

**WORKSHOP SESSION SUMMARY  
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Bloodborne Pathogens and Communicable Diseases

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**Workshop Summary:**

The objective was to give the participants an opportunity to get a taste in the ninety minutes available in the workshop, of the five-hour course that the UAW developed with the Michigan Child Care Coordinated Council (4C's). The 4C's contacted the UAW Health and Safety Department in January of 2006 seeking our help to develop a course in Bloodborne Pathogens and Communicable Diseases for day care workers. The State of Michigan now requires training on BBP for all licensed daycare workers.

**Methods:**

The course is delivered using the small group activity method. So in the workshop, the class did the "germ quiz", which is an icebreaker that is used to open up the training session. They were given some of the history of the development, and did one of the small group exercises.

**Key Points:**

- BBP falls under HAZWHOPER for these workers due to the potential exposure on the job.
- In the class, each day care group develops an exposure control plan for use in their center or home.
- Proper use of PPE is demonstrated to and practiced by the participants.
- The participants complete a clean-up exercise.
- Main points of the Michigan OSHA BBP Standard are covered.

**Response from the participants:**

There were many good questions and discussion from the group that will be helpful for future development. The group agreed that this is a good course that will be of great benefit to the many day care workers in helping them to understand the specific hazards they face with BBP and contagious diseases and that the small group activity method is a very effective way to deliver this training.

**Workshop Handouts:**

Bloodborne Pathogens and Communicable Diseases training manual.