



CCR&R Infant & Toddler Specialist Program Iowa Program for Infant Toddler Care (IA PITC)

The Iowa Program for Infant Toddler Care (IA PITC) is a unique program for child care providers, parents and other caregivers of infants and toddlers as well as those working with the families of infants and toddlers. Quality infant and toddler care depends on special relationships between young children and trained caregivers who are in tune with each child's needs. Infants are naturally curious, they come into the world with an urge to learn. The IA PITC training helps caregivers design environments which are healthy and safe, and yet offer developmental challenges. The goal of IA PITC is to help caregivers recognize the crucial importance of giving tender, loving care and assisting in the infants' intellectual development through an attentive reading of each child's cues (California WestEd PITC). For more information on the PITC mission and philosophy, please go to www.pitc.org.

Purpose

- Increase the quality and availability of infant and toddler care in Iowa
- Offer professional development opportunities, such as training, technical assistance, and consultation for those who care for and about infant and toddlers
- Provide support and networking opportunities for those who care for and about infant and toddlers

Good infant care is neither baby-sitting nor preschool. It is a special kind of care that resembles no other.

-J. Ronald Lally

Training

IA PITC is based upon the Program for Infant Toddler Care (PITC) curriculum of WestEd and the Department of Education of California and the Beginning Together curriculum of Sonoma State University. The IA PITC training consists of 50 training hours divided into five 10-hour modules. Each module consists of five two-hour lessons. A stipend may be available to caregivers attending the entire training within a twelve-month period.

Training Module I: Social-Emotional Growth and Socialization

Training Module II: Group Care

Training Module III: Learning and Development

Training Module IV: Culture, Family and Provider

Training Module V: Beginning Together – Inclusive Practice for Care in Group Settings

For a more detailed description of IA PITC Modules and lessons, [click here](#).

Module V is NAC approved. Iowa PITC is available for college credit or continuing education units (CEU's) at some colleges and universities. Please contact your Regional Infant & Toddler Specialist for more information or to register for IA PITC training. Contact information for your region can be found at www.iowaccrr.org.

Consultation Services

The Regional Infant & Toddler Specialists of the Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) Program provide support and consulting services to any child care provider who serves infants and toddlers. Consulting services are offered at no cost to the provider. Attending the IA PITC training is not required to receive consultation services. Consulting services include answering questions, providing technical assistance and supporting providers with implementing best practices of care, and providing information, materials, resources, and opportunities to network with other providers. Please contact your Regional Infant & Toddler Specialist for more information or to request free consultation services. Contact information for your region can be found at www.iowaccrr.org.