The Department of Children and Families Office of Child Care Regulation, in its ongoing effort to provide child care professionals in Florida with high-quality training, is releasing the age-specific Developmentally Appropriate Practice training as 5-hour courses, offered both online and as instructor-led. The course titles and acronyms are as follows:

- Understanding Developmentally Appropriate Practices (UDAP)
- Infant and Toddler Appropriate Practices (ITPR)
- Preschool Appropriate Practices (PSPR)
- School-Age Appropriate Practices (SAPR)

Effective August 17, 2015, the new 5-Hour online and instructor-led courses will replace the current 10-Hour DAP courses. The 5-Hour age-specific DAP courses (Infant and Toddler, Preschool, or School-Age Developmentally Appropriate Practices) in combination with the 5-Hour Understanding Developmentally Appropriate Practices course may be used to meet the 10-hour Part II Introductory Training Requirement, if the individual successfully completes the courses as evidenced by passage of the competency exams associated with the courses.

Students who complete the previous 10-Hour age-specific DAP courses (PSAP, ITAP, SAAP) prior to August 17, 2015 will have until March 31, 2016 to register for the corresponding competency exams.

Individuals who have completed the previous 10-Hour DAP courses to meet Part II training requirements do not have to retake the courses, and their existing certificates will remain on their child care training transcript. However, individuals may choose to take the new courses to earn CEUs or in-service credit.

Individuals completing any of the courses will have 60 days after course completion to earn CEUs.

To access these courses, go to www.myflfamilies.com/childcare and select “Training and Credentialing.”