

ECELS Child Abuse and Neglect Self-Learning Module

Instructions to Claim Credit

This module addresses how to prevent, identify and report child abuse and neglect. It describes your responsibilities as a mandated reporter as required by the Child Protective Services Law (CPSL). By using the recommended practices, you will help protect children in your care.

PA Professional Standards and Competencies for Early Childhood Educators (PA PSEEC):

Standard Area 7: Health and Safety

- 7a: Understand the importance of physical health and safety in creating environments that support young children's learning and development.

Competencies:

- Identify and follow current laws, regulations, and professional obligations to report suspected child abuse and neglect
- Apply child abuse and neglect prevention efforts within families and among early care and education professionals
- Identify signs and symptoms of child abuse and neglect (maltreatment)
- Demonstrate knowledge of PA reporting requirements for mandated reporters

To complete this module:

1. View the online videos. The three videos are best viewed all at once.
2. Use the resources in the *Document Packet*.
3. Complete the *Assessment* and *Case Studies* that follow on the next pages of these instructions. If more than one staff member will request credit for completing the Child Abuse and Neglect module, each person must independently complete the *Assessment* and *Case Studies*.
4. Submit the responses in **one** of the following ways to verify completion of the module requirements:
 - Online **ECELS Child Abuse and Neglect Survey Monkey Assessment**:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ecelschildabuseandneglect> (preferred method) **OR**
 - Surface mail, fax or email your responses to the *Assessment* and *Case Studies* to ECELS at the contact information above.
5. Follow instructions on the ECELS website: www.ecels-healthychildcarepa.org to pay for review of your *Assessment*:
 - Select the **Professional Development/Training** tab, then **Self-Learning Modules**.
 - Review the information in the box: **Important Reminders**.
 - Pay the review fee by clicking on the green rectangle: **Click Here to Order SLM Reviews**.
 - Submit the Module Review Payment Form if paying for more than one staff member that completed the module.

ECELS staff will review your work and offer technical assistance if help is required to complete the module. For questions, call ECELS 484-446-3003 / toll free in PA 800-243-2357 or email ecels@paaap.org. ECELS will approve three (3) hours of professional development credit for each person who successfully completes the module. Processing takes approximately 2-4 weeks after the required documentation and payment are received. Certificates are not provided upon completion. Access and print confirmation of your credit at the PA Keys website: www.papdregistry.org / login / My PD.