

Directors at Child Care Learning Centers will be required to have ONE of the following:

- Child Development Credential (CDA) & six months experience
- Technical Certificate of Credit (TCC) in Early Childhood, or Infant/Toddler, or Program Administration, or School Age Care & six months experience
- Technical College Diploma (TCD) in Early Childhood & six months experience
- 40 hour Director Training and 5 years experience
- Associate's Degree & six months experience
- Paraprofessional Certificate & six months experience
- 25 quarter or 15 semester credit hours in Early Childhood & six months experience
- Bachelor's degree in a field *other* than Early Childhood & 3 months experience
- Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood
- Master's degree in Early Childhood

For Group Homes:

- Attend an orientation course
and
- Attend 40 Hour director's training course
and
- Meet the same requirements as listed under the director requirements

Teachers/Lead Caregivers must meet the following minimum education requirements:

- Child Development Associate (CDA)
- Technical Certificate of Credit (TCC) in Early Childhood, or Infant/Toddler, or Program Administration, or School Age Care
- Technical College Diploma (TCD) in Early Childhood
- Associate's Degree in Early Childhood
- Paraprofessional Certificate
- 25 quarter or 15 semester credit hours in Early Childhood
- Bachelor's degree in a field *other* than Early Childhood & 3 months experience
- Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood
- Master's degree in Early Childhood

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