

Training Requirements for Family Child Care Homes

Training requirements for Family Child Care Homes include specific required courses and requirements for annual ongoing professional development hours. Please use the charts on the following pages to learn more about the specific training requirements and how to complete them.

Colorado Shines PDIS and Approved Training Vendors

Most of the required training courses are offered free of charge through the Colorado Shines Professional Development Information System (PDIS). To access the Colorado Shines PDIS, visit www.coloradoshines.com and select “PDIS” in the top right corner. The Office of Early Childhood also approves training vendors who offer required courses in an instructor-led format (whether virtual or in a classroom). Approved vendors may be found at www.coloradoofficeofearlychildhood.com/training.

Course	Licensing Rule	Where to Find It	When to Take It	How Often	Who Needs to Take It
Building & Physical Premises Safety/Storage of Hazardous Materials & Bio-Contaminants	7.707.32A8 A&B	Family Child Care Home providers should build plan and train all applicable staff	Prior to licensure	One time, update as needed	All providers must be trained on the plan
Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Response	7.701.100A	Information is on the Colorado Shines PDIS. Providers should take the training and build an emergency response plan	Prior to licensure	One time	All providers and staff working in the home
Prevention of Shaken Baby Syndrome and Abusive Head Trauma	7.707.32A10	Available online on the Colorado Shines PDIS or through approved training vendors	Prior to licensure	Annually	All providers and staff licensed for children under age 3
Prevention of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome & Use of Safe Sleeping Practices	7.707.32A10	Available online on the Colorado Shines PDIS or through approved training vendors	Prior to licensure	Annually	All providers and staff licensed for children younger than 1 year
Recognition & Reporting of Child Abuse & Neglect	7.707.32A11	Available on the Colorado Shines PDIS and through local County Department of Human Services	Prior to licensure	Annually	All providers and staff working in the home
Standard Precautions	7.707.32A4	Available online on the Colorado Shines PDIS or through approved training vendors	Prior to licensure	Annually	All providers and staff working in the home
CPR & First Aid Certification*	7.707.32A6	Available through approved training vendors	Prior to licensure	Listed on certificate	All providers and staff working in the home
Administration of Medication	7.707.32A7	Part 1 available on the Colorado Shines PDIS and through approved training vendors	Prior to licensure	Every 3 years	All providers and staff working in the home
Child Care and Preschool Immunizations	7.707.32A9	Available on the Colorado Shines PDIS	Prior to licensure	Annually	Staff responsible for the collection, review and maintenance of children’s immunization records
Pre-Licensing	7.707.32A1	Available through approved training vendors	Prior to licensure	One time	New Family Child Care Home providers

*Does not count toward annual ongoing professional development training requirements

Required Training for Other Family Child Care License Types

In addition to the standard Family Child Care Home license type, there are four alternative license types that are available. Training requirements for each are outlined below.

Large Family Child Care Home License

If a provider does not meet the experience requirements outlined in 7.707.31C2a & b, completion of one of the following trainings is required.

Course	Licensing Rule	Where to Find It	When to Take It	How Often	Who Needs to Take It
Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential	7.707.31C2c	Available through approved training vendors	Prior to licensure	As required per credential	Providers seeking a Large Family Child Care Home license who do not meet the experience requirements
Expanding Quality in Infant Toddler (EQIT)	7.707.31C2d	Available through approved training vendors	Prior to licensure	One time	Providers seeking this license who have at least 2 years of experience as a Colorado-licensed home provider or within a Colorado-licensed Center

Three (3) Under Two (2) Family Child Care Home License

A provider must be a Colorado licensed Family Child Care Home provider for 2 years prior to applying for this license type.

Course	Licensing Rule	Where to Find It	When to Take It	How Often	Who Needs to Take It
Expanding Quality in Infant Toddler (EQIT)	7.707.22C2	Available through approved training vendors	Prior to licensure	One time	Providers seeking this license and have at least 2 years as a Colorado licensed home provider.

Infant/Toddler Family Child Care Home License

A provider must have one year satisfactory, documented experience with infants/toddlers in addition to the following training. See 7.707.31B3 for experience requirements.

Course	Licensing Rule	Where to Find It	When to Take It	How Often	Who Needs to Take It
Expanding Quality in Infant Toddler (EQIT)	7.707.22D3	Available through approved training vendors	Prior to licensure	One time	Providers seeking this license who have at least 2 years as a Colorado licensed home provider or within a Colorado licensed center.

Experienced Family Child Care Home License

A provider must be a Colorado licensed provider for 6 years prior to applying for this license type.

Course	Licensing Rule	Where to Find It	When to Take It	How Often	Who Needs to Take It
Expanding Quality in Infant Toddler (EQIT)	7.707.22F2b	Department-approved training vendors	Prior to licensure	One time	Providers seeking this license who have at least 6 years as a Colorado licensed home provider.