

Texas Child Care Center - 24 Clock Hours of Caregiver Pre-Service Training

General Clock Hour Requirements:

- A.) 8 clock-hours training before caregiver may be counted in the child/caregiver ratio.
- B.) Remaining 16 clock-hours of training within 90 days of employment.
- C.) Caregivers can be **EXEMPT** from pre-service training requirement if:
 - 1.) Have at least 2 years prior experience in a regulated child care center;
 - 2.) Have documentation of 24 clock-hours of pre-service training

Pre-Service Training Categories Include:

(ITC) Key Word
Search Code

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| 1.) Developmental stages of children..... | TX-PS-DS |
| 2.) Age-appropriate activities for children..... | TX-PS-AA |
| 3.) Positive guidance and discipline of children..... | TX-PS-GD |
| 4.) Fostering children's self-esteem..... | TX-PS-SE |
| 5.) Supervision and safety practices in the care of children..... | TX-PS-SP |
| 6.) Positive interaction with children..... | TX-PS-PI |
| 7.) Preventing spread of communicable diseases / immunizations..... | TX-PS-PS |

Additional Categories - If care for Children Younger than 24 months:

If you care for children younger than 24 months, then at least 1 clock-hour of the 24 required pre-service training hours must cover the following topics:TX-PS-SS

- 1.) Recognizing and preventing shaken baby syndrome & abusive head trauma;
- 2.) Understanding and using safe sleep practices and preventing sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS); and
- 3.) Understanding early childhood brain development.

Special Note:

The above information was taken on May 8, 2017 from the Texas Department of Family & Protective Services, regarding pre-service training for caregivers at a child care center. We put the information in a format that we hope will be easy to understand and implement for your facility. For your convenience, we also added an Impact Training Center (ITC) keyword word search code that can easily be used to find any of our trainings that are available online to match these updated Texas training requirements. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at:

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