

## Monitoring the EPR Rules

Emergency preparedness and response (EPR) rules went into effect July 1, 2015. The Regulatory Services Section will be responsible for monitoring the following:

- Starting July 1, 2015, existing centers and family child care homes have 2 years (July 1, 2017) to complete the *EPR in Child Care Training*.
- New centers and family child care homes have 1 year from the date of their initial license to complete the *EPR in Child Care Training*.
- Once a facility completes the training, the facility has 4 months to develop their EPR plan. This means after 4 months, if the EPR plan has not been developed, a violation will be cited.
- Each component of the EPR plan listed in rule will be reviewed by your Child Care Consultant. See the linked [flier](#) for minimum information that must be included in your EPR plan to comply with the Child Care Rules.
- A shelter in place or lock down drill should be completed quarterly. DCDEE does not expect programs to begin conducting these drills until the operator or designee has completed the EPR training. Child Care Consultant will monitor for these types of drills after a facility has completed the training.
- Consultants will review the EPR Plan annually to ensure the designated staff reviewed and updated the plan in the last year.
- When reviewing staff files, consultants will look for documentation of the review of the EPR Plan which should occur during orientation and annually. Consultants will also ask to see the documentation of substitute and volunteer staff notice of the EPR Plan and its location.