

# Child Care Health Consultation in North Carolina



## Information on CCHC Services



### Who are Child Care Health Consultants (CCHC)?

CCHCs are trained health professionals with education and experience in both child and community health and early care and education. CCHCs work with programs to assess, plan, implement, and evaluate strategies to achieve high quality, safe, healthy child care environments.

Qualified CCHCs have completed the NC Child Care Health and Safety Resource Center training course.

### What do CCHCs do?

- Assess health and safety environments in child care centers and homes
- Develop strategies for inclusion of children with special health care needs
- Support early educators in preventing and managing injuries and infectious diseases
- Connect early educators and families to community health resources
- Provide up-to-date information on regulations and best practices
- Provide health and safety technical assistance and training



### In North Carolina:

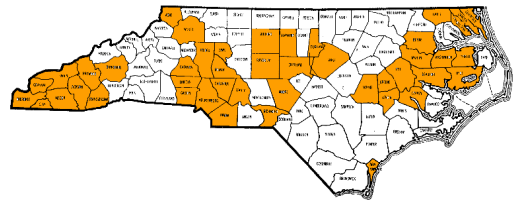
- 4,572 child care centers<sup>i</sup>
- 1,826 family child care homes
- 250,320 children in licensed child care
- 41,746 employees in child care facilities

### CCHCs in North Carolina:

- 64 funded CCHCs in 39 counties
- 22 independent CCHCs

Counties in orange have CCHCs

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### CCHCs make a difference:

Child care health consultation has shown to positively impact:

- health and safety policies and practices in child care programs
- indicators of health and access to preventive health care for children and staff<sup>ii</sup>
- the development and use of standards based health and safety policies in early childhood education programs<sup>iii</sup>

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