

## June 6th, 2022

All childcare centers have a director: the person who supervises and leads staff, designs curriculum, oversees daily activities, and are responsible for all aspects of their center. All of our directors from our nine centers came to the home office on Wednesday, July 6th to participate in a training event. The training event was lead by Lewis Sanders the owner of Tactical Safety and Consulting, a company focused on teaching life saving skills.

Our Executive Director and Director of Operations had met with Lewis previous to discuss safety procedures and advice on how to keep our centers and children safe during a life-threatening event. Lewis was invited to return to give a training to our center directors to better educate them on what to do during these high-stress situations, from bad weather to evacuations to an armed intruder. With everything that is happening in neighboring communities, we want to make sure that we have the most current and efficient plan when it comes to situations like these.

During the directors' training, Lewis shared stories and images from past real-life events and gave advice on what was beneficial and what could have been done differently based on what the individuals involved did in those emergency situations. Not only did he share his knowledge about effective emergency procedures, but he also gave hands-on demonstrations of important life -saving skills to be used when faced with critically injured individuals. Our directors left with a greater understanding of what to expect and how to handle life-threatening events. Each director will share this information with their staff to better prepare everyone for these unexpected happenings.

