



Subsidy Training Announcement

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The Washington State Child Care Resource & Referral Network anticipates signing a contract in October 2009 to develop and deliver mandatory subsidy training to licensed family child care, license-exempt and seasonal providers who receive payments from the state to provide child care for low-income children. The training is mandated in the 2009-2011 Collective Bargaining Agreement between SEIU Local 925 and the Department of Early Learning.

Here are answers to some common questions about the training:

1) If providers have not taken the training, will they still be able to get paid for children receiving Department of Social & Health Services (DSHS) subsidy?

Providers who have not taken the subsidy training will be paid for providing care to families authorized for Working Connections Child Care and the Seasonal Child Care subsidy. This applies to newly licensed or new exempt providers. It also applies to those who were licensed or providing care under the previous collective bargaining agreement and who did not complete the requirement.

2) When will the training be available?

The CCR&R Network expects to have the training available statewide through the local child care resource and referral programs in March 2010. Providers will be notified when the training is available.

3) Is there a time limit for when providers must take the training?

Providers must take the training by June 30, 2011.

4) In what formats will the training be available?

Training will initially be available via in-person classes, followed by an online version and a distance-learning version.

5) Until the training is available, who should providers contact to answer specific questions about subsidy billings?

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Providers can reference the DEL publication *Child Care Subsidies, A Booklet for Licensed and Certified Child Care Providers*, which is available online at <http://www.del.wa.gov/publications/subsidy/Default.aspx>

Providers can call the DSHS Working Connections Provider Line with billing questions at 1-800-394-4571.

The Working Connections Information Phone gives providers access to automated information at 1-866-218-3244.

6) Where can providers get more information?

For more information about the Collective Bargaining Agreement and this training requirement, providers can call SEIU Local 925 at 1-877-734-8673 or visit their website at www.seiu925.org.

For information about additional training and professional development opportunities:

Washington State Child Care Resource & Referral Network, 1-800-446-1114 or www.childcarenet.org

Washington Association for the Education of Young Children, 1-800-727-3107 or www.waeyc.org

Service Employees International Union, 1-877-734-8673 or www.seiu925.org