

## What's New

### New Online Training Now Available from DCF

The Department of Children and Families Child Care Services Program office is offering two new courses:

**1. Playground Safety** (4 hour training)

and

**2. Supporting Children with Developmental Disabilities** (5 hour training)

To view additional information about the new online [Playground Safety and/or Supporting Children with Developmental Disabilities](#) courses

please visit: [www.myflorida.com/childcare](http://www.myflorida.com/childcare). See the “What’s New?” section of the Child Care Main Page.

**Here are the Course Descriptions for the two new online courses:**

**Supporting Children with Developmental Disabilities (SCDD)**

(5-hour: Online)

*This course provides child care professionals with best practices to help them provide quality care to children with brain-based developmental disabilities.*

Upon completion of

the course, participants will be able to:

- o Identify traits and behavioral characteristics commonly seen in children with developmental disabilities;
- o Describe the actions to be taken if it is suspected that a child has an undiagnosed developmental disability; and
- o Cite strategies and specific best practices that will help achieve inclusion for children with developmental disabilities.

## **Playground Safety (PGS)**

(4-hour: Online)

*This course provides information about licensing requirements, design standards and best practices developed by recognized authorities that help make playgrounds safer.*

Upon completion of this course participants will be able to:

- o Describe licensing requirements associated with the outdoor play area and fixed playground equipment
- o Identify the safety hazards associated with the outdoor play environment, including water safety
- o Understand industry design standards and best practices that help make playgrounds safer
- o Recognize the importance of inspections and maintenance in keeping the outdoor play area and equipment safe

***Please Note:*** These two courses are available for in-service hours. They are **not** part of the 40-hour introductory courses. Exams are not available for either course, but CEUs are available by clicking on the “Earn CEUs” button that appears on your transcript *after* course completion. An on-line assessment must be passed with 80% to earn CEUs.

The Department of Children and Families is continually striving to provide updated, quality online training for your professional development, enhancing your knowledge and further preparing you in your dedication and service to children.

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