

The Childcare Health Consultation (CCHC) model promotes healthy and safe environments for children in childcare settings through consultation, training, and technical assistance services. The Childcare Health Consultant (CCHC) is a Registered Nurse with a degree in Nursing (ASN or BSN) or a health professional with a minimum of a Bachelor's Degree in health education or a health related field. The health professional will become a qualified CCHC in North Carolina through the completion of the NC Childcare Health Consultant Training Course and receipt of a certificate of qualification. The CCHC supports childcare staff to identify and resolve health and safety problems, to improve the health and well-being of children in care, including children with special health needs. The CCHC uses assessment of the childcare facility's overall health and safety status to guide consultation services with the goal of providing a higher quality environment for the children enrolled. The Consultant works with childcare facilities to increase children's access to primary, preventive health care, and health insurance for those who qualify for Medicaid. The CCHC promotes best practices for nutrition and physical activity, including promoting breast-feeding-friendly facility policies and procedures. The CCHC follows the North Carolina CCHC model for implementation of the activity.