



Investing in Early Educators Program and Steps to Excellence Project (STEP)
Family Child Care Environment Rating Scale (FCCERS) Training Cohorts
2007-08



Application Packet

The Office of Child Care, on behalf of the County of Los Angeles Policy Roundtable for Child Care, Child Care Planning Committee, and UCLA Center for Improving Child Care Quality (CICCO), is delighted to present an opportunity to participate in one of two Family Child Care Environment Rating Scale (FCCERS) Training Cohorts for owners/operators of licensed family child care homes. The trainings encompass an overview of the rating scale and how to use to evaluate programs. These are beginning level trainings designed for providers with limited experience in using the measure, scoring the observations, and using the results to plan for staff development and other program improvement activities.

Family Child Care Environment Rating Scale (FCCERS)

For family child care providers

FCCERS Cohort 1: (9 a.m.–1 p.m.; to be held in downtown Los Angeles)

Session 1: Saturday, October 20, 2007

Session 2: Saturday, November 3, 2007

Session 3: Saturday, November 10, 2007

FCCERS Cohort 2: (9 a.m.–1 p.m.; to be held in the northwest area of the San Fernando Valley)

Session 1: Saturday, April 19, 2008

Session 2: Saturday, May 3, 2008

Session 3: Saturday, May 10, 2008

If you are interested in participating in a training cohort, complete the Participant Application and Certification and Agreement. Because of the comprehensiveness of the training, each cohort is limited to 20 people – one (1) staff member per family child care home. Of those providers selected to participate, **highest priority** will be given to those with no prior training experience with the Office of Child Care and who participate in a California Department of Education/Child Development Division (CDE/CDD)-contracted Family Child Care Home Education Network or in a family child care home in which the majority (51% or more) of the children enrolled receive a subsidy from the CDE/CDD. All others will be enrolled on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Send your application materials and supporting documents by the due dates indicated on the Participant Application by facsimile or mail to:

Environment Rating Scale Training Cohorts
Office of Child Care, SIB/CAO
County of Los Angeles
222 South Hill Street, 5th Floor
Los Angeles, California 90012
Facsimile: (213) 217-5106

All sessions are held from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Training Cohort 1 will be held in downtown Los Angeles; Training Cohort 2 will be held in the northwest area of San Fernando Valley. Participation in the training will be confirmed with the training location approximately one week prior to the first session of each training.



Participant Application

Complete and submit the Participant Application and Certification and Agreement with supporting documents.

Name of Applicant: _____

Name of Program: _____

Street Address: _____

City and Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

*Participants **must** commit to attending all three half-day sessions and conduct a practice review at your family child care home using the FCCERS. Practice reviews take approximately four hours of uninterrupted time and are usually best conducted beginning in the morning before families arrive.*

Indicate the training cohort you would like to attend by checking the appropriate box below (*select one only*):

Family Child Care Environment Rating Scale (FCCERS) Training Cohort 1

- Session 1: Saturday, October 20, 2007
- Session 2: Saturday, November 3, 2007
- Session 3: Saturday, November 10, 2007

Application for FCCERS Training Cohort 1 due: Thursday, September 20, 2007

Family Child Care Environment Rating Scale (FCCERS) Training Cohort 2

- Session 1: Saturday, April 19, 2008
- Session 2: Saturday, May 3, 2008
- Session 3: Saturday, May 10, 2008

Application for FCCERS Training Cohort 2 due: Thursday, March 27, 2008

All sessions are held from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Training Cohort 1 will be held in downtown Los Angeles; Training Cohort 2 will be held in the northwest area of San Fernando Valley. Participation in the training will be confirmed with the training location approximately one week prior to the first session of each training.

Certification and Agreement

The following Certification and Agreement is to be completed and signed by the licensee of the family child care provider and, if applicable, by the Director/Administrator of the Family Child Care Home Education Network.

I, _____ (*name of family child care provider*), am submitting an application to participate in a cohort training on the Family Child Care Environment Rating Scale (FCCERS).

- I own/operate a licensed family child care home in Los Angeles County. Attached is a copy of my family child care home license.
- I agree to attend all three sessions of training and conduct a practice session in the family child care home between Sessions 1 and 2.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the above statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Family Child Care Home Operator/Owner Signature

Date

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If applicable and to be considered for priority selection, complete the following:

- I certify that as of the date of application, enrollment in the family child care home is _____ (*number of children*), of which _____ (*number of children*) are subsidized by the CDE/CDD. Attached are current payment invoice(s) listing the number of children from the following agencies: (*Payment invoices must be copies of official printouts from the funding agencies.*)

Check all that apply:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Center for Community and Family Services (CCFS) | <input type="checkbox"/> Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Care Information Service (CCIS) | <input type="checkbox"/> Drew Child Development Corporation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Care Resource Center (CCRC) | <input type="checkbox"/> International Institute of Los Angeles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Home Society of California (CHS) | <input type="checkbox"/> Mexican American Opportunity Foundation (MAOF) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> City of Norwalk | <input type="checkbox"/> Options |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Connections for Children | <input type="checkbox"/> Pathways |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crystal Stairs, Inc. | <input type="checkbox"/> Pomona Unified School District Child Development |

OR

- I certify that the applicant participates in a Family Child Care Home Education Network.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the above statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Director/Administrator's Signature

Date

The Office of Child Care reserves the right to verify that the information provided in this application is true.