

Healthy Child Care Consultant Network Support Center Profile

Docs For Tots is pleased to highlight the work of the Healthy Child Care Consultant Network Support Center (NSC) in this month's newsletter. Funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau, the NSC's mission is to strengthen statewide networks of child care health consultants (CCHCs). NSC staff provide resources and technical assistance to state Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems leaders to help them build and sustain state CCHC initiatives that promote the health and safety of children in out-of-home early care and education settings.

CCHCs are health professionals who have an interest and expertise in health and safety issues in early care and education programs, have knowledge of resources and regulations, and are skilled in consultation. Child care health consultants represent a diverse group of professionals, including physicians. Those who join the National Registry must have knowledge and experience in health and safety practices in child care, and must have completed CCHC training. For more about the National CCHC Registry, visit <http://hccnsc.edc.org/registry>.

The NSC website (<http://hccnsc.edc.org/>) provides a wide variety of resources and information related to child care health consultation in the states. Among these is a National CCHC Registry, which enables child care providers and others to search for qualified CCHCs by areas of expertise, location, and other criteria.

Docs For Tots looks forward to building this new relationship and collaborating with the NSC in innovative ways. Doctors are particularly effective messengers around quality child care, contact dft@docsfortots.org if you are interested in advocacy opportunities in this area.