

## Child Care Health Advocate

The basic role of the Child Care Health Advocate (CCHA) is to be the on-site coordinator for health and safety issues. They typically operate within early care and education programs (ECE). If the ECE program has a Child Care Health Consultant (CCHC), the CCHA will serve as a link between the ECE staff and the CCHC to identify and prioritize areas to be evaluated or improved. The CCHA works with the CCHC to promote health and safety in the ECE program on a daily basis. Since the CCHC may be responsible for many ECE programs and is not on-site daily, the CCHA can provide this daily consistency for the ECE program and provide needed resources and referrals.

According to Healthy Child Care America, the CCHA is responsible for making sure that each family has a medical home (a consistent place where medical care is received such as a doctor's office), adequate insurance coverage, and access to health and dental care. The CCHA also assesses the immunization and health screening status of children, links families with resources to obtain those services, makes sure the ECE program follows regulations and standards, and works to decrease the occurrence of infectious disease and injury. CCHAs will work with the CCHC to develop tracking and monitoring systems for health and safety improvements.

In addition, the CCHA will help develop parent workshops, newsletters and bulletin boards that focus on health and safety to encourage families to become more involved in their children's health care. Children with disabilities and other special needs will require special care plans, and the CCHA can help families get the services and documents they need for a safe and successful child care experience.

**More Information:** [http://www.ucsfchildcarehealth.org/pdfs/Curricula/CCHA/2\\_CCHA\\_RoleofCCHA\\_06](http://www.ucsfchildcarehealth.org/pdfs/Curricula/CCHA/2_CCHA_RoleofCCHA_06)

### Career Outlook:

No New Hampshire State or Federal data is available for this position.

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### Education Requirements:

#### Programs:

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There are several educational paths to obtaining this job. Please consult your Case Manager for specific details about these opportunities.

#### Levels:

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### License and Certification Requirements:

#### Coding Certification

Required:

Coding License

