

Pediatricians in Partnerships Quality Early Care and Education

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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





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

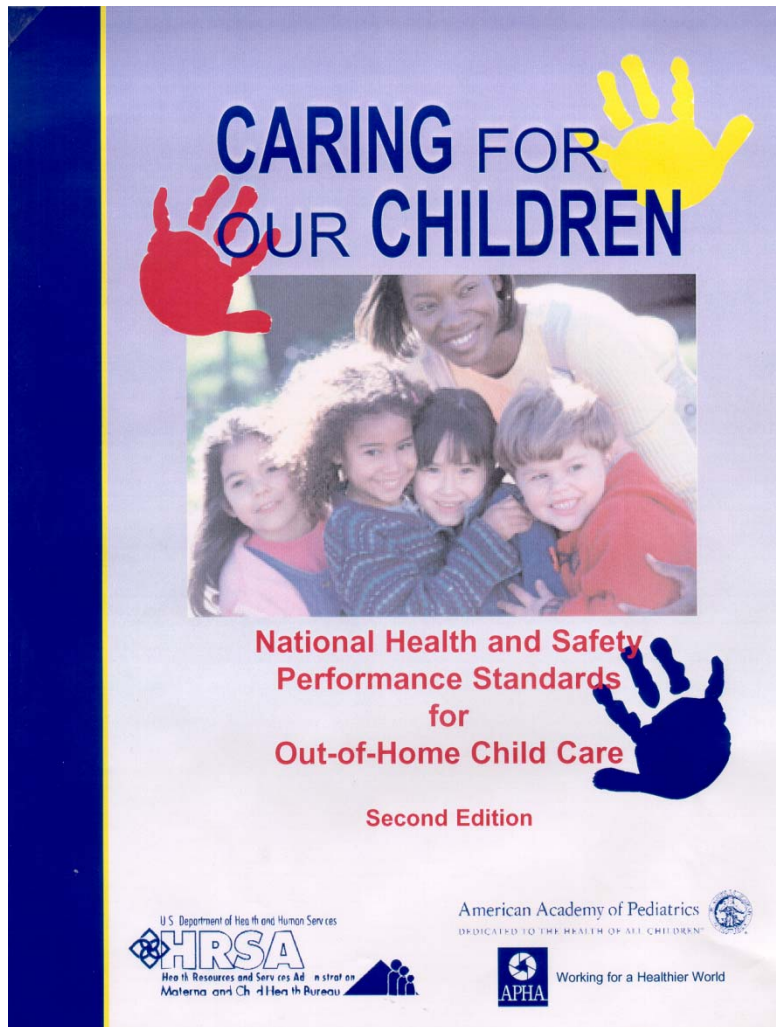




Quality Programs

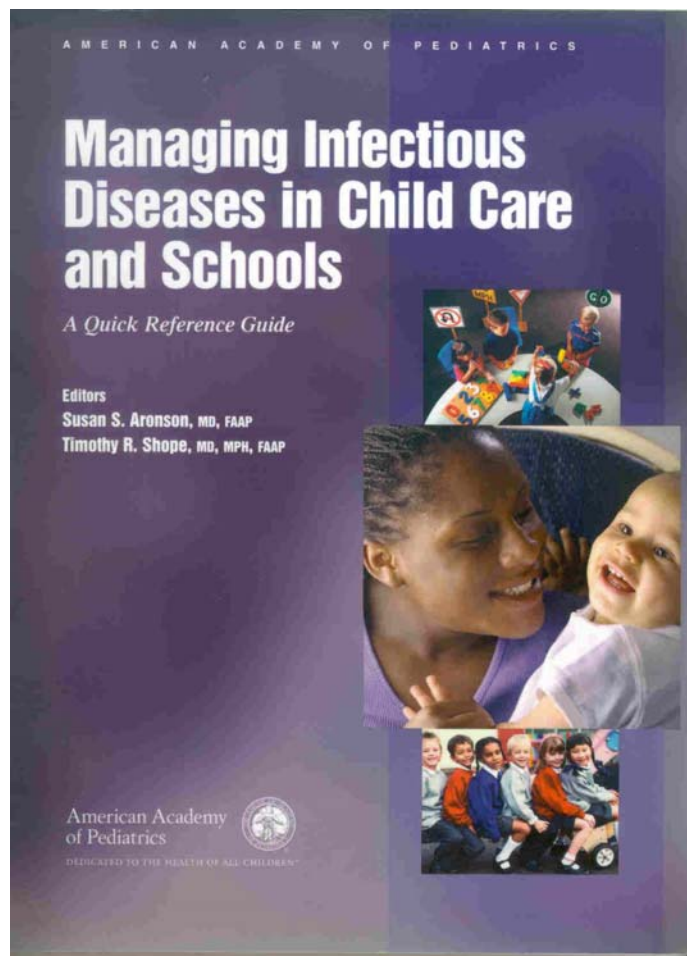
- All children practice Developmental Tasks
- Teachers understand developmental needs and characteristics
- Curriculum furthers all areas of development
- Physical Setting design
- Connection and input from parents and physicians for health component





- 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



Healthy Kids, Healthy Care Home Caring for Our Children A Parent's Guide State Licensing Regulations Topics A-Z

<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

