Healthy Child Care America

- Collaborative Effort
  - Health Professionals
  - Child Care Providers
  - Families
Healthy Child Care America

- Goal
  - Maximize the Health, Safety, and Well Being, and Developmental Potential of ALL children
  - EVERY child to experience quality child care within a nurturing environment
  - EVERY child has a Medical Home
Healthy Child Care America

- Coordinated by the American Academy of Pediatrics
- Started in 1995
- Works with 50 Healthy Child Care America grantees in each state to promote:
  - Pediatrician participation with Child care providers
  - Children’s health and well being
  - Quality Assurance
  - Infrastructure Building
  - Access to Health Services
HCCA Resources

- Health and Safety Fact Sheets
- Educational resources for both parents and providers
- American Academy of Pediatrics Policies regarding Early Education and Child Care
- State Chapter HCCA Grantees and Child Care Contacts
- Website [www.healthychildcare.org](http://www.healthychildcare.org)
HCCA and Inclusion

- Children with Special Healthcare Needs
- Are Children First!
- Are often identified as they are observed by child care providers
- Become our standard by which we should care for all children
  - If we can do it right for kids with special healthcare needs, we can do it right for ALL children!
Successful Inclusion is a Partnership!
Types of Child Care

- Parent only care
- Relative care (kith/kin)
- Nannies/babysitters
- Friend/neighbor care
- Family child care home
- Child care center
- Specialized care

Most families use a combination of care types.

The “best” care is the arrangement that works for your family and meets your child’s needs.
Successful Inclusion Requires

- Understanding different roles
- Listen to family
- Open communication
- Education and training in all environments
- Think outside the box
- Accessing available resources
Quality Programs

- All children practice Developmental Tasks
- Teachers understand developmental needs and characteristics
- Curriculum furthers all areas of development
- Physical Setting design
- Connection and input from parents and physicians for health component
- Developed by AAP.
- Includes rationale for why standards are important; based on evidence where possible.
- Available online at http://nrc.uchsc.edu
  Print copies from: AAP, APHA, NAEYC.
Managing Infectious Diseases

- Written for parents, caregivers, teachers and health professionals.
- Signs/Symptoms chart.
- Quick Reference Sheets for 44 common infections.
HEALTHY KIDS, HEALTHY CARE:

Parents as Partners in Promoting Healthy and Safe Child Care

http://www.healthykids.us

And NOW in Spanish – http://www.healthykids.us/spanish/
HCCA Partners

- Maternal and Child Health Bureau
- National Resource Center for Health and Safety in Child Care
- National Training Institute for Child Care Health Consultants
- Child Care Bureau
- American Academy of Pediatrics