



# State & Territory CCDF Administrators Meeting

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## Integrating Health and Safety in Your Early Childhood Education System: Moving Toward Full Implementation and Innovation

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# Session Objectives

- ◆ Outline a framework that supports states and territories as they move from assessing compliance with the current health and safety requirements to fully integrating comprehensive health and safety practices throughout the early childhood education system.
- ◆ Examine the connections between the health and safety requirements, licensing standards, professional development system, and quality initiatives.
- ◆ Engage colleagues in small-group discussions to share examples and identify next steps for their jurisdictions.

# Agenda

- ◆ Welcome and introductions
- ◆ *Healthy States: Health and Safety Training Toolkit*
- ◆ Framework overview
- ◆ Facilitated small-group discussions: Round 1
- ◆ Facilitated small-group discussions: Round 2
- ◆ Putting the pieces together
- ◆ Conclusion

# *Healthy States: Health and Safety Training Toolkit*

- ◆ Provides an extensive list of current, research- and science-informed resources and practices
- ◆ Offers health and safety resources appropriate for training program-level staff in early childhood education settings
  - Online training modules and webinars
  - Collateral materials
- ◆ Explores ways to include required health and safety training in state professional development systems

# Health and Safety Integration Framework

- ◆ Developing standards and compliance thresholds
- ◆ Preparing stakeholders
- ◆ Communicating the standards and compliance indicators
- ◆ Providing training, technical assistance, and resources to support provider understanding and implementation

# Health and Safety Integration Framework

- ◆ Documenting and tracking initial training and ongoing training
- ◆ Monitoring for compliance with the standards
- ◆ Applying enforcement actions for non-compliance
- ◆ Supporting continuous quality improvement

# Small-Group Discussions

- ◆ Successfully incorporating the health and safety requirements within existing structures requires careful analysis and planning. Choose a topic which you'd like to explore and join a discussion:
  - Standards and threshold identification
  - Professional development for providers
  - System integration
  - Continuous quality improvement

# Resources

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# Thank You

