

# HOW TO FIND THE COURSE CALLED, "VIRGINIA PRESERVICE TRAINING FOR CHILD CARE STAFF"

Step 1 - Go to <http://www.childcareva.com/>. Under "Providers", click on "Training & Professional Development".



The banner features a group of diverse children smiling. The text "Virginia Child Care" is at the top in blue and purple. Below the children, it says "Choose wisely Our future depends on it" in green. A small logo on the right says "What's New/What's Changing".

Informing parents, providers and communities on the importance, benefits and standards of safe, quality child care.

Parents	Providers	Community
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**Is your provider licensed?**  
To find out if your child care provider is licensed search for their facility name [here](#).



A photograph of two young children, a toddler and a baby, sitting on the floor and playing with colorful toys.

**Step 2 – Click on “NEW Virginia Health & Safety Preservice Training for Child Care Staff”.**



## Training & Professional Development

A skilled and well-trained workforce is essential to providing high-quality early care and education services to children and their families. Through professional development, child care providers acquire knowledge and skills needed to plan and implement quality early learning experiences. If you are a child care provider looking for professional development opportunities, the Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS) offers a variety of training, education, and resources to help you earn the continuing education and training needed to be successful in the early childhood and school-age care workforce.

### What Training Does the State Offer?

The Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS) Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Development collaborates with partners to provide [training opportunities](#) throughout the state for child care providers in both classroom-based and distance learning formats.

### **NEW Virginia Health and Safety Preservice Training for Child Care Staff**

This FREE online course introduces child care staff to important health and safety information and also addresses other areas such as child development, inclusion, Virginia resources, and Virginia's Subsidy and Licensing Programs. Participants will earn a 10-hour training certificate upon completion and CEU's! Completion of the training is required for all staff who work in a program that receives State Child Care Subsidy Program funds, but all Virginia child care staff are *welcome and strongly encouraged* to take this FREE course. Please check with your employer to determine if your program receives Subsidy funds and you are required to complete the training.

The Virginia Department of Social Services is partnering with Pennsylvania State University's Better Kid Care Program to bring this course to you. To access the course, click on the course title above. If you already have an account with Better Kid Care, sign in to On-Demand, and select "Virginia Preservice Training for Child Care Staff". If you have not used Better Kid Care's website before, you will need to register as a new customer first, and then select the title of the course from their alphabetical listing.

The FREE, 10-hour course covers the following topics:

**Step 3 – New customers must create a profile and login information; Returning customers enter their username and password.**

## On Demand Web Lessons

### Welcome to your professional learning experience with Better Kid Care!

The professional development hours awarded by Better Kid Care (one or two hours) include time spent reading content, watching module videos, checking your knowledge, completing reflection and application exercises, and taking the post assessment. Because some of these activities may be completed away from the screen, total hours awarded may not equal dedicated screen time.

Research shows that professionals who continue learning offer higher quality care to children and youth. Our online lessons were created for professionals like you who want to learn to enhance programs for children and youth. No more than 9 hours of On Demand professional development will be awarded in one calendar day.

Enjoy your learning experience!

### Sign In

What is your e-mail address?

My e-mail address is:

Do you have a Better Kid Care password?

No, I am a new customer.

Yes, I have a password:

(password not hidden)

[Forgot your password? Click here](#)

**Continue**

Step 4 – Once the profile is created and you are logged in, a list of courses will be provided. Use the up and down arrows or scroll bar to scroll down all the way to the bottom of the long list of courses to select “Virginia Preservice Training for Child Care Staff (K7.1.C1) (CDA1) 10hr”; the fee is \$0.00.

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 PennState Extension  
Hello, Sherri Williams Sign out

## On Demand Web Lessons

**Lessons**

- \*New Releases
- All On Demand**
- In Progress On Demand
- Lesson Series or Courses
- By CDA Subject Area
- By Content Area (CKC)
- By Age Group
- By Discussion Forum
- Lecciones en Español
- Completed
- State Approved Lessons

**CDA Course**

**Your Account**

- Profile
- Change Password
- Employeer/Business
- Credit Card Transactions
- Lesson Prepayment

**Discussion Forum Info**

**Help**

- Frequently Asked Questions
- Video Tutorials
- Contact Better Kid Care

**All On Demand Lessons (click lesson title)**

	Fee*	Status C-Complete P-In Progress
The Ins and Outs of Good Circle Times (K2.15 C1) (CDA2) 2hr	\$5	^
The Ins and Outs of Record Keeping (for Center Directors) (D6.6 C1) 2hr	\$5	
The Ups and Downs of Outdoor Play (K7.8 C1) (CDA1) 2hr	\$5	
There's Always More to Learn (for Center Directors) (D8.13 C1) 2hr	\$5	
Three Core Concepts in Early Brain Development (K1.3 C1) (CDA5) 2hr	\$5	
Tools of the Trade for School-Age Practitioners: Positive Guidance (K2.13 C2) 2hr	\$5	
Transitions - "Hello" and "Good-bye" (K1.2 C1) (CDA5) 1hr	\$5	
Understanding Toddlers (K1.1 C1) (CDA8) 2hr	\$5	
Using Art Materials (K2.15 C1) (CDA2) 2hr	\$5	
Virginia Preservice Training for Child Care Staff (K7.1 C1) (CDA1) 10hr	\$0	
Water Conservation: Children and Staff Learning Together (K7.8 C2) 2hr	\$5	
Working with Wood – Children Can Do It! (K2.14 C1) (CDA5) 2hr	\$5	
Your #1 Priority: Keeping Children Healthy and Safe (K7.2 C1) (CDA1) 2hr	\$5	v

Step 5: Using your left button on the mouse, click on the title, “Virginia Preservice Training for Child Care Staff”. You will then need to select the correct option, either start the course or resume where you left off.