Your Child Care Health Consultant Should Know or Be Able to Find Out About:

- Relevant Regulations
- Community Health Resources
- Growth and Development of Children
- Managing Challenging Behavior in Children
- Infection Control, including Sanitation and Immunization
- Injury Prevention and Safe, Active Play
- Health Record Review
- Pediatric First Aid
- Emergency Preparedness
- Environmental Health
- Pediatric Nutrition and Food Safety
- Oral Health
- Children with Special Health Needs
- Medication Administration
- Consultation Skills
- Receiving Updates on Health and Safety
- Staff Health

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What is a Child Care Health Consultant?
A Child Care Health Consultant is a health professional who works with early education and school-age practitioners to recognize and promote the health and safety of children, families and their teachers.

Who can be a Child Care Health Consultant?
Child Care Health Consultants should be licensed or certified health professionals with knowledge in pediatrics and developmentally appropriate health and safety practices for non-parental child care. Examples of health professionals who may have the necessary knowledge and skills to be a child care health consultant: nurses, nurse practitioners, physicians, health educators, oral health professionals, nutritionists, and sanitarians.

Where Do You Find a Child Care Health Consultant?
- Call ECELS-Healthy Child Care PA
- Local Health Agency
- Local Health Clinic
- Children’s Hospital
- Clinicians who care for children

How Do You Select and Arrange for a Child Care Health Consultant?
- Interview for best qualified consultant in your area
- Check professional experience and qualifications
- Sign contract describing all services to be provided and any fees for the service

What Qualifications Should the Child Care Health Consultant Have?
- Current PA health professional license or certification recognized as a current health professional credential for that type of health professional
- Knowledge of, and respect for, the education/child care profession
- Knowledge of pediatric health care, child development, community resources, local and state child care regulations

What Does a Child Care Health Consultant Do?
- Direct observation of health, safety and nutrition practices in early learning and school-age settings
- Provide on-site & phone consultation
- Link children, families, and child care providers with community health resources, e.g., health screenings, health insurance, mental health
- Help develop policies
- Provide nutrition/feeding information
- Provide communicable disease advice
- Support care for children with special health care needs
- Provide professional development workshops and mentoring to teach health and safety best practices
- Provide technical assistance to staff on health and safety concerns
- Help resolve conflicts between the instructions from a child’s health care provider and child care practices
- Establish collaborative relationship with program staff and families
- Help programs meet quality criteria for accreditation and recognition

Keystone STAR 3 & 4 programs working on policies with a child care health consultant are eligible for points (LM.3.4.10)