



Kansas Child Care Training Opportunities, Inc. (KCCTO)

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Incorporated in 1986, Kansas Child Care Training Opportunities (KCCTO) is governed by a board of directors representing state agencies and organizations concerned about quality child care for Kansas children. Our mission is to help promote quality child care throughout Kansas by providing training for child care professionals that is comprehensive, low-cost, and accessible.

In response to Lexie's Law, KCCTO began offering Child Development and Child Abuse & Neglect: Identification, Reporting & Prevention online courses. Since January 2012 over **1800** child care providers from 90 counties have participated in the online courses. As of January 2013, KCCTO will begin offering Infant Safe Sleep Practices to also meet the Lexie's Law requirements. Participants in the online courses have included family child care, center based staff, new family child care providers, Head Start, Early Head Start, and staff from an early childhood staffing agency.

The course evaluations we have received from online course participants have been positive. Participants are appreciative for the online availability and low cost of the courses. The flexibility of the online format and schedule allowed participants to meet the 30 day requirement for new licensure applicants.

Additional course content feedback from new licensure applicants as well as experienced licensed providers gave testimonials of appreciation for the information and new or refreshed knowledge that would impact the care provided to young children. It is our experience from the interaction between the participants and the instructors that affirms the new requirements under Lexie's Law has made a positive impact in the quality of child care provided.

As of October 1, 2012, KCCTO entered into a contract with the Department for Children and Families (DCF) to provide early childhood workforce development opportunities. We are committed to continuing offering these required trainings on a regularly scheduled weekly basis. In addition to Child Development and Child Abuse & Neglect and Infant Safe Sleep Practices, we have other course topics that can further expand the learning atmosphere beyond what is required by Lexie's Law. Those topics include Healthy Routines, Behavior & Guidance, Signs and Symptoms of Childhood Illness, Nutrition and Oral Health.

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