



# CATAWBA COUNTY

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Public Health

## **PUBLIC HEALTH RECOGNIZES CHILD CARE CENTERS WITH 100% IMMUNIZATION COMPLIANCE**

Catawba County Public Health was faced with a serious concern several years ago. Child care nurses were reporting that few child care centers had complete immunization records for the children in their care. In response to this concern, a child care immunization audit day was created to document immunization record keeping practices, educate child care centers about and the importance of immunization laws, and recognize child care centers improvement in maintaining current immunization records.

"The first Immunization Audit Day, held in June 2002, indicated that only 38% of childcare center were in full compliance with North Carolina immunization laws" said Catawba County Public Health Director, Doug Urland. "Based on the results of the 2007 audit, 90% of childcare centers are in full or 100% compliance--an impressive achievement."

The Early Childhood Support Team (ECST) Nurses funded by the Catawba County Partnership for Children, have been successful in empowering child care centers with the knowledge, skills, and resources to improve and maintain compliance with their immunization records.

One of Public Health's remarkable accomplishments is controlling the spread of infectious diseases through immunizations. Vaccines are among the most successful and cost effective tools available for preventing disease and death. Ensuring our youngest children receive appropriately timed immunizations, will protect individual children from developing serious disease as well as help protect the entire community by preventing and decreasing the spread of infections.

Catawba County Public Health congratulates and thanks the following Catawba County Child Care centers for their dedication and hard work to achieve 100% immunization compliance in year 2007.

**A New Beginning \* Abernethy Memorial UMC CDC \* Apple Tree Academy of Conover \* Apple Tree Academy of Fairgrove \* Bandys High School Child Care Center \* Bethlehem UMC \* Catawba Child Development Center \* Catawba Ridge CDC \* Centerview Baptist Church \* Chesterbrook Academy \* Children's Academy I \* Children's Academy II \* Christ UMC \* Community Ridge \* Concordia Lutheran School \* Conover Academy \* Creative Children \* CVCC Lab School \* D's Lovin' Day Care \* Donna's FCCH \* East Newton Playschool \* ECCCM Head Start Balls Creek \* ECCCM Head Start Fairgrove \* ECCCM Head Start Longview \* ECCCM Head Start Newton \* Faith CDC \* First Baptist Church CDC \* First Presbyterian Church of Hickory \* First Presbyterian Church of Newton \* FUMC of Hickory \* FUMC of Newton \* Hickory High School CDC \* Hickory Montessori School \* Hickory Playschool \* Hickory Foundation YMCA CDC \* Kids In Motion \* Le Grande \* Little Folks School \* Love-N-Care YMCA CDC \* Miss Millie's \* Mt. Olive \* Mt. Pleasant UMC \* Nanny's \* New Hope Moravian Church \* Northminster Presbyterian CDC \* Our Family CDC \* Quality Care CDC \* Rhonda's Day Care Center \* Setzer's Day Care \* Sheila's Kids Day Care \* Shuford YMCA CDC \* St. John's Lutheran Church \* St. Lukes UMC \* St. Peter's Lutheran Church \* St. Stephens Lutheran Church \* Tendercare \* The Pa Paw Patch \* The Sandbox \* TLC Day Care \* Trinity Children's School \* Tyndall Center \* Viewmont Baptist \* Woodlawn Baptist \* Word of Life**

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