In January 2018, education leaders from across the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention finalized eight training development standards to serve as a quality benchmark for trainings developed or funded by CDC. The standards provide guidance for developing quality training that results in learning. As part of a routine review, in December 2023, CDC’s education leaders determined the standards remain an important tool rooted in the science of education to help ensure that learning occurs and that the standards are especially relevant today in helping learners navigate a rapidly changing environment.

A quality training is one that meets all eight standards

1. **Training needs assessment** informs training development
2. Training includes **learning objectives**
3. Training content is **accurate and relevant**
4. Training includes opportunities for **learner engagement**
5. Training is designed for **usability and accessibility**
6. **Training evaluation** informs improvement
7. Training includes opportunity for **learner assessment**
8. Training includes **follow-up support for the learner**