

Safety and Violence Prevention Online Training

Safety and Violence Prevention Training Now Required of K-12 Professionals

Requirements Overview

With the passage of Ohio House Bill 150 in 2009, the existing requirements for elementary school professionals to take in-service child abuse detection training (HB 276) were extended to include personnel at public middle and high schools. Below are specific aspects of the HB 150 and the previous legislation (Ohio Revised Code Section 3319.073).

Who must take the training?

Nurses, teachers, counselors, school psychologists and administrators at public elementary, middle and high schools must take the training.

What is the training to cover?

Participants must take at least four hours training in the prevention of child abuse, violence, and substance abuse and the promotion of positive youth development.

What is required of elementary professionals?

All elementary school professionals who were employed on the effective date of Amended House Bill 276 in 2007, were required to fulfill the in-service training requirements by March 30, 2009, and every five years thereafter. New employees must complete the training within two years of commencing employment, and every five years thereafter.

When must middle and high schools comply?

All middle and high school professionals who were employed on the effective date of the July 14, 2009, legislation are required to fulfill the expanded in-service training requirements by Oct. 16, 2011, and every five years thereafter. New employees must complete the training within two years of commencing employment, and every five years thereafter.

ESC Online Course Overview

The ESC of Central Ohio offers an online course reviewed by agency content-area experts and advisory teams of area mental health and human resources professionals that allows all mandated staff (elementary school and secondary school certificated staff) to meet the new training requirements in the area of Safety and Violence Prevention enacted in HB 276 and HB 150.

Staff must complete a total of four hours of training in the following areas:

- Child Abuse Prevention
- Prevention of Violence
- Substance Abuse
- Promotion of Positive Youth Development
[includes a component on Cyber Bullying]*
- Dating Violence Prevention

With the ESC training course, each module includes online reading and resources such as audio, video and assessment tools. Continuing Education Certificates available upon completion of the training.

Information

For additional information please contact Sandy Denney at 614.542.4111 or sandy.denney@escoco.org.

