



FAMILY CHILD CARE LEARNING HOME (FCCLH): WHAT KIND OF TRAINING IS REQUIRED PRIOR TO OBTAINING A LICENSE?

An ~~Explore-FCC~~* Practical Help Bulletin

What is included in this bulletin?

- ❖ **Bright from the Start Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL) requires FCCLH providers to complete training on several topics prior to receiving a license. This bulletin answers questions about the training requirements, including:**
 - ❖ **How do I register for the Georgia Professional Development System for Early Childhood Educators (GaPDS) so the training I take is recognized by DECAL?**
 - ❖ **What is the requirement for Family Child Care Learning Home (FCCLH) Licensure Orientation Meeting (FOM) (formerly LOM) Training?**
 - ❖ **What is the requirement for Infant, Child, and Adult Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and First Aid Training?**
 - ❖ **What is the requirement for 10 pre-service training hours?**

Note: The DECAL Requirement for a credential or degree in early childhood education is addressed in an upcoming bulletin.

How do I register for the Georgia Professional Development System for Early Childhood Educators (GaPDS) so the training I take is recognized by DECAL?

The **GaPDS**, helps early learning professionals create and maintain a GaPDS Profile, search for approved trainings, and register for DECAL trainings. When you have a **GaPDS Profile**, you will automatically receive credit for DECAL trainings, with no need to keep track of paper certificates. You can use your profile to keep track of your training hours, credentials, certifications, uploaded certificates for non-DECAL trainings, and employment history. If you are considering becoming a FCCLH provider, you need to register to take the courses described in this bulletin. For further information and to

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register, click here. <https://gapds.dec.state.ga.us/>
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What is the requirement for Family Child Care Learning Home (FCCLH) Licensure Orientation Meeting (FOM) (formerly LOM) Training?

Initial applicants are required to attend FOM training which includes information about DECAL standards, processes, rules, regulations, and licensure requirements for a FCCLH home. Attending this training is the first big step toward obtaining a license. The FOM training is online and self-paced so you can take it at any time. After you complete a **GaPDS** personal profile, stay on the site and register for the FOM training by going to the OLLI section and register for the course <https://gapds.dec.state.ga.us/Trainings/Scheduled/OLLI>. FOM training must be completed within 24 months of application for licensure.

What is the requirement for Infant, Child, and Adult Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and First Aid Training?

FCCLH providers are required to obtain and maintain current Infant, Child, and Adult Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and First Aid Training. CPR training should deal with emergency care for infants, children, and adults. CPR and First Aid training must be held in a classroom-based format (face to face) by a certified or licensed instructor approved by DECAL. Possible sources of this training are American Red Cross, American Heart Association, American Cancer Society, and Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies. Also, check the GaPDS training calendar for sessions offered by approved trainers. This training must be completed within 12 months of application for licensure.

What is the requirement for 10 pre-service training hours?

DECAL requires you receive pre-licensure training on provider competencies, serving as a framework for professional development. The trainings must have been completed within 12 months of the application for a license. They include two hours of each content standard:

- Early Learning Standards
- Communications
- Professional Leadership & Development
- Business Management
- Advocacy for Parents & Children, and Staff in the FCCLH

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These trainings can be found by visiting the **GaPDS** website and entering the topics in the search engine. Many organizations offer some or all these trainings, some are free, and some involve a fee. Some trainers offer a “bundle,” which includes all 10 hours as a single course.

*The **Explore-FCC** Career Success Project is available to provide One-On-One coaching and other supports to individuals in Greater Atlanta seeking to open a Family Child Care Learning Home (FCCLH). **Explore-FCC** serves the 13 county greater Atlanta area with priority on zip codes with low or very low scores on Child Well-being measures established by United Way of Greater Atlanta. **Explore-FCC** helps individuals who are in the early stage of exploring family child care as a career, as well as those applying for a license to open a family child care home. The **Explore-FCC** Career Success Project is operated by the Professional Family Child Care Alliance of Georgia (PFCCAG) and funded by United Way of Greater Atlanta/ Joseph B. Whitehead Foundation.

For more information and to see if you qualify for One-On-One coaching, send an e-mail to info@pfccag.org or visit the PFCCAG Website: www.pfccag.org.

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