

VFC Educational Requirement

Training Announcement

EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENT TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENT

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Starting in 2013, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is requiring every Vaccines for Children (VFC) Coordinator at each VFC program provider's office to participate in an approved educational training each year. There are two training options available to accomplish this requirement. The first option is *You Call the Shots* which is available on-line and has two modules which must be taken to fulfill the educational requirement. These modules are as follows:

- **Vaccine Storage and Handling**
- **Vaccines for Children (VFC)**

The link for both of these free modules of *You Call the Shots* is located on our website at <http://health.mo.gov/living/wellness/immunizations/vfc-providers.php>. Simply click "Training Alert: You Call the Shots" and CDC's webpage will appear with the available modules.

When each module is completed, please follow the instructions under the heading "To receive continuing education" to ensure you receive a Continuing Education Certificate. Once you receive your certificate, write your VFC PIN number at the top and email it to VFC@health.mo.gov or fax it to 573-526-5220.

You Call the Shots is a quick, simple way to fulfill the educational requirement because it

- is an interactive, web-based immunization training course;
- has several modules that discuss vaccine-preventable diseases;
- explains the latest recommendations for vaccine use;
- includes self-practice questions, reference and resource materials; and
- only takes a few hours and can be done anywhere web access is available.

The second option to fulfill the educational requirement is an in-person classroom training, VFC 411, which will be offered throughout the year in regions throughout the state. More information regarding VFC 411 is forthcoming.

Thank you for your continued partnership in keeping Missouri's children healthy and immunized. If you have any questions regarding this message, please contact your VFC liaison at 800-219-3224.

