

A Participation Overview for Child Care Facilities: Asbestos Section

What is the Clean Classrooms for Carolina Kids™ program?

The goal of the Clean Classrooms for Carolina Kids program is to identify and eliminate exposures to environmental hazards where North Carolina children learn and play. This program helps fulfill North Carolina requirements for public schools and child care facilities related to **lead in water**, **lead-based paint**, and **asbestos**.

This flyer focuses on **asbestos**.



Who is involved in the program?

The Clean Classrooms for Carolina Kids program is a partnership between the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NC DHHS) and RTI International.

We partner with child care facilities to check for environmental hazards, share results, and help facilities take action to ensure healthy learning environments for children. Child care facilities participation in this program is **FREE** thanks to funding from the state and federal government.

Why is the program important?

Asbestos is a known cancer-causing agent and there is no documented safe level of asbestos exposure. Asbestos was commonly used in various building materials, such as ceiling tiles, cement, floor tiles, insulation, roofing, and woven materials. While many asbestos-containing materials have been removed from facilities, some may still be present. When safely managed, these materials do not present a hazard.

How does the program work?

Visit our program web page at www.cleanwaterforUSkids.org/carolina to get started.



Pre-Enrollment



DESIGNATE PRIMARY CONTACT

Each facility should designate a primary contact for the asbestos section who has access to any asbestos-related information for the facility, such as prior inspections, and could oversee efforts to mitigate or restrict access to any identified hazards.



ATTEND PRE-ENROLLMENT WEBINAR

To access the online portal, facility staff must first attend a pre-enrollment training webinar on lead and asbestos hazards, state requirements, personnel and facility information needed for the program, commonly asked questions, and tips for success. After attending the webinar, the attendee will receive the enrollment PIN to enroll through the online portal.



CREATE AN ACCOUNT AND LINK TO YOUR CHILD CARE FACILITY

Go to www.cleanwaterforUSkids.org/carolina.

Enrollment Survey



COMPLETE SECTION TRAINING

Watch the asbestos training video to learn how to complete the asbestos enrollment survey.



ENROLL YOUR FACILITY

Fill out a short survey and upload documentation about building construction date(s), any existing asbestos inspections, and property tax records.

ENROLLMENT SURVEY CHECKLIST

You will be asked to provide the following:

- Building information
- Student demographics
- Previous asbestos inspection details
- Concerns about asbestos exposure
- Past and planned building renovations
- Property tax record

IS YOUR CHILD CARE FACILITY LOCATED WITHIN A SCHOOL?

During enrollment, you will select the school where your center is located. You will still fill out the enrollment survey for your child care center.

Document Review and Response Actions



DOCUMENT REVIEW AND NEXT STEPS

We will review your survey and documents to determine next steps for your facility, which could include the following:

- **No Inspection Needed**
 - Facilities with a property tax record that show the buildings were built after 1988 may be exempt from the required inspection.
 - Facilities that had an asbestos inspection within the past 3 years that meets the requirements may be exempt from the required inspection.
- **Inspection**
 - If your facility is not exempt, we will coordinate a visit from an accredited asbestos professional. They will inspect the condition of building materials at your facility and may collect samples to identify if these materials contain asbestos. Any collected samples will be analyzed by an RTI-designated laboratory.



FINAL REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

We will provide recommendations for response actions based on the uploaded documents and inspection results. If asbestos hazards are identified, recommended response actions may include restricting access to the hazards or mitigation activities, such as repairing, encapsulating, enclosing, or removing the materials.



TAKE ACTION

If asbestos hazards are identified, your facility will be notified. Your facility can choose whether to restrict access to or mitigate the hazard, with cost reimbursement available from NC DHHS. Visit the program website, www.cleanwaterforUSkids.org/carolina, to learn more about funding and covered mitigation activities.

With your help, we can identify and eliminate exposures to asbestos hazards where North Carolina children learn and play.



COMMUNICATE

We encourage facilities to communicate with parents, staff, and students throughout the entire process. At a minimum, facilities should notify parents, staff, and students if asbestos hazards are identified and what actions are being taken to restrict or mitigate the hazard(s).

For tools to aid communication with your facility's stakeholders, please visit our Resources page on the program website.



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