We want the following for Georgia’s children and families:

- Child Care Health Support System across Georgia.
- Health Professionals to lead Georgia’s linkage between health and childcare through statewide Child Care Health Support System.
- Health professionals who play a key role as Child Care Health Consultants tailoring the System to meet the needs of their communities.
- To assure child care directors that they are receiving the best health support from Nurses certified as Child Care Health Consultants.
- To create new revenue streams and new initiatives that attract grant funding to enrich population-based care focused on health and safety in child care.
Why is it only a matter of time before all states mandate child care health support?

- States with established Child Care Health Support System have improved child health and quality of child care.
- 30 states are making progress in child care health initiatives.
- Healthy Child Care America is supporting state involvement in the "Ready to Learn Initiative"

AND

It is where the children are!

- 13 million children are in child care.
- Parental use of child care in Georgia exceeds the national average.
- In a recent survey, Georgia's child care providers voiced their eagerness for help in facing the health concerns of the children and families they serve.

What activities are supported by Childcare Advantage Network?

Linking child health & child care, our partnerships are currently in the process of developing the following activities:

Research that:
- Results in effective & sustainable health programs that are user-friendly in child care.
- Documents the costs & outcomes of Child Care Health Support Systems.
- Influences policy development to support healthy child care.

Advocacy that:
- Increases public and private support for healthy child care.
- Educates parents to be better consumers of child care.
- Fosters a network of health professionals who support healthy child care.

Training that:
- Certifies health professionals as Child Care Health Coaches. Is accessible via online delivery.
- Provides executive training to support start-up Child Care Health Support Systems.
- Provides continuing education to update professionals on child care health issues.

What's New?

The Child Care Advantage Network recently received funding from the Basic Nursing Education and Practice Program, Health Resources and Services Administration, to prepare Public Health Nurses to be the major workforce for Georgia’s emerging Child Care Health Support System.

Nurses who become certified qualify for 52.8 contact hours with the Georgia Nurses Association.

What are Child Care Health Consultants?

Child Care Health Coaches are health professionals who work with child care facilities to help create a healthy and safe environment and promote the health of children, families, and providers.