



DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY

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ARIZONA SUSPENSION & EXPULSION PREVENTION ANNOUNCEMENT

We are excited to announce that effective July 1, 2021, the Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) will launch a new Arizona Suspension & Expulsion Prevention Policy.

The DES Child Care Administration (CCA) is committed to ensuring all Early Care and Education Professionals have the support, training and education necessary to prevent suspension and expulsion. This is achieved by providing access to the knowledge, skills, and support needed to ensure children experience positive social and emotional development which is the foundation for all learning, future relationships, and school readiness.

Act Now!

To assist DES-Contracted Child Care providers with ensuring all employees are compliant and meeting the new training requirement, DES has partnered with Southwest Human Development to offer child care staff Moving Forward with Expulsion Prevention (Foundations 1) through the AZ STEPS Expulsion Prevention training and technical assistance series. We are encouraging all staff to take advantage of this training opportunity and act now!

Staff who have already taken Foundations 1 will receive credit and not be required to retake the training, but are encouraged to take additional Foundations courses in the Expulsion Prevention training series.

You are encouraged to begin the process and take the training now!



WHAT'S NEW?

DES has redesigned the suspension and expulsion policy by adding clear steps and processes for DES-Contracted Child Care providers. This change will be made effective by way of the child care provider contract renewal and revision to CCA policy. One of the components of the newly revised policy will include a requirement for all staff to complete the AZ STEPS Moving Forward with Expulsion Prevention (Foundations 1) training within 90 days of hire date.

****This requirement is applicable to all staff (as defined in the CCA Child Care Provider Registration Agreement).**

Where Can You Find Moving Forward with Expulsion-Foundations 1?

1. Log into the Arizona Early Childhood Workforce Registry at www.azregistry.org
2. Click on Find Training Event
3. Search by Course Title and type Foundations.
4. Click on Search
5. Click on the training and then View Event
6. Enroll Now

If you need any assistance with the Registry or enrolling, please contact info@thearizonaregistry.org

Thank you for all you do to support Arizona's children and families.



Questions?

If you have questions regarding this Policy, please contact the Program Development Unit with the DES Child Care Administration: ccaprogramdevelopmentunit@azdes.gov

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