



Division of Early Care & Education Newsletter



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Federal Grant Supports New DHEC Program for Lead Testing at Qualifying Schools, Child Care Centers

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) is the recipient of a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to implement a "Lead Testing in School and Child Care Program Drinking Water Program." Authorized under Section 2107 of the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act, the grant provides funding for qualifying schools and child care facilities to voluntarily have their drinking water tested for lead. DHEC is excited to partner with the South Carolina Department of Social Services (DSS) in the implementation of this grant. The united goal of this program is to protect and promote the health and well-being of children, who are among the most vulnerable to the health effects of lead exposure. This multi-agency, statewide effort will provide important information that can be used to reduce children's exposure to lead while at school or a state-licensed child care facility. DHEC will provide updates about the grant as new information is available in the coming months.

Please [click here](#) for the most current information.

Family Child Care Super Saturday Aiken

When: Saturday, February 22, 2020 10:30AM – 4:00PM

Where: Aiken County Library, 314 Chesterfield St S, Aiken, SC 29801

Please join us for this wonderful learning experience packed with three workshops, focused on Family Child Care Providers!

Sessions: 10:30AM – 12PM Managing Schedules, Routines & Transitions in Family Child Care Homes

DSS Credit Hours: 1.5 Program Management

12:30PM – 4PM Emergency & Hazard Preparedness in Family Child Care Homes

DSS Credit Hour: 1 Health & Safety

1:30PM – 4PM Promoting Creative Experiences and Activities

DSS Credit Hours: 2.5 Curriculum

To register and for more information [click here](#).



Product Recalls

DSS Regulation 114-507C(2) states that furniture, toys, and recreational equipment shall meet the standards of the US Consumer Products Safety Commission (CPSC), if applicable, and that recalled products shall not be accessible to children. For more information, call CPSC's hotline at **800-638-2772** or visit their website: www.cpsc.gov. To report a dangerous product or related injury, go to <http://saferproducts.gov>.

☛ **BCI Burke Merge Playground Climbers** due to entrapment hazards.

☛ **Toysmith Light-Up Magic Wands** due to choking and ingestion hazards caused by detachable battery cover.

☛ **Thesaurus Global Marketing Tricycles** due to violation of the federal lead paint ban.

☛ **Baby Trend Tango Mini Strollers** due to fall hazard.



FLU Prevention

The flu is a contagious respiratory illness that can be deadly. Pregnant women and children younger than 5 are at an increased risk to develop flu complications. Expecting mothers who contract the flu have an increased risk of premature labor and delivery and an increased chance of their baby having birth defects. When infected people cough or sneeze, they produce droplets that release into the air. Contact with infected droplets spreads the flu. A person contracts the flu when she/he touches, inhales, or ingests anything contaminated with the droplets. The flu can be passed in the air within a 6 foot range of the sick person. Adults may infect other people starting one day prior to when symptoms show and 5 to 7 days after becoming sick. Children may spread the virus for longer than 7 days. Symptoms begin 1 to 4 days after the virus enters the body.

Prevention

- ✔ Flu vaccine (most current)
- ✔ Antiviral drugs
- ✔ Frequently sanitize commonly used surfaces
- ✔ Eat healthy, exercise, and get plenty of rest

Symptoms

- ✔ Fever
- ✔ Sore throat
- ✔ Chills
- ✔ Cough
- ✔ Muscle or body aches
- ✔ Headache

[DHEC Flu Prevention in Child Care](#)

[DHEC Guide and Checklist](#)

SCEndeavors

In fall 2019, SCEndeavors, formerly the Center for Child Care Career Development was proud to recognize the following T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Scholarship graduates.



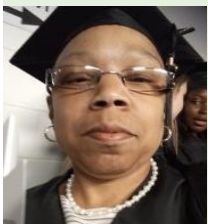
Shequita Phillips graduated with her A.S. in Early Care and Education from Trident Technical College. She has been a T.E.A.C.H. South Carolina scholarship recipient since spring 2017. Shequita is a lead teacher at a child care facility in Summerville, South Carolina serving more than 140 children.



Charla Parker graduated with her A.A. in Early Care and Education from Horry-Georgetown Technical College. She has been a T.E.A.C.H. South Carolina scholarship recipient since spring 2018. Charla is a teacher at a child care facility in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina serving more than 200 children.



Shannon Wydman graduated with her B.S. in Early Childhood and Family Studies from Southern Wesleyan University. She has been a T.E.A.C.H. South Carolina scholarship recipient since spring 2017. Shannon is a teacher at a child care facility in Greenville, South Carolina serving more than 150 children.



Tyeast Scott graduated with her A.S. in Early Care and Education from Trident Technical College. She has been a T.E.A.C.H. South Carolina scholarship recipient since fall 2017. Tyeast is an assistant teacher at a Head Start center in Charleston, South Carolina serving more than 140 children.



Christine Stewart graduated with her A.A. in Early Care and Education from Midlands Technical College. She has been a T.E.A.C.H. South Carolina scholarship recipient since spring 2017. Christine is the owner/director of a family child care center in Lexington, South Carolina.

SCEndeavors, formerly the Center for Child Care Career Development is extremely proud of these ladies. We wish them the best of luck in the future and hope that they will continue to make a difference in the lives of young children in our state.