



SUPPORTING BETTER CHILD CARE FOR SOUTH CAROLINIANS

The S.C. Division of Early Care & Education — SC Child Care — is a S.C. Department of Social Services program focused on the safety, care, development and education of South Carolina children in child care settings. The program's free sponsoring partnerships help provide the highest quality care to young South Carolinians.



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Our Programs

ABC Quality

ABC Quality helps ensure South Carolina families have access to high-quality child care settings where children can thrive. Along with being home to the state's voluntary quality rating and improvement system, parents can check out the easy-to-use, online search tool to find providers or explore individual providers' quality ratings and assessments. Providers that join can find program support and training. Visit www.abcquality.org to learn more.

CHILD CARE SCHOLARSHIPS

To make high quality child care more accessible, scholarships are available for use at ABC Quality-rated providers for low and middle income families, TANF or homeless families, dual language learners and children with disabilities, developmental delays or in foster care. ABC Quality makes all or a portion of payments directly to child care providers so parents can work or attend school or training. Visit www.abcquality.org for details.



SC Endeavors serves young children and families by enhancing child care programs through professional development. Early educators, trainers and programs in South Carolina can access a credentialing system to track achievements through award levels and bonuses, a comprehensive training database of certified training and completion tracking, a technical assistance system, and a higher education scholarship program. Visit www.scendeavors.org to learn more or email scendeavors@dss.sc.gov.



Head Start is a federal to local program providing comprehensive early education, health, nutrition and parent-family-community engagement services to low-income children and their families. Head Start provides services to children ages 0-5 through Head Start, Early Head Start, Migrant, and American Indian Head Start, and Early Head Start Child Care Partnerships. Learn more at www.sc-headstart.org or www.scacap.org.



The Child and Adult Care Food Program offers federally funded nutrition assistance which helps child care facilities and afterschool programs provide nutritious meals and snacks to participants. Learn more at www.schealthyhabits.org or call **888-834-8096**. USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.



Child Care Licensing is committed to ensuring the health and safety of children in child care settings. Licensing specialists work with providers to ensure children are in safe, healthy learning environments. They also streamline access to free resources available for licensed providers including training, information related to state laws and regulations, and emergency, fire and safety preparedness information. For providers interested in becoming licensed or for more information, visit www.scchildcare.org or call **800-556-7445**.

Sponsored Programs

SC CHILD CARE RESOURCE & REFERRAL

This free resource helps families navigate early care and education by connecting them with programs that fit their needs. It also provides free training, technical assistance, professional planning and coaching to the state's early care and education workforce. The program works with local, regional and state communities to increase access to early care and education resources and to raise awareness. To learn more call **888-335-1002** or submit an online referral at www.sc-ccrr.org.

SC PROGRAM FOR INFANT & TODDLER CARE

SCPITC Infant/Toddler Specialists offer free training and coaching to promote relationship-focused caregiving practices that support the social-emotional development of very young children in child care programs. SCPITC is also home to Be Well Care Well, a program offering resources and services to support the well-being of child care providers. Visit www.scpitc.org to learn more or email info@scpitc.org to request services.

SC CHILD CARE INCLUSION COLLABORATIVE

This program offers free training, coaching, and consultation to support the inclusion of children with disabilities or developmental delays in child care programs. Inclusion specialists work with teachers and administrators to integrate evidence-based teaching practices that promote inclusion, support social and emotional competence, and foster development and learning. Visit www.scinclusion.org to learn more or call **803-777-8483**.

BEGINNINGS SC

Beginnings SC is a free resource for families of children who are deaf or hard of hearing in South Carolina. The organization helps parents understand their child's hearing loss, navigate school systems, advocate, and more. Beginnings SC also conducts hearing screenings and provides training and technical assistance to early childhood professionals. Visit beginningssc.org to learn more or call **803-216-1171**.